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Pu'eska Mountain, September 4, 2013
(Photo by Jeffery Harmon)

Luiseno Creation Story

Author Unknown

In the Luiseno creation story, the world began in Temecula. It is believed that in the beginning, all was empty space. Kiwvish'ataxvish was the only being. Then Kiwvish'ataxvish made a man, Tuukumit (the Sky); and Tamaayawut (the Earth). Tamaayawut became the mother of all things. She gave birth to the Kaamalam (First Children). Then came forth all other things: animals, trees, rocks and rivers. They were not as we see them today; all things then were people. At first, the Kaamalam rolled like newborn babbies. For food they ate Toovish (white clay). The Kaamalam moved to a place called 'exva Temeeeku, the place now known as Temeku.

While the Kaamalam were living at Temeku, there was a man, Wuyoot, who was very wise. He watched over the Kaamalam and taught them many things. There was a beautiful woman whom Wuyoot had especially admired. Her name was Waxaawut (Frog). Wuyoot watched her one day when she jumped into the river. He saw that her back was hollow and bony like that of a frog, and his admiration quickly turned to disgust. Waxaawut read his thoughts and was filled with

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Calendar Of Events

NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

Monday, January 26 –6 p.m.
Steve Clugston presents:
The Mexican-American War

Thank you for Renewing your Membership:

Malcolm & Loretta Barnett
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John IV Randall
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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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anger. She told her companions of Wuoot's feelings toward her and they conspired to get revenge on him. As soon as they cursed him, he fell sick. The Kaamalam tried to doctor him, so they took him to the seven hot springs of the valley, but he did not recover. As he was dying, he told the people how to use clay to make pots and how to gather grasses to make baskets. Wuyoot died at Paayachi (Elsinore).

Chixeemal (Kingbird) arranged Wuyoot's cremation on Pu'eska Mountain. The Kaamalam built a pyre for the cremation there. After the cremation, the people took Wuyoot's ashes and put them in a basket made by Spider Women, then they buried it in the ground. The first oak tree grew from Wuyoot's ashes. Chixeemal rose to the highest mountain, Pilwipwi, and told the people that Wuyoot was coming back and to look in the east for him. When the people looked, they saw Wuyoot; he rose in the sky in the shape of Moyla (The Moon). To this day, he lights the night as a promise that he will always be with his people.

At this time, Chixeemal also told the Kaamalam of Wuyoot's plan for the order of life in the world; some of them would stay people, some would become plants, and some would become animals. After Wuyoot's death, there was no longer Toovish to eat, and the people were hungry. Tishmal (Hummingbird) flew away for several days, and when he returned, he told everyone that Wuyoot had instructed him to grind the acorns from the oak tree and use the flour to make little cakes to eat. It was also decided that some of the plants and animals would become food for the others. They were told how to eat seeds and fruits from the plants, and how to hunt the deer with arrows. This is how the animals, plants, and the entire world came to be.

This creation story is of great importance to the Temeku village as it is believed to be one of the first villages of the Luiseno people as they were traveling their way through the world. The Temeku site's significance goes beyond the collection of artifacts that were uncovered in the excavation: it is the center of the Luisenos' world origin.

Court Pauba, Ancient Order of Foresters

Newspaper Clippings

Court Pauba, Ancient Order of Foresters, was instituted three weeks ago tomorrow night at Temecula, and already has over thirty members. The Court will give a ball on Friday evening, July 2.

(June 21, 1897, Riverside Daily Press)

The Foresters gave a dance and supper on New Year's Eve, which was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Dancing was kept up until about four o'clock in the morning.

(January 7, 1898, Riverside Independent Enterprise)

The boys of the entire valley are very patriotic and drill most energetically at Foresters Hall. C. I. McReynolds, captain. Temecula and Wildomar are represented. (May 6, 1898, Riverside Daily Press)

Murrieta News 100 years ago

November 13, 1914
Riverside Independent
Enterprise

Rev. Keifer, the new minister for the Wildomar and Murrieta charges, moved into the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at Murrieta last week.

November 14, 1914
Riverside Daily Press

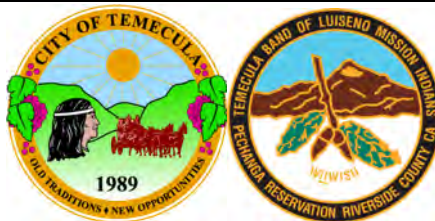
The committee appointed to select new song books for the Sunday school met at the parsonage on Wednesday night of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Clinton Riddler of Pasadena, who come every year, are stopping at the Fountain House while hunting.

