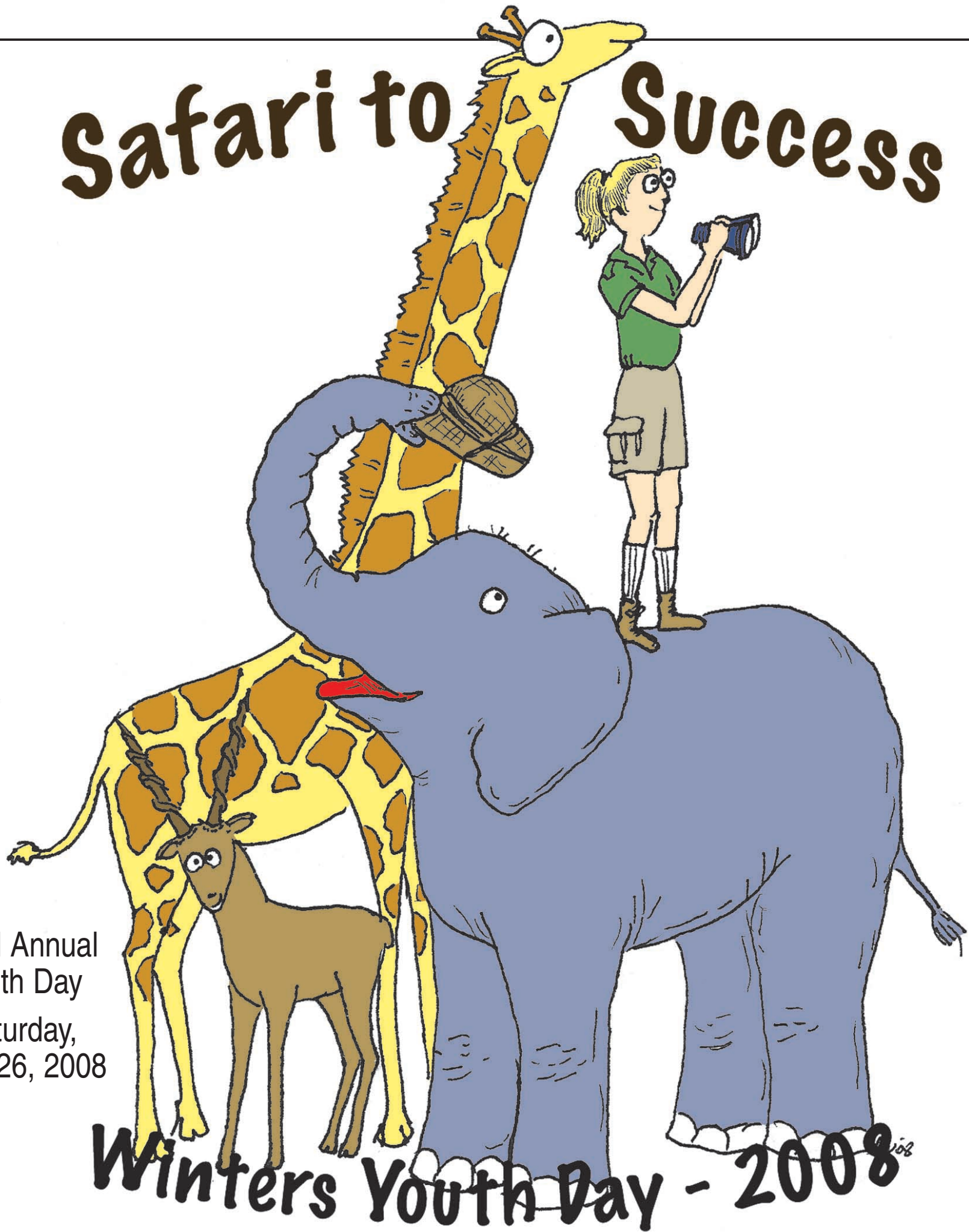


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72nd Annual  
Youth Day  
Saturday,  
April 26, 2008

**Winters Youth Day - 2008**



# 72nd Annual Winters Youth Day

## April 26, 2008

Time	Event	Place
<b>Friday, April 25th</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremonies	Community Center
<b>Saturday, April 26th</b>		
6:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Rotary Pancake Breakfast	Community Center
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Youth Day Fun Run	WHS Track
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Kiddie Parade	Main Street
10:00 a.m. - noon	70th Annual Youth Day Parade	Main Street
Noon - 5:00 p.m.	Food and Craft Booths	City Park
Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Annual Kid s Faire	Little League Field
Noon - 5 p.m.	Horseshoe Tournament (Registration at 10:00 a.m.)	City Park
Noon - 2 p.m.	Stage Entertainment	City Park Stage
2 p.m. 3 p.m.	Parade Awards	City Park Stage
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Youth Karaoke Contest	City Park Stage
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Lip Sync Contest	City Park Stage
5:00 p.m.	Park Closing Celebration & Clean-up	City Park



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### Youth Day Fun Run will take place

In the early morning on April 26, before the Youth Day parade rolls down Main Street and the City Park comes to life with excited children, a 5 kilometer “Fun Run” will take place at the high school track. The event, which will have a 7 a.m. sign-in time and a 7:30 a.m. start, is called “Keeping a Healthy Pace On Life.” It’s sponsored by Winters Healthcare Foundation, Inc. and costs \$15 per person, \$25 per couple, and \$10 for children. Walkers and strollers are welcome, so feel free to bring your baby. All participants will receive a tee shirt. For more information, call John or Jean at 795-0597.

