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The Manteca Historical Society and Museum would like to invite you to our 26th Annual Gourmet Sampler…

Tickets are still available to purchase at the museum, Guido’s Take ‘U Bake Pizza, Tipton’s Stationary, and the Manteca Senior Center.

We look forward to seeing you and sampling the delicious food that will be provided by restaurants based in Manteca! Come taste what our town is cooking and support local restaurants and your Museum!

Door Prize and Amazing Raffle Prizes You Will Not Want to Miss!

And...Our Museum Gift Shop will be at the Event With Fantastic Deals!

Joshua Cowell

“FATHER OF MANTECA”

In Part 2 on Joshua Cowell; we take a glimpse at how he settled into the area, and how the town we know as ‘Manteca’ got its’ name.

By Donna Stafford

Upon his arrival to this area in Jan of 1863; Joshua Cowell purchased 1,000 acres in what is now considered ‘Downtown Manteca’. He built a house on the corner of Yosemite Ave and Manteca Road, where the current Bank of America now stands. This also became his ranch.

His brothers; Henry W. and Marion Cowell relocated here also. Realizing our sandy soil had potential, Joshua became interested in general farming. His brothers and him began to grow and harvest grain. They were among the first to farm in the San Joaquin Valley.
Joshua Cowell, Part 2, Continued

They also offered settlers help when they first arrived in the area. Regardless of his financial situation, Joshua was always ready to help others. Joshua soon became known as ‘Uncle Josh’.

In 1868 Mr. Cowell married Miss Vienetta R. Graves; who was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, where Joshuas’ family had earlier moved to. She crossed the plains in 1864. Upon marrying her he took her to his ranch to live. They eventually had 6 children.

The Central Pacific Railroad decided to lay down tracks through the center of Cowells’ farm in 1873. A single Boxcar without wheels became the stopping point for the train. This is important since the Railroad named this area ‘Cowell Station’ upon this event. However; it was quickly discovered that Joshuas’ brother; Wright, had already named an area South of Tracy; ‘Cowell Station’. Realizing this, the Railroad and the local farmers agreed a name change was in order. This area would now be called; Monteca. But there was a mishap with the Railroad when they mistakenly printed the first tickets with the name misspelled. The name became Manteca; which means ‘lard’ in Spanish. Though people were unhappy about this error, the new name was never corrected.

As the town grew, soon there were church meetings and elementary classes. In fact; the first Teacher of the newly formed School District was Miss Wodward. She had students of all ages with one of them being Joshua Cowell; then a young man of 25 years old.
Hello Everyone

First and foremost, the Gourmet Sampler is almost here. Lots of things going on in preparation for this event. If you would like to volunteer either before or during the event just give us a call.

Tickets are available at the Museum, Tiptons, Guidos and the Senior Center. Great price for a great afternoon.

Lots of good food, live music, and of course "The Raffle." Please join us for a good time and reminiscing.

The Museum was invited to the Kiwanis Community of Giving Night. Crystal Garcia and I attended and received a donation and thanked them for their generosity.

Don't forget our Program Night on March 8 at 7 p.m. with Ms Janet Fiore discussing the Civil War and Manteca. Light refreshments will be served.

We have lots in store for future programs so please check the newsletter for dates and times.

See you at the Sampler!

Until next time

Tommie Benavides

Recently I was reflecting back on last year 2017 and thinking about all the members of the Historical Society and Museum that passed away in 2017. We lost several members, too numerous to mention in this article. Among them were Charter Members & founder Ken Hafer, Theodore “Ted” Poulos, Dorothy Indelicato, George Perry, Frank R. Mendes Jr. and Vincent Indelicato. These members helped start the museum and make it what it is today. We will miss each and everyone of our members that passed in 2017 and remember them in our prayers.

At this time, I’m asking those of you who are members and have some spare time to come and join us and help the Manteca Historical Society and Museum to continue to grow into the future. We can always use volunteers and have several positions open including members for the Board of Directors and Docents. If you have any questions, feel free to call me anytime at (209) 822-0932.

Thank You,

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The Annual Membership Meeting of the Manteca Historical Society

March 8, 2018 @ 6:30 PM
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This meeting will include the election of officers and Board of Directors. All members are welcome to attend. More info please call: 209.822.0932
MEMORIALS & HONOR'S PROGRAM

This is a very special way to remember those who have passed away, or to honor one for a special event, or tribute. All gifts directly benefit the museum. Gifts are typically tax deductible, and the names of those remembered are then inscribed in the “Honor Roll Book”, which is on permanent display at the museum. Memorial Gift Forms are available on this newsletter, at the museum docent desk, or by calling Clancy Rogers at (209) 825-3021 office (leave message) and we will be happy to mail a Memorials form(s) to you. Many thanks to past and present contributors for remembering friends and loved ones with a gift to the Manteca Museum. The Manteca Historical Society & Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Thank you!

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On the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, join in as this group of Historical Society folks meet at the museum to discuss days gone by. No need to sign up, just show up! Come and share some old times at the Manteca Museum. Anyone is welcome to come! Bring something to talk about! Reminisce meetings last an hour or two, depending on the subjects and discussions. This monthly meeting is free for Historical Society members & guests. Coffee and cookies are often served.

JOIN THE REMINISCE GROUP IN MARCH TO TALK HISTORY!

Janet Fiore, secretary of the East Union Memorial Cemetery will be giving a power point presentation that touches lightly on California and the civil war as well as the new challenge the United States had; dealing with the dead, and its responsibilities to the families.

It will be an informative and enjoyable evening! Mark your Calendars!

March 8, 2018 at 7 PM

Refreshments will be served!
Manteca Historical Society & Museum

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