The following article was originally printed in the Visalia Daily Times, March 26, 1898 and signed only with the initial B., and then reprinted in the Los Tulares quarterly bulletin of September 1993.

It begins with the rescue of a white man, the Indians were to call White Coyote, or Long Hair, who wandered across the mountains from the east in 1840 and down the Kaweah river. He was ill and nearly starved when he reached the Wuksachi Indian Village which was on the north side of the river near the confluence of the North Fork and the Middle Fork. At this place in 1881 Montgomery Barton was to build a two story house which he sold to Jim and Julia Pierce in 1908 and which today is occupied by Julie Doctor.

As it was June when Long Hair, as we will call him, arrived opposite the Wuksachi Village, the river was high, and the Indians sent four strong young men across the river to bring him to their village, where he spent months being restored to health. During this time a party of Spaniards came from the coast to prospect for gold and may have left the windlass that Lt. George Derby found at Mud Springs when he explored the county in 1850. They also prospected in the Sulphur Springs area before ascending Salt Creek and finally up the North Fork to Eshom valley, where they opened a mine, cutting steps down the face of a cliff to gain access.

It was said that they occasionally came back to Eshom valley and gave gold nuggets to Indians, especially the girls. Supposedly the miners built seven cabins, the remains of which were visible for many years afterward, and the mine became known as the Seven Cabins mine.

The miners came and went for a few years but ultimately wore out their welcome with the Indians, who attacked the mine and massacred all but three of the miners, who escaped with two mules and were ultimately trapped and slain in the brush near the site of the present day Kaweah Post Office. Long Hair left the area but returned occasionally. The Indians decided to kill him lest his reports of gold bring more prospectors to the area, but he ambushed the plotters and killed eight of them.

Vaqueros tried to track him and even measured the shoes of his horse at the Visalia livery stable, but in the night he got on his horse and rode out of town. That same night an old man S.N. Grigsby was slain as he slept in Kraft’s restaurant in Visalia and the Vaqueros were afraid to leave town next day lest they be accused of his murder.

Long Hair was reported to have been a Captain John Moss, a Mormon Danite, later an intelligence person for the Confederacy, but his mine is still lost although many persons have tried to find it.
I have been asked lately, "what is happening to the Bequette House next to the Museum?"

When the Historical Society purchased the property we knew that we wanted to 'repair' the house and make it an additional display area of antiques. A good portion of the items would be furniture that was there when Jessie and Bruce Bequette lived in the house from 1926, when they built it, through the mid 1990’s.

If you have been by the Museum lately you would see we are adding 768 sq. ft. to the main building and we have talked about putting up a two story barn on the Bequette property (now known as 'Founder’s Park').

So why isn’t the Bequette House finished before starting other projects?

Being a non-profit museum we are always looking for monetary donations and sometimes donations come to us for specific projects, which is the case with the following:

1. Bequette House: First, we have a few monthly donations for this project plus one time donations. Unlike putting up a new building, restoring requires bringing everything up to county code and that means money and time. We continue to work on options to get the job done. Most of the Bequette house progress is inside and has been done by a volunteer in his spare time. Contractor work is next.

2. Mineral King Room addition to main building: This project is a major expense and thanks to a benefactor connected to the Mineral King Preservation Society the entire cost is covered.

3. Large item Barn on Founders Park: Two estate donations, earmarked for the 'Barn' are in the works now and while we don’t know the amounts of the estate donations we do know that they will give us a good start on this project. We look forward to the day that construction begins.

4. General operating expenses: Our membership fees, gift shop and fund raising events and activities are the main stay of these on-going projects. The Museum is a business and with business comes expenses: lights, phones and just keeping the doors open. Not only are we a museum but we act as the Visitors Center for Three Rivers, open every day (when we find volunteers.) In addition to routine building expenses and repairs we have 2 1/2 acre’s that require work.

I hope this helps to explain why it appears that a project is not going forward. We have not lost interest in any one of them and in fact it is just the opposite, we want to get them finished!

We continue to look for grants that will help with each of the projects and of course……

Donations are always welcome for any of the projects listed above.

Here’s another installment of...

“No Parent Left Behind”

Author unknown. It came to us from our daughter in Idaho, who used to be a teacher. These are real notes written by Parents in a Tennessee School District. (Spellings have been left intact.)

8. Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
9. Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.
10. Please excuse Ray Friday from school he has very loose vowels.
11. Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had (DIAHRE, DYREA, DIREATHE). THE SH**S.
12. Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had Diarrhea, and his boots leak.
13. Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
14. Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father’s fault. (you know, this could be legit!)
15. I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because don’t know what size she wear.
16. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday we forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch and when we found it Monday. We thought it was Sunday.

“A word of praise is a ‘verbal trophy’ for a child.”

We have something for everyone!
If you would like to purchase cookie dough or bulbs and plants find one of our board members, message us on Facebook or stop in to the museum today, get a brochure and place your order.

As always we appreciate your support!!

“Crazy About Cookies”……..2 lb. tubs of cookie dough, various flavors
“Art In Nature”.........................Plants, Bulbs & Seeds / Hanging Gardens
It Happened Walking

Here’s a story that I thought fit well on this page. It is an article written by Karolyn Opitz and was published in the September 1960 Kaweah Magazine. Enjoy….

It’s not because I’m allergic to gas fumes, don’t know how to operate a motor vehicle, or have an over-weight problem that I often choose to walk the country lane. The simple pleasure of walking to a marked destination is exhilarating. A casual stroll may clear away the cobwebs from the mind besides providing a healthful exercise. I just love it!

The other day I was ambling down the frequently-traveled Dinely Road, just thinking. A four-wheeled bomb came whelvising down the road at a break-neck pace behind me. A screech of brakes, a quick de-accelerating and four characters were offering me a lift. When I politely declined the offer with “just out for a walk,” they muttered something about it being too hot to walk, and quickly roared away. But what’s wrong with getting your vitamin D from the golden sun’s rays in mid-afternoon as you stroll?

Three corners and a couple of stretches of straight walkway later, Mr. X of elderly description quietly slowed down his ancient auto in the area of my presence. He enquired with a smile if I’d like to ride down the road as far as he was planning to go. Again I declined the offer ever so kindly. In those few moments of offer and refusal, I felt his disbelieving stare, and almost heard him say, “Is it possible that there is one teenager who likes to walk for pleasure in this day and age?”

Then, there was the curious tourist who was busily engaged in applying his brakes on an uphill slant and staring at the sights around him. His gaze picked up my trudging form for a few seconds, and seemed to say,

“Don’t I have the luck with my ’60 Deluxe Convertible Corvette?” When I mentally shook my head, he mentally marked in his head that I was a “native” of Three Rivers, who was stranger than most.

Anyone who thinks for one minute a walk is some display of temporary insanity should think again. What phenomena of nature can you appreciate from the enclosure of a car? How can you study the formation of a strange leaf or plot of land that you encounter, while whizzing around the countryside in a car?

The next time you’re out for a ride and see some poor soul walking in smooth pace, smile and wave while passing him. You may even learn to envy him for the time he can spend “just walking,” unless the pace is maddening and his face is flushed in desperation, save the gas that you’ll lose when letting your car idle while asking him the question, “Would you like a lift?”

You’re almost sure to interrupt a thought which only walking can bring.

Anyone for a walk?

Artifact of the Month
March 2016
John Deere Plow

Located at front porch of museum
It was donated to the museum by the Chan and Elizabeth Wilcox Estate

Artifact of the Month
April 2016
Spanish Spurs

Located in glass cabinet by desk
It was donated to the museum by the Chan and Elizabeth Wilcox Estate

I just wanted to give you a little update on the Woodlake Future Farmers of America (FFA.) February 22-26 was a very busy week for the FFA since it was National FFA Week. During this week, Woodlake FFA had many daily lunchtime activities for our members. We finished the week off with a donkey basketball game where Woodlake played Exeter. It was a very intense game with the final score of 4-5, in a sudden death round where Exeter took home the win.

On the Saturday of the 27th, Woodlake FFA attended the San Joaquin Regional Spring Meeting and placed second with our chapter scrapbook that will compete at the California State FFA Convention in April. There will be 23 Woodlake FFA members attending this conference, with 3 members in the state band, 1 in the state choir and 3 opportunities for the Woodlake FFA to cross the state convention stage in front of over 5,000 FFA members statewide. February was a very busy month for the Woodlake FFA and we are looking forward to March/April being just as active.

Pia Martinez.....
Woodlake High Representative
# 2016 Historical Society & Museum Events

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Three Rivers Volunteer Firefighters, PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Sat., March 19th, 7-11am