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JOAN SPARKMAN
School namesake

‘Sparkman’ name given to School

By Melanie Leicht, Staff Reporter

(Reprint: October 28, 1987, Rancho News)

When Joan Sparkman came to Temecula 18 years ago, she and her husband built the first house in what is now Meadowview, and settled with their two children, who began attending Temecula School, a kindergarten through eighth grade school that served the whole area.

Now Meadowview is a fully developed area of custom homes and three schools comprise the Temecula Union School District of which Sparkman is now president. Soon, a fourth school will bear her name.

And while there is great honor in being the living namesake of a local school, there comes with it responsibility to the community which has bestowed the recognition.

The added pressure, however, hasn't seemed to have affected Sparkman, who plans to continue doing what she always has and living like she always has always lived.

“People have always watched what I do,” Sparkman said. “I don't anticipate any great change in my behavior, so I'm not worried in that respect. I know that I will continue to support education.”

The Joan Sparkman Elementary School will be located on Pio Pico Road, approximately one mile from Temecula Valley High School.

A temporary facility, utilizing relocatable classrooms is expected to open in September of next year.

Sparkman has been on the school board for 17 years, after originally being appointed mid-term, after attending school board meetings as a parent and chairing a committee to secure a school library.

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Calendar **Of Events**

Monday, October 27th

Joan Sparkman presents:
*My perspective on
Temecula
Past, Present and Future*

Saturday ,November 1

The Annual Dinner at the
Temecula Civic Center
Celebrating the City of
Temecula's 25th Birthday!
Jim Moore presents:
*Where the Hell is
Temecula?
Celebrating 25 years of
Cityhood!*

REMINDER:

No monthly meetings at the
History Center for the
months of November, and
December.

Welcome New Members:

Dax & Kristin Judy
James & Brianna Lawton

Thank you for renewing your membership:

Louise Beesley
William Culver
Sarah Macedo

Monthly Meetings Held at The Little Temecula History Center

The Red Barn next to
Kohl's Department Store
Kohl's address is
32085 Temecula Parkway

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In 1979 she retired, but when an elected member had to resign she was asked to return because of the relative inexperience of the other board members at that time.

Sparkman remembers when her name was first mentioned as a possible future school name and said her initial feelings of reservation were overcome by the eloquence of the man who recommended her.

"My name had been submitted years ago by Dr. David Urich, who gave this really impassioned speech about the importance of living people who had dedicated their time and service being allowed to enjoy the concept." Sparkman said, "I sincerely appreciated being honored in that way. There was a group of about 30 people at the meeting that night and they all stood and applauded. I received a lot of compliments and I learned a little of what it is to be in the limelight."

"In the last five years, we have seen the greatest growth and potential growth." Sparkman said. "When the freeway was completed, that really started things moving."

"People have discovered what we are and I don't see that letting up." she said, adding that she has mixed feelings about the rapid development.

"It is difficult to accept change. It's only fair that other people be allowed to come," Sparkman said, "In fact, it's usually the people who have just arrived that want to shut all the doors."

It is perhaps this growth that has spurred Sparkman and other local parents and educators to organize a bid for unification of the Temecula schools.

Though Sparkman had planned again to retire from the school board, she is now devoted to seeing a successful unification petition go through and has promised to remain on the board until that goal is realized.

"Things are much more challenging now," Sparkman said, "We are doing a lot of homework."

Shireen Twogood Harmonica Champ

September 27, 1930, Riverside Daily Press

The grand champion harmonica player of Riverside County is Shireen Twogood of Lowell school, crowned yesterday afternoon in the Southern California fair contests. Second in the final championship solo contest was Meteo Zamora of Chemawa Junior high, Atwood Earl of Alvord was third.

Winners in the county school competition were; First, Atwood Earl, Alvord; second, Warren Reed, Alvord; third Lencho Estrada, Temecula. Warren Reed and Vernon Lieb of Alvord School won the duet.

Temecula was named harmonica band champion and El Sobrante walked away with the novelty stunt prize.

A special hit on the program was a song, "When It's springtime in the Rockies" by Billy Harmon, 3. He followed this number with a bit of yodeling. Clifford Dunlap of Little Temecula School gave a piano number, "Little Indian." He was dressed in Indian costume.

Murrieta News
100 years ago

October 2, 1914
Riverside Daily Press

Mrs. Fernald, mother of Frank Fernald, was buried at Temecula last Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Bormose and music was rendered by the M. E. church choir. Mrs. Fernald was an old and much respected resident. She was 75 years old.

After 10 days of revival meetings at the M.E. church the evangelist, Rev. Charles Potts, of Los Angeles, returned home on Monday morning. The church and Sunday school received much good from the meetings.

