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# The Historian

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A unique 95-year-old adobe shed, rescued from its original location on the old Hindorff property at the SE corner of Gird and Reche Rd, is being reassembled by the Fallbrook Historical Society on the grounds of the Reche schoolhouse.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Fri., April 6th 5-8 pm Wine & a Bite** **The Heritage Center**  
**Limited to first 150!** **1730 S. Hill (at Rocky Crest)**

**Sun., April 15th 9a-5pm Avocado Festival** **Downtown Fallbrook**  
**Stop at our display at** **232 S. Main St.**  
**(between Elder & Fig)**

**Fri., May 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve Field Trip**  
**RSVP required: Beth Cobb at [smerdocenthikes@gmail.com](mailto:smerdocenthikes@gmail.com) or (760) 419-5723**

**Sat., June 2nd 1-4 pm General Meeting and** **The Heritage Center**  
**Open House** **1730 S. Hill (at Rocky Crest)**

The Fallbrook Village Association, in collaboration with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, Fallbrook Arts Inc.'s Art in Public Places Committee, the Fallbrook Historical Society, Fallbrook Beautification Alliance, Charles E. Swisher Post 1924 VFW, and local residents, look forward to bringing the Railroad Heritage Park to Fallbrook.

Donations have brought in over \$49,000 to date, with a target of \$65,000. The caboose is in Barstow and is expected to arrive in Fallbrook by the end of May.

There are still many “old timers” in Fallbrook who love to recount their memories of the exciting days of trains going through Fallbrook. We want to preserve those memories.



*Railroad Heritage Park update*

Send your donation to:  
 Fallbrook Village  
 Association (501c3)  
 P.O. Box 2438, Fallbrook,  
 CA 92088

**Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War present authentic Union uniform to FHS**



*Dawn Byrd-Berosovoy, Vice President, and Lynette Harmon-Canales, President, of the Mary Jane Safford Tent #92, Temecula, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, make an historic presentation*

The screening of *The Great Locomotive Chase* held February 25, 2018, at the Fallbrook Historical Society Heritage Center was the occasion for the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War to present an authentic Union uniform to Carolyn Ganoë, Curator of The Pittenger House, on behalf of the historical society. The presentation also included an authentic Grand Army of the Republic medal.

Sgt. Pittenger, 2nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company G, fought in the Civil War. The uniform, like the one on display is a reproduction used in Civil War reenactments. Pittenger was a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The movie, *The Great Locomotive Chase* tells the story of Andrew's Raiders, one of whom was Sgt. Pittenger. Pittenger and his family settled in Fallbrook after the war. He became the minister of the Fallbrook Methodist-Episcopal Church from 1893-1899. Rev. Pittenger died in 1904. The Pittenger House went on to become the original museum for the Fallbrook Historical Society and remains an important part of The Heritage Center today.



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In the 1920s, needing a cool place to store canned fruit along with tomatoes, grapes and berries grown on the property, Eric Hindorff constructed an adobe for a storage shed, using a design for the roofline and eaves much like those of buildings found in Sweden, but overall reminiscent of early California Spanish-Indian influence. Eric also used the adobe to store the Native American relics he found in the area. These items are now on display at the Historical Society museum.

Fallbrook pioneer Eric Hindorff (1883-1963) was a wolf trapper, a bee inspector, olive tree farmer, and popular violin player at community gatherings. The Hindorff family is a vital part of the history of greater Fallbrook. In addition to being a deputy sheriff, Eric became the caretaker of Live Oak Park, next to his home, for the many years these grounds were being operated by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, prior to the county taking over the park in 1960.

The historic adobe stood next to the Hindorff family home that Eric had built in 1911. When the Hindorff property was sold in recent years, new owners were thinking of demolishing the old adobe, but allowed the Historical Society in 2016 to dismantle the adobe piece by piece and move it across the road to the schoolhouse grounds, where it has been kept awaiting funding to be restored. Now, this piece of Fallbrook’s history is being carefully reconstructed just a few hundred yards from where it stood for nearly a century.

Contributed by:  
Tom Frew  
FHS Historian



*Work in progress reconstructing the Hindorff Adobe Feb-Mar 2018*

# Fallbrook Newspapers Collection Digitized

Records go back to 1880s

One of Fallbrook Historical Society's Major Accomplishments



## 50 years ago: March 14, 1968

There were 2 sections of 16 pages weekly, published Thursdays. Cost: 10 cents. 232 S. Main St., Marmack Publishing Co.

