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Special All-American November Holidays

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If you inquire on the internet for a list of November holidays, what a list you will receive. Special recognition days ranging from National Love Your Red Hair Day, to National Men Make Dinner Day, or National Nachos Day, then to National Hug A Musician Day, or perhaps National Peanut Butter Fudge Day? Of course to most of us there are only 2 important holidays in November, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day.

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor. These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day" officially through a 1926 Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by Congressional action.

In 1947 in Birmingham, Alabama Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized "National Veterans Day," which included a parade and other festivities to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then known as Armistice Day. Later U.S. Representative Edward Rees of Kansas proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954 Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed.

***This year Veterans Day will be celebrated on Friday,
November 11, 2022.***

Thanksgiving Day, is an annual national holiday in the United States celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the indigenous people of the area. The American holiday is particularly rich in legend and symbolism, and

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the traditional fare of the Thanksgiving meal of turkey, bread stuffing, potatoes, cranberries, and pumpkin pie.

The New England colonists were accustomed to regularly celebrating “thanksgivings,” days of prayer thanking God for blessings such as military victory, or the end of a drought. The U.S. Continental Congress proclaimed a national Thanksgiving upon the enactment of the Constitution, for example. Yet after 1798, the new U.S. Congress left Thanksgiving declarations to the states; some objected to the national government’s involvement in a religious observance, Southerners were slow to adopt a New England custom, and others took offense over the day’s being used to hold partisan speeches and parades. A national Thanksgiving Day seemed more like a lightning rod for the controversy than a unifying force.

Thanksgiving Day did not become an official holiday until Northerners dominated the federal government. While regional tensions prevailed in the mid-19th century, the editor of a popular magazine campaigned for a national Thanksgiving Day to promote unity. President Lincoln supported the effort, and on October 3, 1863, during the Civil War proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26, 1863.

The holiday was annually proclaimed by every president thereafter, and the date chosen, with few exceptions as the last Thursday in November. A joint resolution of Congress in 1941 declared that the fourth Thursday in November be designated as Thanksgiving Day a national holiday.

In the late 1800’s local parades of costumed residents became common in some areas. In 1920 Gimbel’s department store in Philadelphia staged a parade of about 50 people with Santa Claus at the rear of the procession. Since 1924 the annual Macy’s parade in New York City has continued the tradition, with huge balloons since 1927.

This year Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on Thursday, November 24, 2022.



The City of Temecula commenced a pilot program for vinyl wrapping select Old Town Temecula Utility Boxes with original art imagery.

We have chosen to display some examples, starting with the image below done by **Chámmakilawish Pechanga School students.**



This beautiful mural was created by **Chámmakilawish Pechanga School students**, led by Principal **Andrew Maisel** and third grade teacher **Amalika Jackson**; the students' vision was to present a collection of ideas and concepts that represent the Luiseño people, culture, and life. The school consulted with **Myra Maisel** of Pechanga Cultural Resources and **Vanessa Hogan** of Tribal Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to plan the artwork, representing Native life in the valley, both past, and present. Artist **Gerry “Junior” Ceja** sketched out the mural, featuring the Great Oak Tree, an eagle, native plants, the Pechanga Casino, an automobile, and youth participating in traditional games and living in traditional *Kiicha* (homes). The mural was a true group effort, with every child (ages 3 to 10) adding to the artwork. The artists came from the Mommy & Me group, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten to Fifth Grade students, all adding bits of color and artistry to proudly represent their people, the **Payómkawichum**, which means the *People of the West* in the Pechanga language.

It is the mission of the Chámmakilawish Pechanga School to ensure that each child develops a foundation for success through the development of healthy self-esteem by means of participating in a rich learning environment. The purpose of the Chámmakilawish Pechanga School has been clear since the school opened its doors, to teach tribal members culture and language without sacrificing other areas of education.

Check it out . . .

In the coming weeks take a stroll to see some of these interesting pieces of artwork. The City of Temecula has an interactive map to show locations and artwork at each utility box: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/5d1bbbba67e498092d5464d5b1052b5>

— More photos of artwork on the next page.