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1962 - Warren Adams and DeeDee Gomez buckle up for a ride through the Youth Day Parade.

Sweethearts

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- 1951 - Rosemarie McKenzie
- 1952 - Angie Biasi
- 1953 - Sharon Goetze
- 1954 - Carmen Cuberos
- 1955 - Pearl Martin
- 1956 - Ann Martin
- 1957 - Isabel Rojo
- 1958 - Linda Owings
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- 1961 - Juanita Estepa
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- 1963 - Gerry Martin
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- 1966 - Deanne Gomez
- 1967 - Claudette Maxim
- 1968 - Joyce Warren
- 1969 - Candy Trafican
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- 1971 - Ellen Kammerer
- 1972 - Debbie Gomez
- 1973 - Sheila Pinkston
- 1974 - Pilar Jimenez
- 1975 - Connie Javier
- 1976 - Darla Humphrey
- 1977 - Debbie Rojo
- 1978 - Levada Russell
- 1979 - Keri Graf
- 1980 - Helen Hemenway

- 1981 - Jennifer Muller
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- 1983 - Cara Hill
- 1984 - Charmaine Capps
- 1985 - Eva Leal
- 1986 - Isabel Campos
- 1987 - Lidia Rodriguez
- 1988 - Jenny Ramos
- 1989 - Carolyn Garcia
- 1990 - Heidi Erickson
- 1991 - Rita Guzman
- 1992 - Erin Taylor
- 1993 - Lisa Olson
- 1994 - Nancy Walton
- 1995 - Kristina Knabke
- 1996 - Erin Autry
- 1997 - Jenne Ehnat
- 1998 - Brandi Alvera

- 1999 - Adrene Solorio
- 2000 - Natalia Franco
- 2001 - Edith Rodriguez
- 2002 - Jenaye Shepherd
- Sweethearts/ Sweethunks**
- 2003 - Melanie Stocking and Tyler Von Kraitz
- 2004 - Beth Curry and Chad Stocking
- 2005 - Leticia Rodriguez and Piedad Junoz
- 2006 - Jackie Stocking and Jacob Thorne
- 2007 - Kelsy Fox
- Mat Catalan

Karen Lynne is Youth Day Grand Marshal

By DEBRA LO GUERCIO Express editor

When Youth Day Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian showed up at the Winters Parent Nursery School recently, wearing his Youth Day Cap, WPNS director Karen Benson Neil assumed he was seeking parade volunteers and offered her support. However, she was astounded by what Sebastian said next: "I'm here to shake the Youth Day Grand Marshal's hand."

Karen says it took her a moment to realize he was talking about her. "The Grand Marshal is supposed to be somebody like Bobbie Greenwood or Gloria Marion or Jean Harvey," says Karen, who adds that it still hasn't completely sunken in that she may be leading the next generation of Bobbie Greenwoods, who leave their indelible mark on the community for the better. While Karen adapts to the idea of being honored

on Youth Day this year, she says her family has already responded with typical Benson enthusiasm. Her son, Brock, intends to come home from college for her big day, and her parents, John and Darlene, are already planning a celebratory barbecue and asked her if she'd like to wear a crown in the parade. Karen says she just might. "This is the closest I'll ever get to being Miss Universe!" Karen, in turn, attributes

her decades of devotion to the community to the example set by her parents. The Benson legacy of service to the Winters began in 1972, when the family — which includes Karen's three brothers, Phil, Kent and Drew — moved to Winters from Southern California. They didn't waste any time getting involved with local activities. "When we moved here, my biggest role models were my parents. We were

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Grand

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welcomed with open arms and became very community based. Some of my earliest memories are building Youth Day floats in my dad's shop.” She says Youth Day has been a special event in her life ever since, and she always knew it was time for Youth Day when she could smell orange blossoms in the air. Throughout her childhood, Karen marched in the parades, built and rode in floats, manned booths at the park, played the clarinet in the march-

ing band and the highlight, serving as the parade drum major in the 8th grade. “It was a really big deal to get to be the drum major for Youth Day,” she says. Besides Youth Day, FFA was another major activity in the Benson family. Karen was the first female Winters chapter FFA president. Her brother, ag teacher Kent Benson, now heads the FFA program at Winters High School. Karen credits FFA for learning about leadership and how to organize community events, a skill she clearly carried into adulthood. It was FFA that interest-

ed Karen in agriculture. Following graduation from Winters High School in 1985, she went on to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study ag, which oddly enough led her in a completely different direction. “Every time I walked from the dorms to the ag building, I walked by the child development center playground, and I'd look through the fence and think, ‘This is what I want to do,’ not be learning about chickens.” She decided to change her educational path, and enrolled at Solano Community College because of its excellent early childhood education program,

and notes that ironically, she did some of her studies on site at the Winters Parent Nursery school, of which she eventually became the director five years ago. Karen earned an associates degree in child development, and was only 23 when she opened her own daycare center in Winters, the Karen Lynne School, in 1990. She carried her love of Youth Day right into the school, and made sure that the Karen Lynne preschoolers were a staple in every kiddie parade, just as she does now with the WPNS preschoolers. The Karen Lynne School bustled with activity until