P. C. Seeberg kindly furnished his gasoline lights during the evangelistic meetings at the M.E. Church.

Charles Rail has gone to the Smith Mountain for a load of apples.

A. J. Sykes has just received a \$350 centrifugal pump. He had the engine and has his land leveled all read to irrigate.

Miler W. Dodd is engaged in threshing alfalfa seed. The last year's seed has all been sold in this valley.

J. V. Thompson is moving his barn out on the ranch.

Season for Ducks Opened Saturday

Large Number of Local Hunters out for Sport:
Los Angeles Sheriff Here on Way to Temecula

Nimrods of Riverside and community have been busy oiling and polishing their muskets for duck season that opened Saturday. A large number of local men already have set forth for the sylvan retreats, expecting to return with well-filled game baskets. Many more leave today.

Geese, jack snipes, wild pigeons, rail and wood duck and shore birds are included in the list of birds whose lives are threatened by the opening of the new season. According to the game law it is always unlawful to take more than 25 ducks, eight geese per day or 50 per week; or more than 25 jack snipes per day or 50 per week. Also to shoot any kind of game from a power boat, sailboat, automobile, and airplane or to use a shot gun larger than a 10 gauge.

Sheriff John C. Cline of Los Angeles and son headed a party of lawyers and oil men who spent Friday evening at the Mission Inn prior to leaving for Temecula. Sheriff Cline has hunted for quail in the Temecula region for 22 successive open seasons. A few years ago, when game was plentiful and there were no restrictions, it was quite common for a hunter to secure as many as 250 quail in a day's hunting in the Temecula district according to the sheriff.

October 17, 1920, Riverside Independent Enterprise

Upcoming TVHS Annual Dinner Announcements

The Annual dinner will be held on November 1st, 2014, 5-9pm at
Temecula City Hall.

Program: "Where the Hell is Temecula?
Celebrating 25 years of Cityhood"

Presented by Jimmy Moore
Temecula's first Chairman of the City Committee

Tickets are \$30/per person
We will have a silent auction and opportunity drawing.

Invitations will be sent via email. Please contact Lisa Woodward if you are interested in attending but did not receive the email (or do not have email) 951-514-7406.

We are also looking for silent auction and opportunity drawing items, so if you have anything to donate (new or used) please contact Lisa, 951-514-7406.

From the Archives

October 20, 1898,
Riverside Daily Press

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nance, who had charge of the Welty hotel in Temecula for the past year, left Wednesday morning for San Bernardino, where they will visit for a few days. They then expect to visit friends and relatives in Los Angeles, Pomona and Chino, after which they will visit in the east, going as far as Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Nance were well liked in Temecula, and will be missed by their many friends.

Brakeman Haynes is wearing a conductor's uniform this week. He will take Mr. Nance's place while the later is absent for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton of Mesa Grande have leased the Welty hotel, and arrived in Temecula last Thursday to take charge.

SAVE THE DATE!

The TVHS Annual Dinner fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 1st at the Temecula Civic Center from 5pm to 9pm. More details will follow in the next few weeks

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President's Message by Dick Fox

As THVS enters the 4th quarter of 2014, a number of items are now on top of the table for action and consideration; all this, plus our upcoming Annual Dinner Meeting, Saturday, November 1.

Each year we have some members of the Board of Directors complete their 3-year term. Some have completed 2 terms in a row, and according to the organization By-Laws they are "termed out" which makes room for someone else to participate on the board in their place. This year is no exception – we will have board vacancies that need to be filled for at least TWO positions. More could be added if there is interest indicated. I am encouraging any and all members who would like the opportunity to participate and contribute to the society's goals and achievements to please let your wishes be known by contacting either Jimmy Moore or Roger Cudé.

Also, for 2015 we will be in need of someone to handle the TVHS Newsletter. Jeffery Harmon has been handling the newsletter for almost three years, and now finds that with his full time teaching position he won't be able to continue to take care of it each month. So TVHS is looking for a new Newsletter Editor to primarily assemble the product, and get to Roger Cudé in finished form for distribution to members and others. For those with questions about this opportunity, please contact Dick Fox.

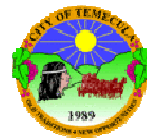
We need your help and participation to keep TVHS strong and active in pursuit of the goal of keeping Temecula's History alive in the hearts and minds of the community.

Dick Fox

Please join us for refreshments
at 5:30 PM on
Monday, October 27th
prior to the meeting
at 6:00 PM.

We would like to get to know you.

Monthly Meetings are held at The Little Temecula History Center
(next to Kohl's Department Store) on Temecula Pkwy/Redhawk
Pkwy.



The Road to Cityhood . . .