*Photos of Utility Box art imagery in Old Town
Donated by Shane Gibson*



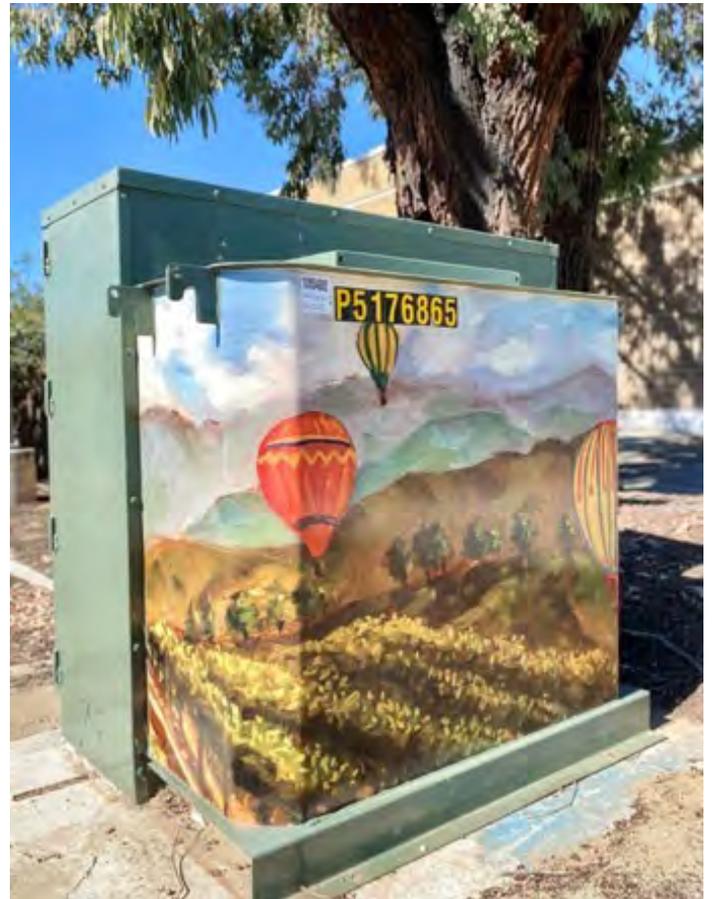
"Sunset at the Villa" — By Roxy Rich



"Red Neckerchief" — By Bryant Nelson — "Malcolm Barnett"



"Iconic Temecula, 2022" — By Maria Crystal Correa



"Hot Air Balloons" — By George Young

President's Message

November, 2022



As we approach the end of 2022 — as the old saying goes “my how time flies!” It seems that every year the speed of the treadmill of life keeps getting turned up until those of us who have trouble just walking are losing our breath trying to keep up with daily and weekly demands.

Those who volunteer in their communities experience these issues even more, and yet they persevere!!

The Temecula Valley Historical Society is fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers, and we certainly appreciate their time and efforts on behalf of the entire society and its on-going efforts to maintain focus on our primary mission . . . “to identify, preserve, and promote the historic legacy of the Temecula Valley and educate the public about its historical significance.

— *Dick Fox*



Hello hikers!

The Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve has new hike dates for the 2022-2023 fall/winter hiking season. All hikes start at 8:00 AM.

New this year, information and hike sign-ups are available on the Field Stations website at: fsp.sdsu.edu/hikes

A separate sign-up is required for each hiker for each hike. If you can no longer attend a hike after you sign up, you can edit your responses via email.

Hike schedules have started October 22, and will run through April 2023. Next scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6..

A variety of hike options are available and will include:

Temecula Gorge Hike
View Loop Trail
PJ's Bird Walk
Chaparral Trail Hike

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.

Friday, November 4 — 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, November 5 — 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Creative Babe Market. 60 Orange County & Temecula-based small businesses. DJ, face painting fall photo ops.

Sunday, November 6 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Temecula Fall Wiener Fest / Dachshund races! Dachshund Lovers from near and far will come together this November at Vail HQ for the Temecula Fall Wiener Fest, hosted by Temecula Valley Dachshund Club. Family friendly games, vendors, raffles and door Prizes. All proceeds benefit local animal rescues.

Wednesday, November 9 — Noon to 4 p.m. TVHS Annual Meeting at Wilson Creek Winery, \$40 ea. for Members. Intro officers / Board for 2023, program & music. Silent auction.

Friday, November 11 — *Veteran's Holiday* — Honor All Veterans.

Saturday, November 12 — 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thistle and Sage Vegan Market. Vegan friendly vendors and food, activities.

Sunday, November 13 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.

Friday, November 18 — 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, November 19 — 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Doggie Palooza 5k walk and costume** contest. A great day of family fun! Our 5k walk, and costume contest will benefit dog rescue and adoption efforts. The Laundered Mutt, Grooming & Training Center of Temecula is proud to sponsor this event to benefit Unconditional Love Foundation dedicated to dog & Horse rescue. Registration at 9 a.m., walk begins at 10 a.m. with prizes to follow at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 20 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.

