

Yolo County Historical Society



Prez Says

I love FALL! The colors make me happy. The warm days and the crisp nights sooth my soul. I love FALL!



We are in the process of renewing memberships in our group. Many of you have been very generous and are helping support our projects in this county. Thank you so much. Thank you to David Wilkinson for writing a great book and Mary Aulman along with David for strategizing and selling *Gertrude's Oaks*. Remember Christmas is coming, and it is a great gift for family especially if they have moved away and still want a connection to their roots. The book can be purchased at [Local Inspirations](#) (Woodland), [The Haven](#) (Woodland), [Remember When](#) (Woodland), [Hattie Weber Museum](#) (Davis), [The Avid Reader](#) (Davis), [Winters History Museum](#) (Winters), and [Amazon](#).



Thank you also go to Rob Coman who has taken over the membership job of the Society and to Mardi Bagan who has taken over the distribution of the newsletter. You are appreciated. There are still a few jobs that need to be filled. One is organizing workers for the fairgrounds and the other involves the schoolhouse. We haven't been able to open yet. I am hoping that we can open in the spring.

We have been moving forward with our First Fridays. Our October spot was **Emils Shoes** in Woodland. It was very successful and appreciated by our visitors. Again, thank you go to Pat Campbell, Jane Niehues and Marty Bagan for being docents. In November we are returning to **Corner Drug** in Woodland. I've included some historical information about the building in the newsletter (see page 2).

Moira Fitzgerald from Capay Valley came to the last board meeting and requested that The Yolo County Historical Society, a 501c3, oversee the donations for the restoration of Camp Haswell. It is a WPA building and is located on Cache Creek. The board accepted that responsibility (more information in the newsletter on page 4).



We also donated \$200 to **Tilly Fest** on Saturday, November 5. The focus is on *Tilly Alcartra* who set world records for her milk production from 1914-1920. There are many activities planned by the Native Sons of the Golden West, Parlor 30 under the direction of Dino Gay. There is information in this newsletter on page 6. It sounds like fun.

More information in the newsletter regarding the Yolo County Fair Museum (page 5).

Again, as always, History Rules,
Kathy Harryman, President



Business Buddies – please support the local businesses. They support the *Yolo County Historical Society*.

Corner Drug, Home Improvements Group, Local Inspirations, Simas Family Vineyard.

Corner Drug – A Timeless History of Service to the Community by Kathy Harryman

Located at 602 Main Street, this building was built in 1890 by Joseph and George Jacobs. They ran it as a dry goods store until 1897 when Wallace Pond bought the store and opened a pharmacy. In 1934, Jess Vickery bought the store and named it "Corner Drug." In 1959, he became partners with Howard Gregg and Karl Hanke. Karl had begun working at the store in 1940 as a delivery boy. After attending pharmacy school, Karl returned to Woodland. He married, had one child, Lisa Shelley, who bought the business from her parents in 1999. Her daughter Sara, who is also a pharmacist, now runs the business.



This building originally housed doctors' offices in the back – Dr. Nichols, Dr. Morrison, and Dr. Fred Fairchild, one of the founders of the Woodland Clinic. They were there until a fire started in 1948. The doctors then moved to a building currently housing Nichols-Copeland Office building at 500 First Street (looks like a French cottage).

The pharmacy then took over the entire building.

This store was the first Walgreen agency in the state of California in 1934. The oak fixtures in the building were built by Walgreens. That is why when you enter any old pharmacies in other towns, you see this type of décor. Walgreens built the original store sign. In 1979, Walgreens decided to stop 'agency' stores and build their own buildings. Hence, Walgreens is now in Woodland.

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continued – **Corner Drug**

This pharmacy sold a lot of liquor. It had its liquor license until 1979. It was also one of the biggest stores in Northern California to sell cameras. Remember when drug stores sold lots more than drugs!

There is some controversy about the origin of the neon tube sign in the front of the building. This is the second neon sign. When Karl bought the building, one of his expenses was to lease the sign. He bought out the contract which had been in effect from 1948-1980 for \$500. He was not one to waste money.

Outside the building

The building was originally built in the elaborate Victorian Italianate style. But in 1910, it was remodeled and became one of Woodland’s first Mission Revival buildings including the use of stucco, bracketed rille hoods above the corner windows, curved roofs, and the quatrefoil for design.