2001, when Karen admits she was getting a little burned out from running the business and in need of a break. She closed the school and went to work for the Winters School District, coordinating the Farm to School program, which focused on teaching fourth and fifth grade students about good nutrition. The centerpiece of the program was a salad bar that offered locally grown produce and introduced students to learning to make healthy choices and learning to love their veggies. The program included field trips to Terra Firma Farms to show students See **GRAND** on page C-5

Past Youth Day Sweethearts

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1933 - None             | 1948 - Jean Adams         | 1963 - Gerry Martin     |
| 1934 - Mildred Clark    | 1949 - Kathleen Clark     | 1964 - Barbara Holmes   |
| 1935 - Jeanne Pleasants | 1950 - Juliann Burket     | 1965 - Gaylene Ichtertz |
| 1936 - Florence Samuels | 1951 - Rosemarie McKenzie | 1966 - Deanne Gomez     |
| 1937 - Avis Clark       | 1952 - Angie Biasi        | 1967 - Claudette Maxim  |
| 1938 - Elda Button      | 1953 - Sharon Goetze      | 1968 - Joyce Warren     |
| 1939 - Alecia Conard    | 1954 - Carmen Cuberos     | 1969 - Candy Trafican   |
| 1940 - Mary Martin      | 1955 - Pearl Martin       | 1970 - Patty Hoskins    |
| 1941 - Betty Vasey      | 1956 - Ann Martin         | 1971 - Ellen Kammerer   |
| 1942 - None             | 1957 - Isabel Rojo        | 1972 - Debbie Gomez     |
| 1943 - Mary Garcia      | 1958 - Linda Owings       | 1973 - Sheila Pinkston  |
| 1944 - Ruth Baker       | 1959 - Janet Martin       | 1974 - Pilar Jimenez    |
| 1945 - Josie Rojo       | 1960 - Lynn Gaddini       | 1975 - Connie Javier    |
| 1946 - Teresa Perez     | 1961 - Juanita Estepa     | 1976 - Darla Humphrey   |
| 1947 - Marlene Hague    | 1962 - Betty Ann Carrion  | 1977 - Debbie Rojo      |
|                         |                           | 1978 - Levada Russell   |
|                         |                           | 1979 - Keri Graf        |
|                         |                           | 1980 - Helen Hemenway   |

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1981 - Jennifer Muller | 1935 - Jeanne Pleasants |
| 1982 - Carol Baylor    | 1936 - Florence Samuels |
| 1983 - Cara Hill       | 1937 - Avis Clark       |
| 1984 - Charmaine Capps | 1938 - Elda Button      |
| 1985 - Eva Leal        | 1939 - Alecia Conard    |
| 1986 - Isabel Campos   | 1940 - Mary Martin      |
| 1987 - Lidia Rodriguez | 1941 - Betty Vasey      |
| 1988 - Jenny Ramos     | 1942 - None             |
| 1989 - Carolyn Garcia  | 1943 - Mary Garcia      |
| 1990 - Heidi Erickson  | 1944 - Ruth Baker       |
| 1991 - Rita Guzman     | 1945 - Josie Rojo       |
| 1992 - Erin Taylor     | 1946 - Teresa Perez     |
| 1993 - Lisa Olson      | 1947 - Marlene Hague    |
| 1994 - Nancy Walton    | 1948 - Jean Adams       |
| 1995 - Kristina Knabke | 1949 - Kathleen Clark   |
| 1996 - Erin Autry      | 1950 - Juliann Burket   |
| 1933 - None            |                         |
| 1934 - Mildred Clark   |                         |

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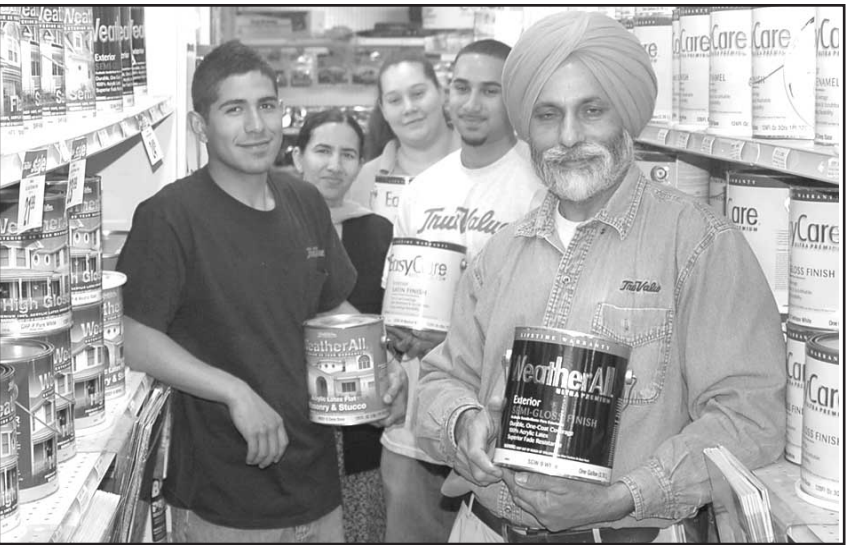


