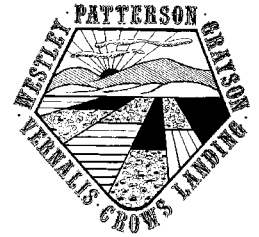




Patterson Township Historical Society

Spokes

February 2018



The Barnstormers Will Present Annual PTHS Meeting March 11, 2018

An interesting program about the collecting of antique farm equipment is planned for the annual meeting of the Patterson Township Historical Society.

That meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 11, at the society's Research Center at 110 N. El Circulo. The center is named in memory of the late Lt. Col. John V. Azevedo and officially opened early last year. All society members and others interested in this unique program are invited to attend.

Ken Herger, head of a newly formed group calling itself The Barnstormers and himself curator of farm equipment for the society, is in charge of the program. Ken has organized an energetic group of volunteers who have been working weekends on antique farm equipment, most lately at the Bettencourt equipment museum at the intersection of Highway 132 and River Road. Photos of their extensive work will be presented at the meeting, after which refreshments will be served.



The Barnstormers, a group of antique farm equipment enthusiasts headed by Ken Herger, will present the program when the Patterson Township Historical Society holds its annual meeting on Sunday, March 11. The meeting will be held at the society's new Research Center at 110 N. El Circulo

Assisting Herger with the program will be West Sider Henry Bettencourt. His father Eddie and uncle Frank Bettencourt came here to farm in the early 1960s, and it was Frank who founded the museum that houses several dozen pieces of antique equipment – much of which has been restored to running condition.

Ken said he will detail plans for future activities of The Barnstormers and will recognize key members.

General Meeting

Sunday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.

Patterson Township Historical Research Center

Remember: Daylight Savings Time begins that Sunday morning.

President's Message

It's hard to believe that it is time again for our annual membership event. It is being held on March 12, 2018 at 2:00 in our new Resource Center.

This year we are featuring our recently established group affiliated with the Patterson Township Historical Society. They are called "The Barnstormers". Several have formed a group of very enthusiastic local men interested in saving and restoring old farm equipment that has been donated to the group to display at their new farm equipment museum located on River Road and Highway 132.

The Bettencourt family has donated the use of one of their facilities to be used as the museum. They have also donated much of their old farm equipment for display.

Ken Herger will head the presentation. A Bettencourt family member will also speak about their history in the Patterson/Westley area.

I'm sure you will find the presentation both informative and very interesting and learn more facts on the history of the Bettencourt family farming.

Did you know: The Central Valley is one of the world's largest productive agricultural regions. More than 230 crops are grown here.

Linda Briggs, President

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Any person interested in the history of this area who applies for membership in any classification and who tenders the necessary dues may become a member.

Annual Dues:

Household \$20.00

Business \$100.00

Life Membership \$150.00

Annual dues are payable as of January 1st each year and are tax deductible. Dues will include mailed copies of *The Gateway* and *Spokes* newsletters to each membership.

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Carol Scoles, Curator	892-6068
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History Day for Students Is March 17; Judges Sought

National History Day will be observed in Patterson on Saturday, March 17. The program is sponsored annually by the Patterson Unified School District and the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

Display and presentations will be held at the Creekside Middle School. Volunteers are needed to judge the entries of students from the fourth through the 12th grades in six different categories. Judges may select preferred categories and will work on panels of two or three others to interview students, provide feedback on projects, and select finalists according to the guidelines provided.

The categories are documentary, performance, exhibit, paper, website and poster. The later is open to fourth and fifth grade students, while the other five categories may be entered by those in the sixth through the 12th grades. Students may enter as individuals or as teams.

Registration and the training of judges will begin that day at 8:00 a.m., with a light breakfast being served. Student presentations will run from 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the scoring announced at 2 p.m.

To volunteer: <https://www.stancoe.org/webform/history-day-volunteer-form>



State Museum Grant Moves to 2nd Stage

Word has been received that the city of Patterson's state grant application has moved on to its second stage of approval.

The application would provide funds for renovation of the Center Building, the historic structure that houses Patterson's museum. The city owns the building and would match the funds provided by the state through its CCHE Museum Grant Program.

A team of five state project employees visited Patterson on Feb. 26 to inspect the site and review the application data with the city and society members. Xavier Guluarte is heading the grant application process for the city, while society President Linda Briggs, museum Curator Carol Scoles, Director Vivian Ratliff and Ron Swift are representing PTHS.

The review by the state includes the areas of museum programing, audience and outreach, community involvement, partnerships and the cost estimate for the project.

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If you have already paid, please ignore this message.



Burta Houk Hicks Herger
August 13, 1937 - September 22, 2017

Burta was a member of the PTHS for more than 20 years. As a member, she served on the board, acted as treasurer and membership chairperson as well as many other tasks.

Her most important contribution to the organization was the work she did in cleaning up and putting the historic files in order. These files document the history of Patterson and the people who have lived here. They will be an invaluable resource for people who come after us. She spent many, many hours at this task – just weeks before her death she was still involved.



Tom Houk (with hat) checks out the mechanical workings of this John Deere at the Bettencourt farm equipment museum on River Road

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