On the east side of the building, you can still see the remnants of a stairwell that lead to a bar that was quite popular before prohibition. Prohibition closed the basement bar.

The alley in the back of the building was not there. There was a building that was directly on the south side. When doing some plumbing repairs, a foundation was found under the asphalt.

Inside the building

The family has collected their own artifacts from the early years of the store. There is a public scale that was used outside of the building. Go ahead and weigh yourself in public! I dare you!!

There is also the original typewriter that was used to type prescriptions.

Check out the prescriptions and the bottles on the wall. Since pharmacists were chemists, there is a shelf with the herbal medicines. Be sure to check out the Byrns Hotel Registers with the written prescriptions glued over the top of the names. Nothing went to waste in this store.

Congratulations to the Hanke/Shelly family for all their years in business serving the patrons of Woodland and the surrounding area. Here’s to another 100 years.

DUES ARE DUE!

- Yearly dues (membership runs from 7/1 to 6/30)
- \$25 Household
- \$50 Business (name in all the newsletters)
- \$100 Patron (name in all the newsletters and a discount on our trips)
- *We are a 5013c tax deductible organization – ID# 23-7086043*
- *Make out check to Yolo County Historical Society.*
- Mail to: YCHS
- PO Box 1447
- Woodland, CA 95776

CAMP HASWELL

1999 Hwy 16, Rumsey, CA 95679

Located 2 miles north of the town of Rumsey along State Highway 16. This old Boy Scout Camp is ideally situated to enjoy Cache Creek, have a picnic, or just pull off the road for a rest in the summer.

Potable water is not available. A portable restroom is available in the summer. The park is heavily used by rafters as a take-out site. Overnight Camping is prohibited. Closed at sunset.



Along the creek side of Cache Creek stands a stone building that was built in the 1930's as one of many WPA projects in the country. This building is named *Camp Haswell* and has been known in the area as the *Boy Scout Cabin*.

The cabin is made of local creek stone and mortar and was funded by the Works Progress Administration and built by the local people.

Today, it is a popular picnic area and local swimming hole and is used to launch kayaks. The building has survived the flooding of the creek because it lacks closed windows and doors. When the creek floods the water just flows through the building.

A local group, including a contractor, will work on restoring the roof. If you are interested in contributing any money to this WPA project, send a check made out to the Yolo County Historical Society, PO Box 1447, Woodland, CA 95776, with Camp Haswell on the memo line.



Photos from Christine's Blog [Everyday is a New Adventure](#)

Fair Museum Update

by Kathy Harryman

We are still glowing from all the great comments about the museum during the fair. We have calculated the monies received and paid out. We spent \$5425.73. We received \$3230 from Big Day of Giving. Obviously, we spent more than we received, so YCHS donated \$2195.73.



The monies were spent on glass for some of the cabinets, light strips, bulbs, whiteboard for the window frames, and wood to finish off the windows. We bought foam board, a sign, paid for printing, hanging strips, and other miscellaneous items.

Dino and I met with Bart Vanucchi, the Fair Director, regarding the meeting we had with historical groups on October 12. We asked that the building be opened one time per month on the second Saturday. The hours would be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The building would be staffed by the various organizations that are in the museum. For example, on January 14, the Yolo County Historical Society would staff it. In February, the Railroad Museum would staff it, and on March 11, another historical group would serve. The goal is to have the museum open to the residents of the county and have the staffing burden distributed across the organizations.

We decided that we would have our official open house on the weekend of the Craft Event, December 3-4. We will be open during the craft show. We might have a train set up in the museum! Such fun!!

Patrons

The following folks support the *Yolo County Historical Society*. We could not run this organization without their help. Thank you very much!

You, also, can be a patron by **contributing** \$100 or more.

