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Summer Saturdays at the Archives

(Woodland, CA) – Starting in May, the Yolo County Archives will again be providing public hours, by appointment-only, one Saturday a month through the remainder of the summer. The open hours on Saturdays are meant to provide residents who may not typically visit the archives, or who are unable to visit during regular business hours, opportunity to do research on a variety of subjects.

The user-friendly Yolo County Archives are commonly used for purposes of researching the history of homes or businesses, for genealogical searches, or for historical research. The archives contain materials, some dating back to the county's beginning in 1850, relating to property and tax records, court documents, Board of Supervisors records, and maps and blueprints, as well as various reference items including county history books, photograph collections, over 25,000 obituaries in alphabetical order, and church and cemetery records.

“Our archives staff welcomes both beginner and experienced researchers alike,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “Want to know more about your family history? Visit the archives. Want to know the history of your house? Visit the archives. Our experienced and knowledgeable archive staff is here to help.”

“In our archives we’ve seen local history buffs conduct research on a broad range of topics including the history of African Americans in Yolo County, historic landscapes and gardens, the irrigation and water ways of the county, and even a search for sunken ships,” said Archives Coordinator Mel Russell. “The Yolo County Archives is the primary source for the history of Yolo County.”

The summary Saturdays schedule is 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following days:

May 30
Jun. 27
Jul. 25
Aug. 29

No previous experience with archives is required. Appointments to visit the Yolo County Archives can be made by calling (530) 666-8010 or by e-mailing: mel.russell@yolocounty.org. For the protection of the many valuable resources available in the Yolo County Archives, visitors are asked to leave food, drink and pens behind.

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