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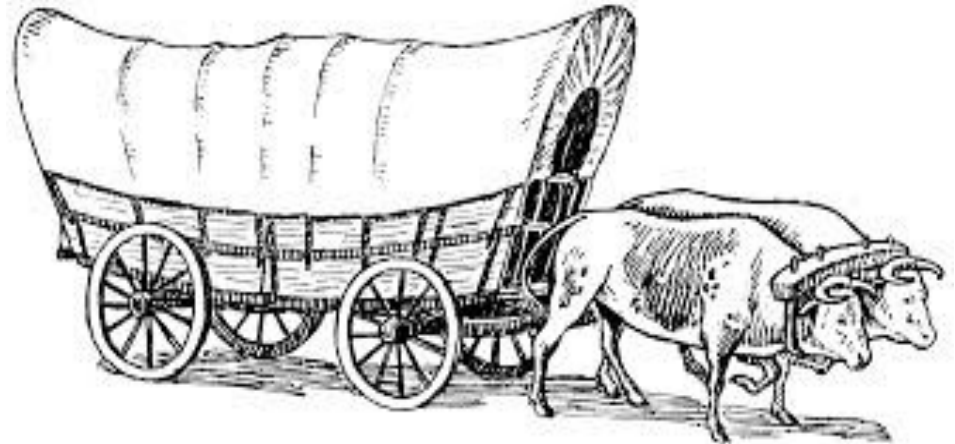
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Craftsmen Needed For Pioneer Transport

Two-hundred years ago, other than walking, your choices for transportation were either riding a horse, mule or donkey; or being a passenger in a buggy, wagon or large stagecoach.

If you were in the market for a new wagon you would be seeking a *wainwright*. According to Wikipedia the word *wainwright* is a combination of the archaic words “wain” (a large wagon for farm use) and “wright” (a worker or shaper of wood). A master wainwright employs several craftsmen, including wheelwrights, blacksmiths and painters. There was a time when no choices were available in the type and style of wheel your cart or wagon would get. As improvements were made in the methods and materials used for the outer part of the wheel then the durability was improved as was the quality of the ride.

A wheelwright is a craftsman who builds or repairs wooden wheels. Once again we learn that the word “wright” corresponds with skillful metal workers being called a *smith*, and the metal work done by a blacksmith created layers of oxides (or black firescale) on the surface of the metal during heating. White-smiths worked metals such as tin, silver and gold.

Many of these skills or working trades are clearly not as prevalent as in years gone by, however horse farriers need blacksmith skills along with other knowledge to do their work, and with the resurgence of interest in history wheelwrights as well as multi-talented blacksmiths can still be found. Hopefully these artisan craftsmen will always be available to repair, and in some cases create new replicas for future generations.

It is rare today to find someone who has all three skills, but one such multi-skilled craftsman exists in Joliet, Montana. That person is Dave Engel, proprietor of Engels Coach Shop. In 2014 Mr. Engel partnered with the Death Valley Conservancy to construct reproductions of the original Borax Wagons and Water Tanker that comprised the old 20 Mule Team Borax wagon train.

The Death Valley Conservancy mission is to preserve the past and encour-

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age interest in the early mining history of Death Valley. One of those early mining operations was the old Harmony Mines in Furnace Creek, whose wagon trains once transported borax 165 miles across Death Valley to the nearest railhead at Mojave, California.

One set of original wagons remained, but due to the ravages of time in the desert sun, plus having suffered serious damage from a flash flood, the Death Valley Conservancy felt it was important to measure, document and study all aspects of the remaining components with an eye to building new replicas for eventual display in the Laws Railroad Museum and Historic Site near Bishop, California, where they remain today.

After the initial study of techniques and processes used for such large oversized wagons, reconstruction began. Mr. Engel built the big wagons, and the huge wheels (some ended up over 1,000 pounds). The project was completed in 2016 and taken to Bishop for some initial tests with 20 mules providing the pulling power. It was ready for public viewing and its first appearance at a public event was the 2017 Rose Parade where it carried the President of the Tournament of Roses Parade Association, for 40 million television viewers. In 2019 it was driven through the streets of Bishop during the 50th Anniversary of Bishop Mule Days in May of that year.

For those that are interested Dave Engel has a website known as Engels Coach Shop. He has posted a number of videos about this project, and others available by inquiring on YouTube about new 20 Mule Team Wagons and the 2019 parade at Bishop Mule Days.



Deteriorating last set of Borax wagons at Furnace Creek.



New exact replica set now on display in Bishop, Calif.

Seeking Volunteers to Assist With Active Event Schedule in October



The Temecula Valley Historical Society would like to invite you to be one of our volunteers who impact our community. Many studies have concluded that people who volunteer and interact with people have greater sense of happiness and better health. Do you have extra time or talents you might share? Do you like to greet people? We have many small tasks that need volunteers to assist us with.