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| Starr and Jeff Barrow | Barbara Graham | Marcia Reemts |
| Ryan Baum and Alice Wong | Richard Harrison | Carol Rose |
| Bob Bigelow | Kathy Harryman | Meg and Tom Stallard |
| Don and Pat Campbell | Dan and Sarah Hrdy | Roz Stone |
| Odette & Dana Christensen | Steve and Teri Laugenour | Mike Truitt Family |
| Katharine Ashly Cobb | Dr. Frank and Mrs. Liz Lemus | Phil and Kris Turner |
| Rob & Liz Coman | Nancy Hatcher McCullogh | Ramon and Karen Urbano |
| Paul & Leila Crist | Jane Niehaus | Lydia and Steve Venables |
| Tom Crisp | Claudia and Mac Owens | Lynn Wilen |
| Mark and Merrily DuPree | Marjorie Pearce | David Wilkinson |
| Jon and Barbara Durst | Jane Proctor | Peggy Witham |
| Gerda & Marc Faye | | |

Sponsors and vendors

Presented by **Woodland Parlor 30, Native Sons of the Golden West, TILLYfest** will help establish a Woodland history museum. The free event celebrates the life and times of **Tilly Alcartra** and local agricultural history... so sponsors and vendors like **YOU** are important! Following are levels and fees:

Grand Champion Patrons

We're looking for top level supporters. If you're in the dairy industry or involved in agricultural, this would be a perfect partnership. Individual underwriters who support local history are also encouraged to participate at this level.

\$2,000 • *Benefits: Above title recognition and top listing in publicity and advertising, recognition in sponsoring a band (with VIP seating), table of six at breakfast presentation, exhibitor booth and gift box*

Host Venue!

Attention restaurants and bars with space to host bands or musicians: We invite you to be a partner at TILLYfest! We're asking host venues to cover the cost of the entertainment. We can suggest Bluegrass or other American Roots artists (with or without sponsors) or you can hire your own talent directly. We'll list you and the acts on posters, flyers and publicity. Costs will vary due to needs and availability.

\$500+/- • *Benefits: Prominent listing in publicity and advertising, more customers, table of six at breakfast presentation and gift basket*

Blue Ribbon Sponsors

We're seeking sponsors from the business community who understand the importance of promoting our local agricultural history. Your financial or in-kind support is greatly appreciated!

\$500 • *Benefits: Prominent listing in publicity and advertising, table of six at breakfast presentation, gift basket and option for an exhibitor booth*

Moosic Circle

Directly support a band, duet or soloist at a level listed below. You may choose from our selected American Roots artists or be matched appropriately with musicians. All levels receive recognition during performances and on event publications.

\$100 • *Performance and publication recognition*

\$200 • *Recognition and a gift*

\$300 • *Recognition, gift and two breakfast presentation passes*

\$400 • *Recognition, gift and four breakfast presentation passes*

Tilly's Rise and Shine Club

A history presentation by author **Lynne Gough** (*Asa and the Holstein Queen*) will begin at 9 am at **Blue Note Brewing** with a **silent auction**. Breakfast tacos and burritos from the plancha will be served by **Yaqui's Cantina**. Learn all about **TillyAlcartra!**

\$120 sponsorship for table of six • *Reserved table for six*

\$25 individual supporter • *One seat at a shared table*



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022
HERITAGE PLAZA • BLUE NOTE BREWING

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WOODLAND

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Lynne Gough, Asa and the Holstein Queen
Blue Note Brewing • NextHome Golden State
The Burger Saloon • North Valley Hay
Yaqui's Cantina • The Daily Democrat
C.O.W. (City of Woodland) • Marco Brando

visit TILLYfest.org

Questions? Contact Dino, dinogay@sbcglobal.net or (530) 383-0772

Vintage, Craft and Ag Fair

There will be 31 tent spaces available (10 x 10). 17 in the plaza and 14 in the parking lot just north of the plaza (see map). We are inviting vendors who sell vintage items, artisan and craft items and ag goods and products.

\$70 per space • *Reserve your space now, you'll be listed in publicity.*

Please consider a donation to the silent auction at our breakfast!