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# GRAND

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just how the things they are eating at lunch are grown and harvested. Unfortunately, the Farm to School program lost its funding and disappeared from Winters Schools. Right about that time, WPNS was in need of a director. With a little encouragement from WPNS supporter Jiley Romney, Karen says she decided to "come back to my first calling: working with children." Because she'd her student practicum work at WPNS 20 years prior, Karen says it was easy to get right into the flow of a parent-cooperative style preschool. She appreciates the value of a play-based social structure, as well as the importance placed on parent participation. Her belief in the parent-cooperative approach encouraged her to become involved with the Sacramento Valley Council of Parent Cooperatives, and she will be part of the committee that will host the state convention of parent cooperatives next year. "What I love about the co-op is that it starts a foundation of parents supporting their kids' education, and when they go on to public schools, parents see how important it is to be involved with their kids at an early age," says Karen. "When parents are involved in some capacity of their children's education, statistics show us that they will be successful students in school." Karen doesn't just talk the talk, she walks the walk. In every aspect of her children's lives, she's been involved with their activities and supporting them all the way, from school to sports. Whenever her children participated in an activity, Karen helped out, whether leading a 4-H group or coordinating the Little League snack shack. When her children were

in elementary school, Karen volunteered her time with the PTA for years. When they both were middle and high school, Karen turned her attention to Grad Nite and volunteered with that group for six years, serving as the chairman last year. Her son, Brock, was an avid Little League player. While Karen's husband, John Neil, served as coach, she was often the team mom, right up through the high school level. With all this family support, as well as a little raw talent, Brock when on to be a star baseball player and now attends Marshall University in West Virginia on a baseball scholarship. Ashlynnne, still only in middle school, has already shown natural charisma on stage, and has participated in both youth drama and community theater, with her most memorable performance as the Cowardly Lion in the local production of "The Wizard of Oz." Both Karen's children were staples on the summer Winters Swim Team, a tradition Karen brought forth from her own childhood. She started swimming on the Winters Swim Team with Bobbi Greenwood when she was only 4 years old. "I had older brothers who threw me in the pool and said, 'Swim!'"

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Karen had her own children in the pool by age 3 and signed them up for the Winters Swim Team too. She says of all the activities her kids have been involved with, swim team is her favorite. Besides being a swim team parent and all that entails, Karen also organized the timers for the races during the years her kids swam.

While participating in her children's activities over the years, Karen still found time for other people's children as well. Besides her daycare duties, Karen became involved with the school district's teen parent program, when it happened to be located in the building next to the Karen Lynne School, and began bringing the young mothers to the school where they could learn about child development.

She became a great supporter of the program and even though she was not herself a teenage parent, Karen says she was a young parent and knew what the challenges were like, as well as the value of having someone encouraging you — particularly

when it came to education. She wanted the girls to know that "even though you have a baby, education is still so important. You have nothing unless you're educated." Karen says she wanted to be there for those young mothers, and to be "their biggest cheerleader to go on to college."

Sadly, the teen parent program also lost its funding after three years, but Karen didn't give up on the concept. She became involved with the teen parent program at the county level, called the Sister Friend Project, which not only helped young mothers, but also provided emotional support for any single woman who needed it. It was during this time that Karen was named "Mother of the Year" in Winters, an honor formerly sponsored by the Winters Express.

Although the teen parent program ended in Winters, Karen found another way to continue being a cheerleader for adolescents and encouraging them to succeed, and joined the Winters Chamber of Commerce education committee, where she volunteers for the lunchtime Job Club program at Winters High School. The program teaches teens how to fill out a resume, conduct

themselves in job interviews, and how to be prepared to apply for summer jobs. Those who successfully complete the program are given a Work Ready certificate.

Karen downplays her devotion to the community and local youth, and says all her efforts just seem like "second nature" because being involved with and supporting the community is part of her family's tradition.

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GRAND

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everyone just pitches in a little bit, things get done. “If everyone does a little bit of something, all our programs could become very successful.” She hopes to be a role model for others in the community to get involved too, and says people can just start small. She advises others to “not be so overwhelmed by taking a volunteer position in the community,” something she has learned by her participation in the local Soroptimist chapter.

“One of my biggest mentors is Soroptimist. Those are women in our community who are business owners or volunteers who have created a path for me for volunteering and taking on community projects, some big and some little.” Karen became a Soroptimist when she opened the Karen Lynne School, along with her mother, who was working in the school at the time. Of all the Soroptimists, she says it’s her mother who “has shown me the path of being involved in the community.” In being honored as this year’s Grand Marshal, Karen says, “I’m representing the Darlene Ben-

son in me. That’s who made me who I am.” And then dabs away a tear or two as she considers that she’s now among the ranks of women and community volunteers she’s looked up to her whole life. Regaining her composure, Karen chuckles about being the Youth Day Grand Marshal. “What a hoot. I feel like I just hit the lottery.” And what did her parents have to say? “They both said how exciting it is to be the parents of the Grand Marshal!” And if all this wasn’t enough reason for Karen to truly appreciate the

honor, she notes that she met her husband on a blind date on Youth Day, 22 years ago. “John has been a great support and partner in everything I’ve endeavored,” she says. “What I didn’t do, he supported, whether it was coaching or volunteering, and I supported him.” And the big question — if Karen is riding in the parade, who will be marching with her preschoolers? Easy, says Karen, they will be with her. She intends to build a Grand Marshal float and have the kids ride with her. “My comfort zone is with the kids on a float. I’m hop-