J. W. Southard, who had the misfortune to fall from a ladder last week and break his leg, is doing as well as could be expected for a man of his age.

November 27, 1914
Riverside Daily Press
A. J. Sykes and wife and Arlie Miller and wife were among those attending the Corona races from here.

December 11, 1914
Riverside Daily Press
Mr. Gonzales, who is 80 years old and for several years totally blind, was the host at a birthday party on Tuesday evening of this week. His daughter, Bessie Barnett, invited a few old friends to spend the evening. He lives near Temecula



2014 Pechanga Pu'éska Mountain Day Holiday Commemoration Saturday, November 15, 2014 11:00 a.m. Presentation at City Steps (Open House of Cultural Exhibits: 10am-2pm) City Hall Town Square & Conference Center 41000 Main Street, Temecula, CA 92590

Activities: Learn about Temecula's Native American Heritage as the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians share their culture with hands-on family-friendly activities, a mobile museum, Native American food and more!

Pechanga Pu'éska Mountain Day is a City holiday in recognition of November 15, 2012, when Pu'éska Mountain was reunited with its original Pechanga landowners. One of the Nation's largest aggregate surface mines slated to destroy the Sacred Creation Area of all Luiseño Indians, and impose harmful quality of life impacts to its surrounding communities, was ultimately stopped by a historical agreement negotiated by the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. The holiday Proclamation echoes the story of how our community worked tirelessly for seven years to oppose the useless excavation and destruction of the environmentally and culturally sensitive mountain. The annual holiday serves as permanent reminder that we have a unified and interwoven community that respects each other and deeply values our Native American culture.





Irene Hotchkiss

May 2, 1933 ~ October 14, 2014

She passed this way:

Irene was a beautiful blonde with a constant smile and an easy laugh. She enjoyed life with her family on her ranch in Aguanga and loved horseback riding well into her seventies after selling the Swing Inn with all its responsibilities. She supported Historical Society activities and always gave of her time willingly to answer questions about Temecula from those of us who settled here decades after she came. The last photo on the slide show of her life story at her memorial service showed her waving goodbye from atop a horse. The caption read, "I've had a good life. It's time for me to go."

We will miss you, Irene.

Please join us for a "Meet & Greet" time at 5:30 PM on Monday, January 26th, prior to the meeting at 6:00 PM.

We would like to get to know you.

REFRESHMENTS
will be served!

President's Message by Dick Fox

What a busy year we have had -- a multitude of activities, goals and incredible monthly educational programs -- all topped off with peaches and cream at our Annual Meeting and Dinner held at the Temecula City Community Center.

Early in the year we participated with the Dollars for Scholars program and provided 4 Scholarships to graduating high school seniors, two of the best and the brightest from Temecula and two from Murrieta. This was followed by a wonderful fund-raising dinner at Casa Loma, the original Mahlon Vail home. We met the new owners -- who were most gracious in allowing us to invade and tour their home on a Saturday afternoon.

We finished out the year with a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Temecula's Cityhood. Jimmy Moore provided the program entitled "Where the Hell is Temecula?" Perry Peters, who was a guest of Jimmy & Peg, read a copy of a letter he wrote 25 years ago that included a list of challenges and guiding philosophies for all future city leaders.

With Thanksgiving and the Christmas Season just around the corner, I'd like to express a special acknowledgement to the 2014 Board for their faithful and untiring help. With this communication I wish all a safe holiday season, and send special thanks to all those who have helped the TVHS Board of Directors achieve our 2014 goals. For 2015 we welcome new Board members Rebecca & Myra, and at the same time send out a hearty "Thanks" to board members Darell and Jimmy who were "termed out".

Dick Fox

Temecula's Saloon

(January 26, 1898, Riverside Daily Press)

Constable Burrell returned last night with the Escallier Bros., proprietors of the Temecula saloon. They were arrested at the instigation of M.

Domenigoni, who was refused a license by the supervisors. The complaint charges that the saloon is too close to the post office by ninety feet.

The Escalliers were arraigned before Justice Mills this morning and plead not guilty to the offense charged. The justice exacted \$50 each bail from the brothers and they then returned home.

The case is a rather peculiar one. From Constable Burrell it is learned that the Escalliers have been doing business in the same location for twelve years. Sometime since the post office was moved into the building adjoining theirs. They are now confronted with the alternative of quitting business or moving to a new location, should the suit go against them.

It is a pertinent fact that when M. Machado conducted a saloon at Temecula it was in the same room as the post office.

Collier & Evans are taking care of the Escalliers' case.