

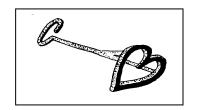
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"Dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Historic Vail Ranch Headquarters."

Little Temecula History Center is Open on Sunday – In Red Implement Barn next to Kohl's At Margarita and Temecula Pkwy.

Sundays 12 – 5 pm Or by Appointment

*Come see the results of our efforts, and perhaps Volunteer to be a docent.* 



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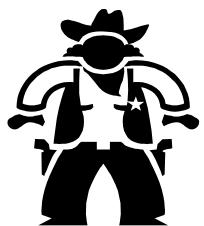
### Saturday, July 16, 2016 Ribbon Cutting Celebration



Doing the "ribbon cutting" Jerry Tessier (center) of Arteco Partners; Darell Farnbach, VaRRA; Chuck Washington, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Riverside County Supervisor; and Robert Field, Asst. Executive Officer of Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA).

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Chuck Washington (right), the Temecula area representative on the County Board of Supervisors, presents a special proclamation to Vail Headquarters developer Jerry Tessier. Darell and Rebecca Farnbach share the special moment.

### <u>History in the Making</u> Major Milestone is Reached for Historic Vail Ranch Headquarters

Visitors and guests from all around the Southern California area, as well as friends and Vail family members were among the many who came to witness the "ribbon cutting" celebration. A small contingent from the Empire Ranch area in Vail, Arizona were present, along with Vail family descendants to share with others the thrill of the day, which was to witness the realization of a long time dream for many. Especially elated were Darell & Rebecca Farnbach, and Rhine & Sandy Helzer who were part of the founding group for VaRRA.

After appropriate welcoming to all by dignitaries from both Riverside County, and the City of Temecula along with awards and certificates, those present were able to watch the symbolic "ribbon cutting" which included Jerry Tessier, the owner/developer from Arteco Partners in Pomona; our own Darell Farnbach; Chuck Washington representing our district with the County Board of Supervisors; and Robert Field, Asst. Executive Officer of the Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA).

Attendees were able to see the inside of many of the structures, as well as historic displays that will become part of the permanent atmosphere of the ranch. Stage coach rides were free during the afternoon, and other activities included live music, games and activities for children, demonstrations by the Temecula Valley Gunfighters, and of course food.

# Volunteers Needed

Looking for something fun to do on Sundays? Come on down to the History Center / Vail Headquarters and volunteer . . . to help promote local history; get locals enthused about our Vail Ranch heritage; and also have a good time.

We have an ongoing need for volunteers to staff the History Center to sell tickets for train and stagecoach rides and to answer questions for visitors.

#### WHEN:

Every Sunday from Noon to 5:00 pm WHERE: Little Temecula History Center/Vail Headquarters

You are welcome to dress in period costume . . . visitors love that . . . however, costume dress is not required.

Let us know if you are interested ... it should be lots of fun.

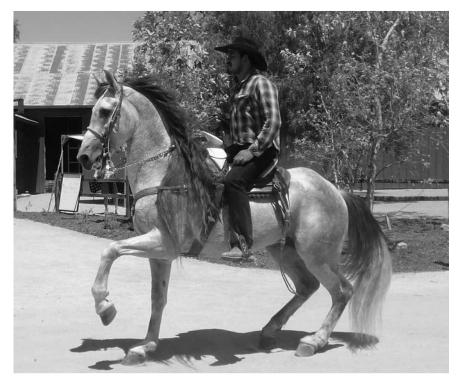
Check out this website for Vail Headquarters! <u>http://vailhq.com</u> It is very colorful and talks about all the new vendors at the Ranch and activities that will be happening.

Contact us thru: Sue Blanch <u>snb4me@hotmail.com</u> or <u>info@vailranch.org</u>

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Stagecoach rides around ranch . . . quality horsemanship . . .



and Temecula Gunfighters were part of the celebration.



# Briefs

### History Center Notes & Activities

In addition to the visitors at the History Center during our regular Sunday afternoon hours of operation, we have many other activities and events, including private group tours by appointment. During your visit to the History Center, note that in our gift shop we have *new* VaRRA T-shirts and other items including many books on Temecula area history.

On the fourth Monday each month the Temecula Valley Historical Society has its monthly meeting, which starts at 6 pm with a history related program, followed by a Board Meeting. TVHS meetings are always open to the public.

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### Are You On Our E-mail List ??

Our primary method of distribution of this newsletter is through our growing e-mail list, but if you have not received a copy of our newsletter and would like to be added for e-mail distribution, drop us a note at info@vailranch.org and we will be glad to add your address. Printed copies are usually available at the History Center during each quarter. In the event you missed an issue then go to temeculahistoricalsociety.org website. Newsletters tab. scroll down click on links for past issues.

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## New VaRRA T-Shirts Available

At History Center General Store

Most Sizes Still Available for \$20





### Special Monument And Plaques

A special monument at the rear of the ranch site, is made from Temecula granite, and each side has a plaque to note a significant area of Temecula's history especially as it relates to the area surrounding the Ranch Headquarters. See below for brief description of each plaque.

<u>Native Americans</u> – Recognizes the importance of this area of Temecula to the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians. <u>Emigrants</u> – Acknowledges the thousands of emigrants that came through Temecula area on the Southern Emigrant Trail which passed through the site of the Ranch Headquarters. <u>Butterfield Overland Mail Route</u> – Notes the Butterfield Mail period, and its use of the Southern Emigrant Trail route. <u>Cowboys</u> – Honors the many cowboys who tended to Ranch operational needs, and the fact that many were of Native American or Mexican descent.