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1935 - Bill Duncan

1936 - Eddie Baker

1937 - Herman Meyer

1938 - Oscar Holmes

1939 - Jack Mermod

1940 - Edgar Yarberry

1941 - Ted Mermod

1946 - Henry Church

1947 - Lloyd Islip

1948 - Tom Lewis

1949 - Herman Ramos
- 1950 - Larry Warren

1951 - Doyle Pinkston

1952 - John Carbahal

1953 - John Mayhew

1954 - Carl Ramos

1955 - Ray Johnson

1956 - Dale Corbett

1957 - Jim Hyer

1958 - David Sparks

1959 - James West

1960 - John Martinez

1961 - George Duncan

1962 - James Thomas

1963 - Bob Chapman

- 1964 - Don Dote

1965 - Tom Ramos

1966 - Floyd Shimomura

1967 - Rudy Rodriguez

1968 - Stanley Kato

1969 - Charley Wallace

1970 - Archie Humphrey

1971 - Richard Soto

1972 - Randy Washabaugh

1973 - Joe Zaragoza

1974 - Ralph Rosas

1975 - Tim Snow

1976 - Randy Jordan

1977 - Tim Geerts

1978 - Andrew Skaggs

1979 - Sam Biasi
- 1980 - Mark Webster

1981 - Matt Brickey

1982 - Richard Warren

1983 - Ralph Gonzales

1984 - John Campos

1985 - Brian Duncan

1986 - Richard Nitzkowski

1987 - Enrique Jimenez

1988 - Julia Reid

1989 - Virginia Rosas

1990 - Annette Connolly

1991 - Jonah Lindeman

1992 - Errett Crum

1993 - Mike Ancheta

1994 - Lisa Dunham

1995 - Kristina Knabke

- 1996 - Todd Ramos

1997 - Cara Inns

1998 - Brandy Alvera

1999 - Anna Inns

2000 - Heidi Scheeline

2001 - Jimmy Ramos

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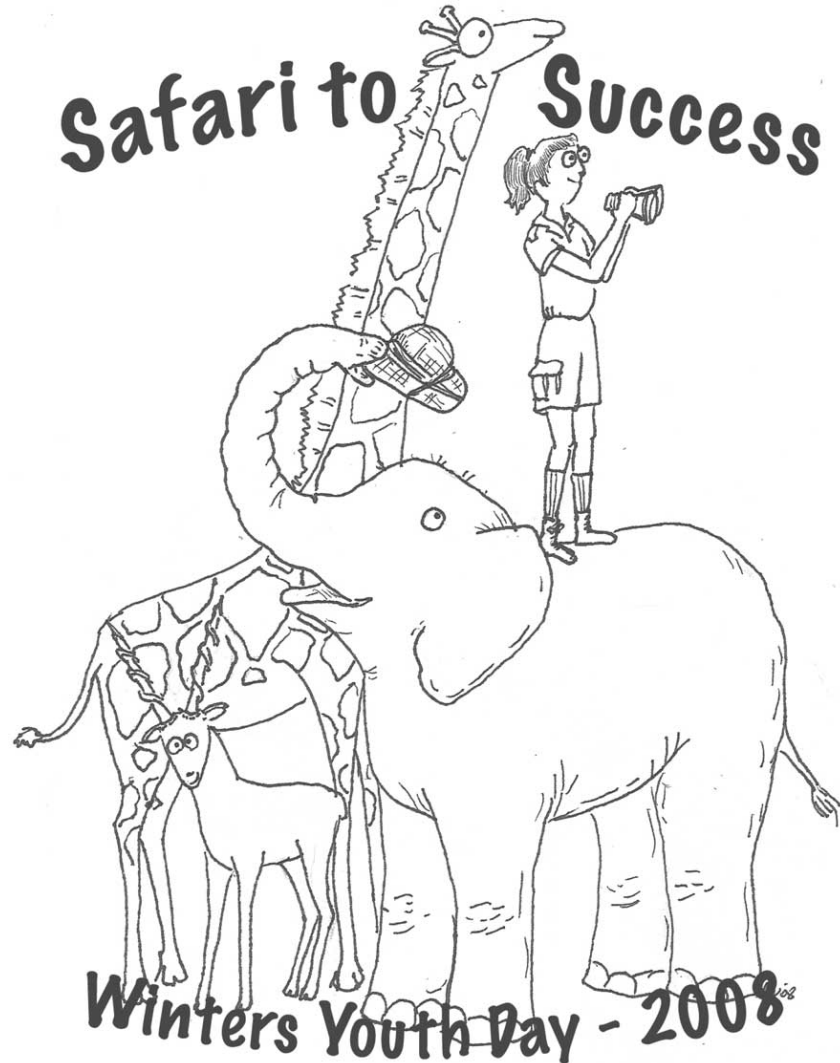
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This group of band members was getting ready for the 1964 Youth Day parade. Pictured from left to right were Billy Bishop, David Wemp, Kathleen Hemenway, Andy Danzero, Don Schroeder, Ann Willis, Dale Butler and Kathy Joens



