



Perris News

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Perris Centennial Calendar Unveiled

The Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association unveiled its Centennial Calendar this week, a 12-month tribute to the City that features historic photos of many of the landmarks that Perris on the map.

Katie Keyes and Midgie Parker, both lifelong residents of the Perris Valley, spoke at the City Council meeting Tuesday, explaining that nearly a year went into the making of the centennial calendar. The pair worked with photographer Bill Hulstrom and graphic designer Dan Yost to create a once-in-a-lifetime calendar that blends historic photos and images of a quaint farming community and pictures of the modern progressive Perris, a place gaining a regional and national reputation as a great City to work, play and live.

"It was a labor of love," Keyes said. "It's always important to remember your roots. We had a fun learning experience and we enjoyed it."

The Perris Centennial Calendar is available for \$10 and can be purchased at the Perris Depot Building at Fourth and C Streets. The Depot is open Thursdays through Sundays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Keyes said the calendar historians sorted through a trove of pictures captured through the decades since Perris incorporated as a City on May 26, 1911. The front page of the calendar is taken from a post card sent from Perris soon after it incorporated and also includes a collectible plate from the Perris Mercantile Company from 1911.

The photo collection includes pictures from the Depot, Bank of Perris, Southern Hotel, Rock House, City Hall and City Council Chambers. It also includes images from when agriculture was king of Perris, including a page devoted to potato farmer Norman Hughes, who owned property at Perris Boulevard and Rider Street in the 1950s, which was outside the City limits at the time. The calendar also includes a montage of photos taken from the same location on D and Fifth streets in 1910, 1950 and 2010, capturing the progress in the form of new businesses, telephone and electrical lines and pavement replacing the original dirt roadway.

Modern images of Perris include pictures taken of Lake Perris and at the Perris Valley Airport. The latter captures a formation jump of women from more than 30 countries who parachuted to raise money for breast cancer awareness and funding.

Perris City officials reacted enthusiastically after this week's presentation.

Mayor Daryl Busch called the calendar "wonderful."

"It's loaded with marvelous pictures," he said. "You've done an excellent job."

Mayor Pro-Tem Joanne Evans said the calendar was "really great" and praised Keyes, Parker and Yost on their "awesome job."

City Councilwoman Rita Rogers said she was pleased to see "so much of the wonderful history of Perris preserved."

City Councilman Mark Yarbrough the Centennial Calendar is a fitting tribute for a centennial City.

"You only get to turn 100 once," he said. "Thanks for all the hard work."

City Councilman Al Landers said he appreciated the historical and museum association taking a leading role in helping Perris celebrate its 100th birthday.

"I want to extend my warmest thanks for all the great work they have done and will do over the next year," he said. Keyes asks that anyone requesting a Centennial Calendar who cannot get to the Perris Depot call there at (951) 657-0274 or call her at (951) 956-9081.

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Midgie Parker, a member of the Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association, displays the Centennial Calendar during this week's meeting of the Perris City Council.



Katie Keyes turns to the page commemorating the historic Bank of Perris.



A close-up of the Perris Centennial Calendar.