Would you like to help sell tickets and assist with the train at Vail Ranch Headquarters? Or help at our small Antique Store preparing and pricing the generous donations we receive to resell? Would you like to drive the tractor that pulls the Stagecoach or engineer the kiddie train? Would you like to participate in the Student Tours we host with interesting learning stations that offer a glimpse into the past in the everyday life of Temecula Valley communities? Have you visited the Little Temecula History Center to experience the many displays and wanted to know more about the community's history?

We have these, and many other opportunities for you to participate in, as well as behind the scenes tasks that can be done at home or on a computer. Our dynamic team of volunteers would like to have you join us. Many days in October have activities scheduled, especially Sundays, and the last half of the month approaching Halloween weekend.

If you would like to explore these and many other opportunities, please contact Bonnie Reed at (email address): grannyofive@gmail.com or phone/text at: (760) 484-6019 for questions or a list of upcoming event dates.

President's Message

October, 2022



A year ago this month we once again began to have in-person monthly presentations at the Little Temecula History Center after nearly a year and half of Covid-related shutdown. And then of course we had our Annual Meeting in November, and as always we are dark during the Christmas Holiday Season.

Regular monthly in-person presentations have taken place all year in 2022 and we continue to draw nice attendance, as well as a regular following and viewership of our Facebook Live transmissions of all in-person presentations. Some of our Facebook Live recordings have shown to have amazing follow-up viewing for days afterward. We certainly appreciate the efforts of member Dale Garcia to faithfully be in attendance at each monthly presentation to make this Facebook link to our community available.

The activity level at Vail Headquarters has increased at times significantly, which stretches our available volunteers into extended hours at times. Last month in this column I recounted that numerous studies had shown long-reaching benefits volunteers receive. Assisting others in your community through volunteer activities has been part of the American landscape from the time of the earliest settlers in New England. It is in the fabric of our country.

— Dick Fox

Monthly Presentation

We will have the rare treat of hosting Peter Poole as our guest speaker on October 24th. No one knows the history of the Temecula Wine Country better than Peter Poole, who has lived through the development from planting virgin soil in 1967 into a world-class wine producing area fifty years later.

Peter's father John Poole started Temecula's third winery, Mt. Palomar Winery. In Peter's presentation he will show pictures and will tell stories of how the Temecula Wine region was named and how the vintners overcame incredible obstacles including the glassy-wing sharpshooter infestation.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Every Tuesday** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vail HQ Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids. Same schedule every Tuesday.
- Saturday, October 1** — 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Creative Babe Market. 60 Orange County & Temecula-based small businesses. DJ, face painting fall photo ops.
- Sunday, October 2** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.
- Friday, October 7** — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Herrkooled VW local car club meet up. 20+ cars will be parked out in the main courtyard.
- Saturday, October 8** — 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thistle and Sage Vegan friendly vendors and food, activities.
- Sunday, October 9** — 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Doggie Palooza 5k walk and costume contest. *See article this page for more information.*
- Saturday, October 15** — 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Grazing Theory event. Live music, wine and cheese tasting, Art, cars and 30+ local vendors, presented by the Grazing Theory at Vail HQ..
- Sunday, October 16** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.
- Friday, October 21** — 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Herrkooled VW local car club meet up. 20+ cars will be parked out in the main courtyard.
- Sunday, October 23** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.
- Monday, October 24** — 6 p.m. monthly presentation at the History Center will be Peter Poole telling about the early days and development of the Wine Country. *See brief article this page for more info.*
- Friday, October 28** — 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. *Starlight Bazaar Halloween Edition* this is the final Starlight Bazaar of the year, and will be Halloween themed.
- Saturday, October 29** — 5 p.m. -7:30 p.m. **Crosspoint Church** presents "*Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree*" We know it's not always easy to find a safe, free, candy-fueled shindig for costume-clad crew.
- Sunday, October 30** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.

5k walk & Costume Contest

Join us on **Sunday, October 9** for a great day of family fun! Our 5k walk, and humorous costume contest with great prizes. The Laundered Mutt, Grooming & Training Center of Temecula, is sponsoring to benefit Unconditional Love Foundation, a 23-year-old non-profit rescue charity. Registration 9am. 5K walk begins at 10am and costume contest with prizes will follow at 11:30am.

Location: Vail Headquarters, 32115 Temecula Pkwy

Registration Required: Register at the Laundered Mutt Grooming & Training Center, or Online at:

<https://doggiepalooza.eventbrite.com>

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column — October 1922

October 6, 1922

By Mrs. V. B. Sands

Stanley Schain of Raton, New Mexico, and Miss Gabel of San Francisco were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Barton last week.

A car of honey was shipped to St. Louis, MO., Thursday.

McSweeney Farms is shipping ten cars of potatoes to San Diego this week.

W. M. Friedemann has purchased a new Chevrolet truck.

Miss Ethel Walters, who is training to be a nurse at the Clara Barton hospital in Los Angeles, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. W.T. Barton.