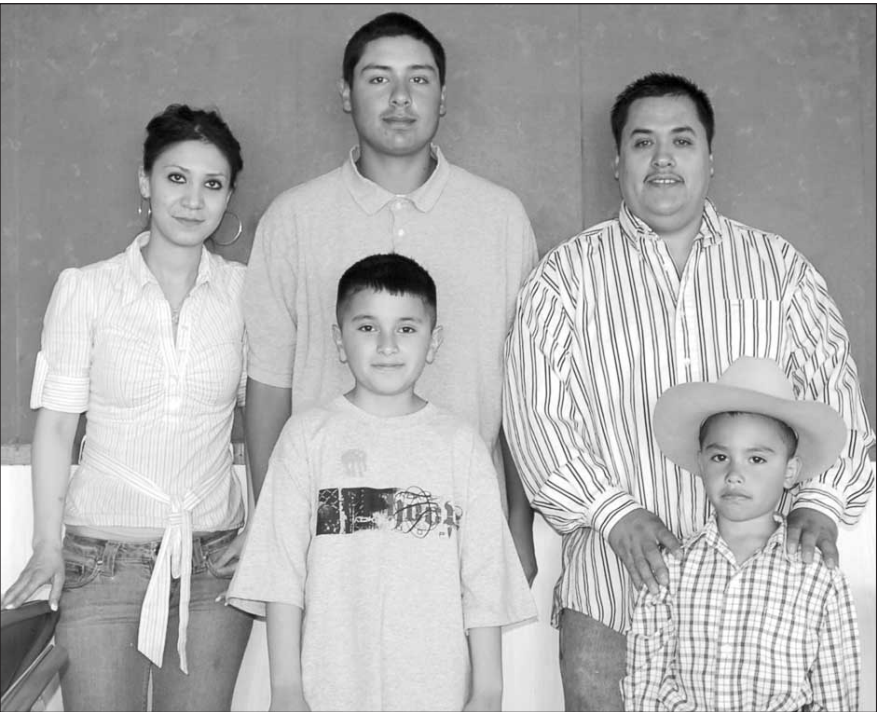
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# Skaggs named Honorary Grand Marshal

By JUSTIN COX  
Staff writer

Kathy Skaggs doesn't like being publicly recognized for what she does. But, since the things she does are so consistently selfless, loving and charitable, public recognition has become more or less unavoidable. Involved in programs like Toys for Tots and committed to helping raise funds for the Winters Fire Department, her involvement runs deep. She was recently selected to be the Honorary Grand Marshal at this year's Youth Day parade. She will be celebrated during the

opening ceremonies on April 25 and will ride in the parade on April 26.

Fire Department Secretary Robbie Rubio will be driving Skaggs' white Mustang in the Parade. Skaggs recently received a call from Rubio asking if the car could be used, to which Skaggs said yes. Rubio then informed Skaggs that she was the Honorary Grand Marshal, meaning she would have to ride in the back seat and wave to the crowd.

"I told her that if I've got to be in the parade, she's driving me," said Skaggs, whose appreciation for the Fire Department's work

could not possibly be measured. Her contributions however, can, and they ring up at just under \$13,000 (\$12,912.94 to be exact).

The money was earned through a series of extremely large garage sales held over the past four years. With the help of some friends and neighbors she has organized and hosted one each summer.

The event is advertised well in advance so as to ensure the quality and quantity of the donations. She then responds to all interested parties and personally picks up the donated items, which

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Pictured above was the Youth Day City Council in 1948. They are, left to right: Joe Mayes, Al Graf, Mayor Tom Lewis, Larry Warren and Doyle Pinkston. Larry Warren served as Youth Day Mayor in 1950, and Doyle Pinkston served as Youth Day Mayor in 1951.



Louanne Sparks and Bill Cody are shown leaving the voting booth in 1950 after casting their votes for Youth Day officials. Larry Warren was elected Youth Day Mayor that year.



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HIGHLIGHTS

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**1936**  
**4th Youth Day**  
Governor Frank Merriam was the guest speaker on the Possibilities of Youth. The governor remained for the night show. Eddie Baker was mayor.

**1937**  
**5th Youth Day**  
Lt. Governor Hatfield was the speaker, and the mayor was Herman Meyer. Councilmen were: Goodwin Horigan, Alicia Conard, Willie Guthrie, Douglas Fenley,

Jack McKenzie, Herbert Connor Jr.; clerk was Barbara Gwartney; treasurer was Elda Button; and judge was Rene Rossi.

**1938**  
**6th Youth Day**  
It rained that year, but a thousand people attended. Rev. Barkman had departed to another field of labor, and Dr. A. M. Herron took over the general chairmanship. For the first time, guest mayors were chosen from other schools. They were among the guests on the platform at the citizenship hour. Oscar Holmes was acting mayor and Dr. T. W. McQuarrie,

head of San Jose Teachers' College, was the speaker. Councilmen were: Mildred Thomson, Laura Gale, Betty-mae Niemann, Violet Siranian, Jack Muro and Wayne Sharp; Jean Wehrman was clerk; Wayne Clark, judge; Jean Griffin, treasurer. Elwin Martin was chairman of the evening show.

**1939**  
**7th Youth Day**  
A new attraction and one in which many were interested was the model airplane contest, directed by W. R. Pugh. Jack Mermod was mayor and Judge John Pullen gave a fine speech about

Youth in the Changing World. Councilmen were: Robert Gale, Edgar Yarberry, Alfonso Carrion and Boyd Hall; clerk, Bert Coman; Henry Gutierrez, treasurer; and Harry Fredericks, judge.

**1940**  
**8th Youth Day**  
Administering civic affair for the day were Don Clark, George Pede, Claire Peterson, Dorothy Martin, Alfonso Carrion, Bert Coman and Elmer Scott. A new feature was the SCAL track meet that drew many spectators in the afternoon. Edgar Yarberry was the mayor for the day.

**1941**  
**9th Youth Day**  
A record crowd of 2500 was present. The last prewar observance was the 1941 Youth Day. An attractive evening show was given by the Northern California WPA Negro Chorus, presented by Elmer Keeton. Ted Mermod was elected as Youth Day mayor, but because he had the mumps, his good friend, Charley Graf, stood in for him that day.