### Headlines included:

- Fallbrook Union Elementary School Bond passes
- High School Board expels 7 students for Marijuana
- State Transportation hearing set to reroute Hwy 395 and build 4 lane freeway from Escondido to Riverside County
- Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Valenta, 39, of 1635 S. Stagecoach Lane killed in Khe Sanh, Vietnam
- Movie at Escondido Drive-In: Walt Disney's "The Jungle Book"

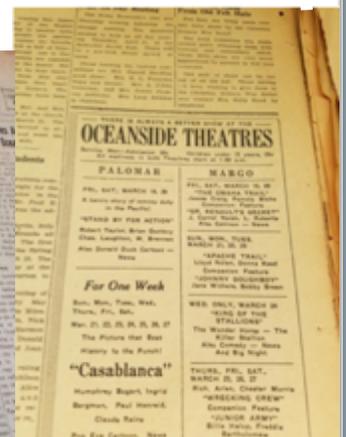


## 75 years ago: March 19, 1943

There were 10 pages weekly, published Fridays. Cost: 5 cents.

### Headlines included:

- Cmdr. Gale Griggs, USN, son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Truitt, receives Silver Star for actions at the Battle of Midway
- At the Fallbrook Garden Club, Mrs. Victor Westfall will talk on weed extermination and Mary Brooks will have a discussion on plant cuttings
- Over one half of Fallbrook's quota of 52,000 of the annual Red Cross War Fund drive has been raised, announced Mrs. E.C. Reader, chairman of the local branch
- Movies showing at Oceanside Theaters, admission 30 cents:  
Casablanca, Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman  
Apache Trail, Lloyd Nolan, Donna Reed



# THE FALLBROOK ENTERPRISE

**100 years ago: March 22, 1918**

There were 4 pages weekly, published Fridays.  
 Cost: 5 cents. H.V. Alexander publisher & proprietor

**Headlines included:**

- Fallbrook lemons sell higher than any other brand in N.Y.
- Listing of Fallbrook citizens serving in armed forces
- Dr. Grafton is drafted into military and ordered to Oregon. He requests all clients contact him to settle their accounts
- Elsinore takes important action to get a paved state highway from Elsinore to San Diego via Bonsall & Oceanside



## Fallbrook Historical Society Membership

Current annual memberships expired December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We hope that you will continue to support the Fallbrook Historical Society by renewing your 2018 membership (*unless, of course, you are already a lifetime member*).

We hope you will continue to support our efforts to help bring Fallbrook's past to life.

Dues are only \$30.00 per year for a family. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and welcome your participation as well as your financial support. Send your email address with your dues to save us postage!

P.O. Box 1375, Fallbrook, CA 92088-1375

760-723-4125

**Fallbrook Film Society  
and  
Fallbrook Historical Society  
Team Up**

Starting with the well-attended screening of *The Great Locomotive Chase*, the story of Andrew's Raiders and our own Sgt. William Pittenger, these two Societies will offer films to the community frequently throughout the year. Watch for notices in your email and *The Village News* and plan to join your neighbors at The Heritage Center for movies, popcorn and drinks.



*Fallbrook Historical Society  
Buildings Available for meetings  
and events*

*The Fallbrook Historical Society Heritage Center is located at 1730 S. Hill (at Rocky Crest Drive) and houses the Museum, the Pittenger House, the Ford Room, the Gem & Mineral Room, and the Barn. The Ford Room and the Barn are available for rental for meetings or other occasions. Call 760-723-4125 for further information.*

*The Fall Brook Reche Schoolhouse is located at 1319 S. Live Oak Park and is available for rental for weddings, reunions, and other events. Call 760-723-4125 for further information.*

*Contact Us*

Have a question about  
Fallbrook History?

Need help with a research project?

Visit us at the Museum on  
Thursdays and Sundays 1pm-4pm  
and by appointment

[www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.com)

Follow us on Facebook  
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*“The Fallbrook Historical Society, a membership-based, non-profit organization, is dedicated to the discovery, collection, preservation, and display of materials, objects, and artifacts, which depict the rich heritage of the greater Fallbrook area. As an educational and cultural institution, we enthusiastically share our growing collections and archives with members, visitors, and the entire community. Our goal is to bring people together to share the richness of our past and enable them to experience first-hand the process of history and its connection to the present.”*

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