W.M. Friedemann received a car of stock food Tuesday.

Mesdames A. Knott, W.H. Haynes, W.M. Friedemann, Lynn Smith, V.B. Sands and Miss Elizabeth Nienke motored to Murrieta last Wednesday afternoon to attend the miscellaneous shower given in honor of Miss Verna Rail.

Mrs. Soales of Wildomar is here nursing Mrs. B. F. Higgins.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Higgins, Sunday a nine pound boy Benjamin Franklin.

Mesdames W.M. Friedemann and A.B. Barnett attended Eastern Star meeting at Elsinore Monday evening.

G.A. Burnham and son are having their store building repainted this week.

C. A. Haynes of Santa Fe, New Mexico, spent the weekend here with his brother, W.H. Haynes. Monday he went to the Murrieta Hot Springs where he will take the baths for a couple of weeks for a severe case of rheumatism.

October 13, 1922

By Mrs. V. B. Sands

Mrs. A.B. Barnett and children attended church services at Murrieta Sunday morning.

J. Parks shipped two cars of cattle to Highgrove last Saturday.

The Construction Company for the Warner Dam is receiving a car of cement every other day so as to have all the cement at the dam before the rains this winter. Henry Gray has the hauling contract.

The books for the Public Library are here and the community is invited to patronize this branch of the county library which the teachers have so kindly organized. The hours are the same as last year. \

Rodeo at Temecula

Sunday, October 22, is the date of the big rodeo at Temecula, to which all roads lead. A big attendance is expected and there will be something doing every minute. Roping, riding, steer riding and races of all kinds. One of the special features will be a roping contest between Col.

Shriver and J.S. Holder of Victorville, which will be decidedly interesting. The best average time of roping three goats will be the winner. Another unique feature will be roping from an automobile by Col. Shriver. Don't miss it.

October 20, 1922

By Mrs. V. B. Sands

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cantarini spent the weekend with relatives at Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Friedemann delightfully entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Olof Erickson and family of Elsinore.

Miss Ethel Walters left Friday for Los Angeles where she is studying to be a nurse, after spending two weeks here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Greenfield and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cantarini were Riverside and County Fair visitors last Thursday.

C. W. Swanguen and mother-in-law, Mrs. F. H. Hall, motored to Los Angeles Sunday returning Monday evening. Mrs. C. W. Swanguen and children, who have been visiting relatives there returned with them.

William Sommerville was called to San Bernardino last Thursday on account of the serious illness of his wife.

E. C. Nichols of San Bernardino is relieving Mr. Sommerville on the Santa Fe engine.

The same company which staged the Rodeo at Elsinore, Arrowhead Lake, Victorville and Hemet will be here Sunday, October 22nd. Several horses from the Pauba ranch will participate. There will be all sorts of wild riding and roping.

The Warner ranch stage met with an accident near here Sunday evening, which made repairs necessary. The driver and seven passengers were registered at the hotel for the night.

October 27, 1922

By Mrs. V. B. Sands

An airplane which had flown from Butte, Montana, to San Diego, and was on the return trip, had to make a landing just north of town Sunday afternoon on account of engine trouble. It remained several days until necessary repairs could be made.

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann attended the card party given by the Eastern Star Social club at Elsinore Monday evening.

The Pauba ranch shipped a car load of alfalfa seed to Los Angeles Wednesday.

B. L. Lunt, of Indio, was here a couple of days the first of the week installing the new playground apparatus at the school house.

A large crowd from all over the country attended the Rodeo Sunday afternoon. There was some very good racing, roping and steer riding and several other events. A number of prizes were awarded to our local boys.



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You are cordially invited to the 21st Annual Meeting of the:

TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

At: **Wilson Creek Winery** - 35960 Rancho California Rd. in Temecula.

The price is \$40 per member, or \$50 per guest and includes lunch, the program, a complimentary glass of sparkling wine, and musical entertainment by Tony Suraci.

A brief presentation by Dick Fox, TVHS President
will be followed by:

The Program: **“THIS IS YOUR LIFE”**
Honoring Darell & Rebecca Farnbach

Then following the program will be:

An Introduction of the 2023 Board of Directors and Officers

Followed by a **Silent Auction.**

Please complete the form below and return it with your check

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022.

TVHS Annual Meeting Reservation

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon

Menu: The hot buffet will be “Pasta Mia” with iceberg & romaine salad, two pasta entrées, sauteed zucchini, and a tiramisu dessert.

Name(s): _____

Additional Name(s): _____

Number of members: _____ Total: \$ _____

Number of guests: _____ Total: \$ _____

The price is \$40 per Society member. Guests are also welcome at a price of \$50 per person.

Make checks payable to: **TVHS** (checks must be received by October 26th)

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

You may also pay through our website using PayPal, Venmo, or a credit card.

Go to www.temeculahistory.org and click on: “ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH” to pay online.

For further information, contact: Dave Wilson: info@destem.com