See more highlights in next year's Youth Day special edition

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come in from all over Yolo County and surrounding cities. In the weeks leading up to the event, the collected items are stacked along the walls of her living room, ultimately standing so tall that she can no longer see out the windows. "The house gets immaculately loaded," she says. "My husband just smiles, grunts and walks into the house." On the day of the sale the items are placed throughout her yard, in her husband's boat shed and in a party tent on the street. They are organized so that visitors can easily navigate throughout it as if at "department store." To some locals she has been dubbed the "Yard Sale Queen." The yearly extravaganza has been forever etched into her reputation. She's quick to point out however that it is not intended to reflect her personality, but to simply assist the very deserving Fire Department. "There's a lot of equipment they could be using to save lives," she says. "They're going to help each and every one of us

one day." Unfortunately, no garage sale has been planned for this summer, as Skaggs recently underwent a successful total knee-replacement surgery after suffering a fall in her driveway. With another knee surgery in the near future, she hopes to again pick up the responsibility as soon as her health allows her to do so. "I'll only be 66," she says. "Once my other knee is replaced, I'll be strong enough to do it again. Until then, I'll just keep baking cookies and bringing them down to the station. I think they're overdue for their

peanut butter right now." She'd love to see the garage sale take place, but knows she can't currently take on the responsibility. "I'd love to help out anybody interested," she says, "But if nobody can take it on, that's okay too." Another of Skaggs' contributions to both the Fire Department and the local community has been her work with Toys for Tots, which provides new, unwrapped toys to needy children around Christmas time. Community members may donate either toys or cash to the Fire Department, which then arranges to give the toys to kids who may have otherwise gone without. "There are a lot of kids in Winters that need to know that Santa didn't forget them," she says. "If anybody has ideas for how we can help raise money for the kids for Toys for Tots, it would make my year." Skaggs is a caring person, and with this care she is very generous. She loves the Fire Department, so she goes to great lengths to help them out. She loves children, so she helps provide for them. She loves Winters, so she does her

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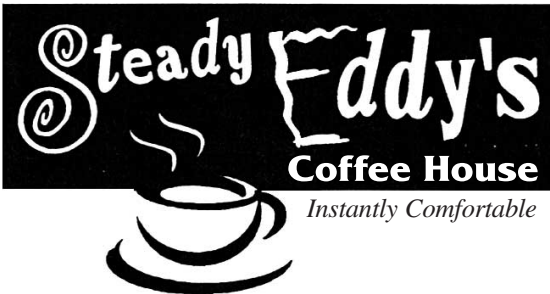
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part to make it a nice place to live.

Skaggs worked for some years as a babysitter, finding the job deeply satisfying. She soon realized however that a certain sadness always awaited, as each child was intent on growing up and eventually living life beyond her care.

"I fall in love too fast," she says, as a group of puppies begin to bark in her backyard, reminding her of yet another of her loves: breeding Yorkies. Similar to babysit-

ting, she must watch as each puppy grows up and eventually moves beyond her care and into a new home. She has been breeding Yorkies since 1971, just one year before she moved to Winters.

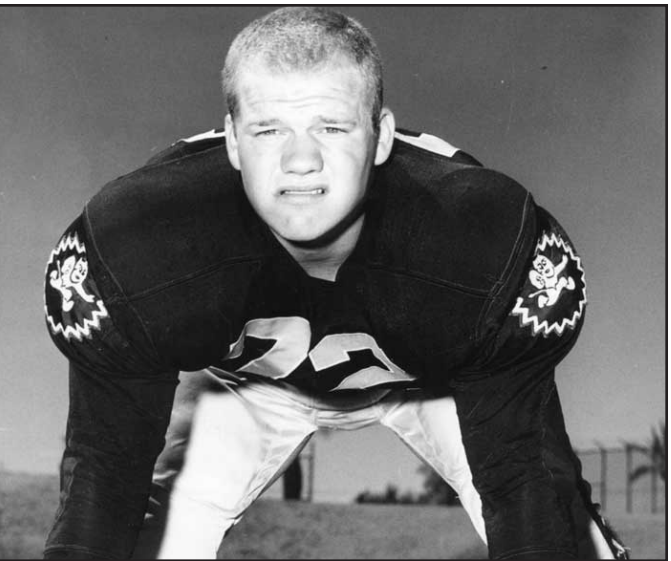
"My husband and I used to ride motorcycles a lot," she says. "We were on our way to Berreyessa and we came through this little town. We just knew that this was where we wanted to be. The thought of leaving could never become more than just that, a thought."

Skaggs highly values events like Youth Day and the Earthquake Festival. And as much as she does not seek public recognition for her actions,

she looks forward to being a part of the celebration.

"I love people watching," she says, pointing out that she's excited to walk to the park with her family and neighbors in the afternoon on Youth Day. She will then have an opportunity to visit friends and watch as kids and parents partake in the festivities together.

Earlier that same morning, she'll take a seat in the back of her Mustang and roll down Main Street, throwing candy from her car to the crowds of children. People-watching opportunities get no more opportune.



Joe Young didn't get to be a Youth Day mayor, but he did get to play football for Arizona State.

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Highlights of past Winters Youth Days

History of Youth Day as compiled by students in the late 60s. Source of the information was a summary published in the Winters Express in 1948 and other Express stories through the years. The summary was given to the Express by Mike Sebastian.