Showcase Tables

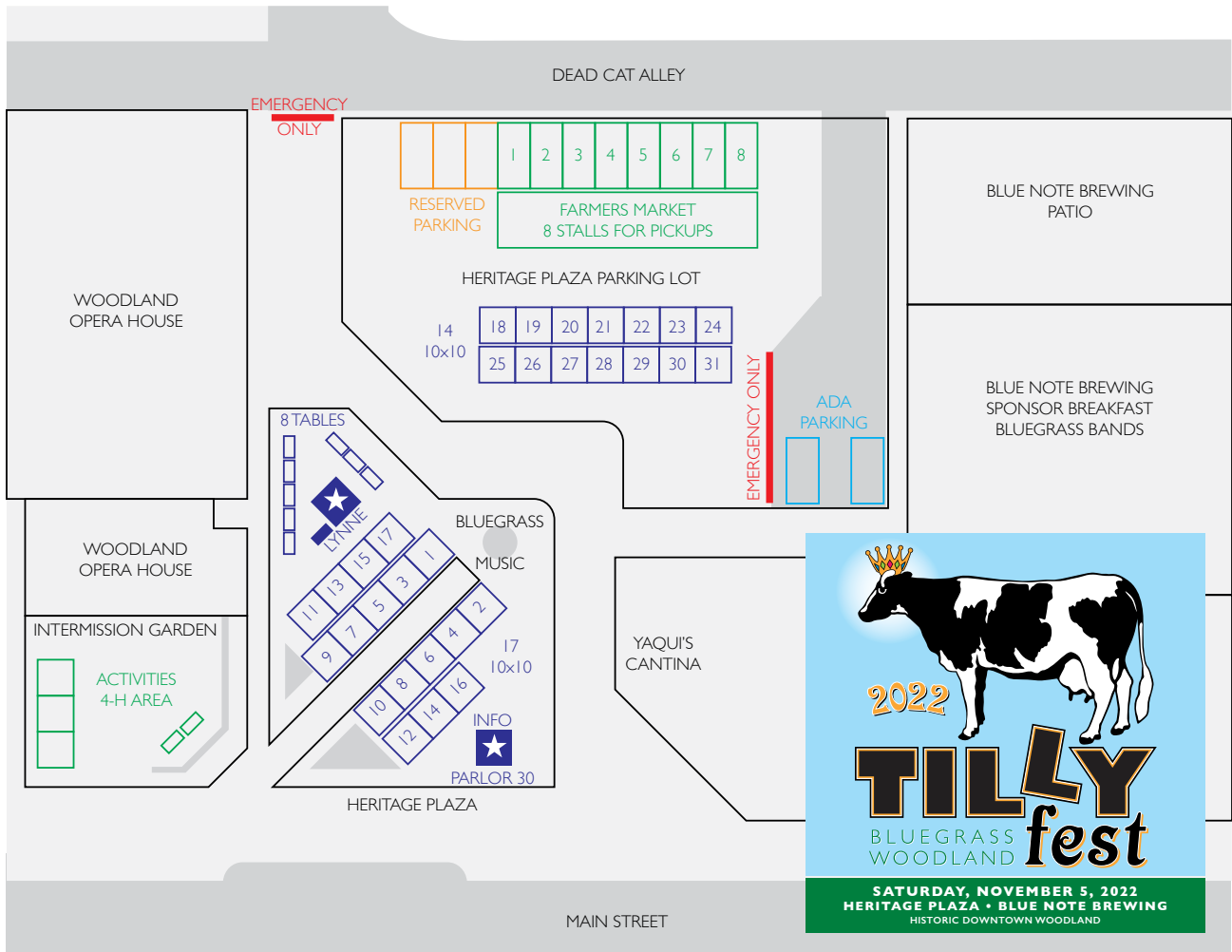
There will be eight six-foot standard folding tables located next to the Woodland Opera House (see map). This is an affordable option for selling small items or for a nonprofit exhibitor. No need to haul a table, one will be there for you.

\$40 per table • *One table per exhibitor only*

Farmers Market

There will be eight pickup stalls in the parking lot along Dead Cat Alley (see map). We're inviting the farming community to sell fresh produce, dried or packaged goods or gift items from your tailgate. We encourage old pickups for ambiance.

FREE • *With a friendly suggestion for a 10% commission from sales*



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Dated Material

Submitting letters and articles

Format articles in Word and send as email attachments to Kathy Harryman khwoodland@aol.com

Change of Address

Please notify Kathy Harryman khwoodland@aol.com of any address changes (it costs nearly \$1.00 to get your correct address from the Post Office and your newsletter mailing is delayed). Or sign up for delivery as an email PDF attachment (see above email).

Vision Statement

The Yolo County Historical Society strives to preserve, protect and acknowledge the diverse history of Yolo County through education, communication and advocacy.

We are a 5013c tax deductible organization

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