Thursday, November 24 — *Thanksgiving Holiday* — *A Special day with family and friends.*

TURKEY DAY

Sunday, November 27 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday. Family fun, entertainment & vendor market.

100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column – November 1922

November 3, 1922

By Mrs. V.B. Sands

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Vail have returned from a ten days' visit in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann attended the 6 o'clock dinner given by the Eastern Star Chapter of Elsinore Monday evening.

Mrs. I. C. Parks was calling on friends here Tuesday morning. She is to commence her duties as a part-time teacher in the Hemet Grammar school next Monday.

Miss Welty has received word from her niece and nephew who are missionaries in Africa, and they are much taken up with the work. They have four more years before returning to the United States.

W.M. Friedemann has purchased a new Durant Six.

Mr. Lunt, county physical training director, was a visitor at the school Tuesday.

There was service at the Catholic Church Sunday, with a very good attendance.

Twenty-five hundredths of an inch of rain fell here last Friday afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Harry Walters and daughter, Peggy, returned Monday from Van Nuys, where they have been for the past week. Mr. Walters will remain there for awhile to work for the Union Oil Company.

Mrs. A. Knott entertained her Sunday school class and a large number of guests with a Halloween party at the hotel Tuesday evening. Games and stunts were enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments of toasted marshmallows, apples, etc., were served. The little 34 guests were greeted at the doors by three ghosts and escorted to a side entrance, where the evening's fun began.

The thieves who stole 17 turkeys at Fallbrook last Tuesday were caught at the Temecula river bridge Thursday evening. They were on their way back, after selling the turkeys in Los Angeles, for more "booty" evidently.

Mrs. Eddie Vail of Los Angeles is a guest at the home of Mahlon Vail.

November 10, 1922

By Mrs. V.B. Sands

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann motored to Cahui-la Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Knott and children were Riverside visitors Monday.

S. A. Seiple is wiring most of the houses in Murrieta for electricity.

Charles H. Mendenhall shipped a car of large pine, cedar and fir trees to the Famous Players-Lasky Co., at Hollywood, Thursday. These will be used in scenes for a picture, on the order of the Tarzan series, now being made. Some of the trees were cut several times in order to place them on the car, but will be pieced at the studio.

George Sawday received a shipment of seventeen

cars of feeder cattle from Arizona last Thursday.

Mrs. Eddie Vail, of Los Angeles, is quite ill at the home of Mahlon Vail.

Mrs. W.M. Friedemann spent last Friday afternoon with Mrs. A.F. Burnham at Elsinore.

F. H. Hall has opened a short order restaurant in the building just vacated by the Escallier grocery.

Henry Grey has added another branch to his business and has established a large wood yard at his warehouse on the boulevard.

November 17, 1922

By Mrs. V.B. Sands

Master Frank Baylus of Maywood has entered school here, making the seventh grade, the largest class.

Mr. Fred White, one of the teachers at Murrieta, was a business visitor here Monday.

J.P. Kelly is having another room built on to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. G.A. Burnham and daughter, Miss Ethel, spent the weekend with friends in San Diego.

A.F. Nienke received a car of lumber last Friday.

The Santa Fe had an outfit here last week putting a new roof and screening the porch on their house occupied by the agent, also repairing the stockyards and depot.

November 24, 1922

By Mrs. V.B. Sands

A. F. Nienke received a car of lumber from San Pedro Tuesday.

Howard K. Merritt of Riverside, representing the Boy Scouts of America, was here visiting the school Tuesday.

Joe Welty is quite ill; Dr. Morgan of Fallbrook is in attendance.

Mr. C. J. Cottrell of Los Angeles, the new fireman, taking the place just vacated by Ed Bemis, has moved his family here and is domiciled in the Welty cottage, opposite the hotel.

Joe Nicolas received two cars of feeder cattle from Idaho last Saturday.

S.A. Seiple has just received his new Ford coupe.

Mrs. A.F. Nienke and daughters, Elizabeth and Mable, have gone to Riverside to spend the winter. Mrs. Nienke, who has been in very poor health, will be under a specialist care while there.

Santa Fe Water Service men are here this week installing a new pump in their pump house; also repairing water pipes throughout the yards.

A. Escallier has purchased a new five-passenger Essex.

J. Parks shipped a car of cattle to Highgrove last Friday.

George Sawday received fourteen cars of feeder cattle from Williams, Arizona last Wednesday.