The brief history of Winters Youth Day from 1968-1990 was compiled by 1990 Parade Chairman Mike Sebastian.

1933  
1st Youth Day

Back in 1933 Rev. C. P. Barkman, local Presbyterian pastor, and Dr. A. M. Herron, high school principal had a consultation. They discussed a lot of ideas and held some conferences. The observance of the first Youth Day began April 29, 1933.

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two founders incorporated support for a parade, competitive games, a bountiful picnic luncheon and general sociability along with a citizenship program to accomplish their aims. They enlisted business and social organizations' help.

1934  
2nd Youth Day

Modes of conveyance were used in various forms, with the horse and buggy much in evidence. There were single


and double rigs, horseback riders, buggies, and surreys in the trappings of the Gay 90's; baby buggies of yesterdays and toy wagons. The parade was said to be a half mile long. Union District school took first prize. Doctor Ira. B. Cross, head of economics at the University of California, was speaker, and Anack Carando was mayor. Councilmen were Bill Sale, Bill Duncan, Burt Scribner, Philip Ritchie and Roger Riesbeck; clerk was Milli-

cent Burge; treasurer was Martha Fenn; and judge was Vernon Hannon.

1935  
3rd Youth Day

Fifty entries took part in the parade and for the first time neighboring towns entered floats. Bill Duncan was mayor and Judge Grant Burton gave a speech on citizenship and America.

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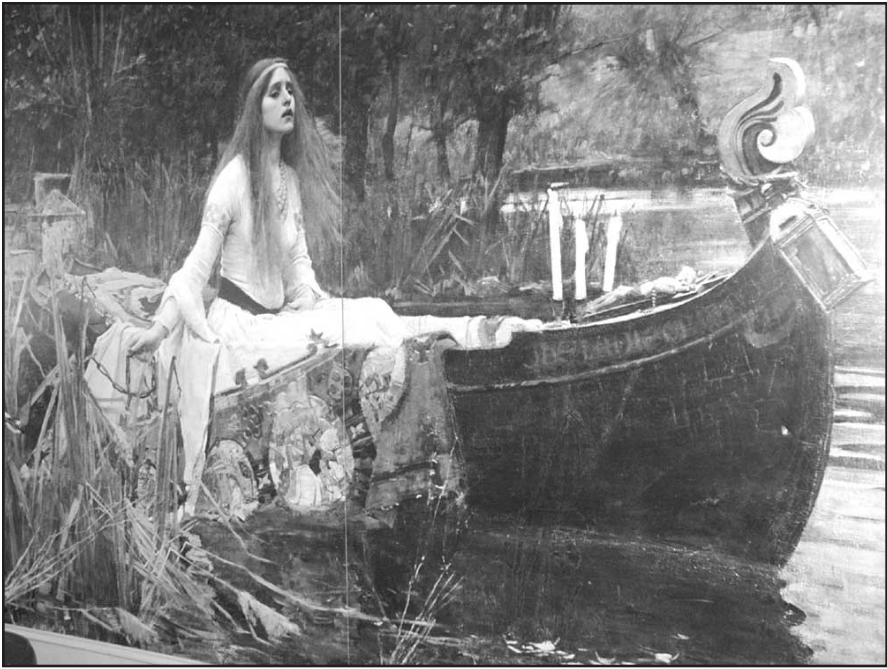
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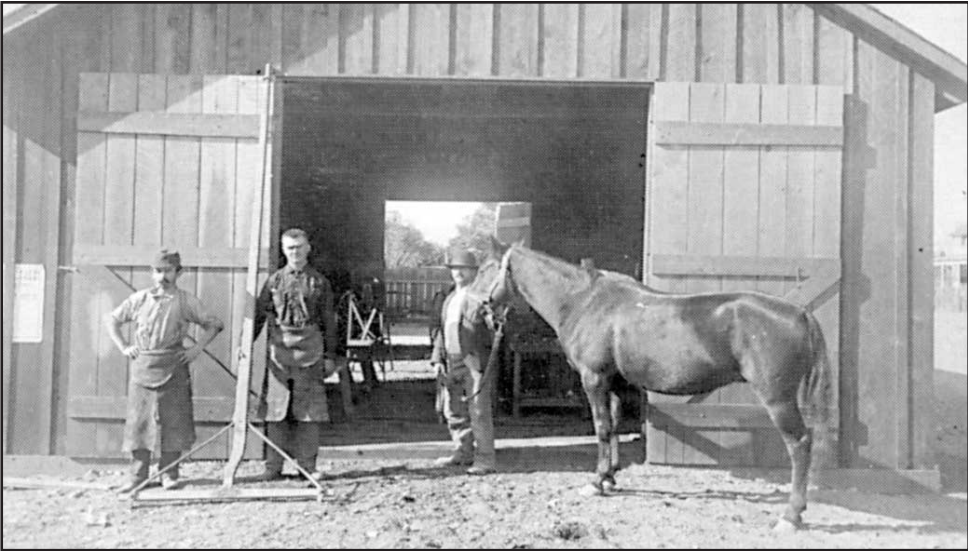
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The annual celebration was discontinued during World War II, but was revived in 1946, with Walter D. Skinner serving as general chairman that year as well as the following year, 1947.

Since that time, the following

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1949 - Byron Snow  
1950 - Newton Wallace  
1951 - Bob Johnson  
1952 - Rev. S. C. Potter  
1953 - W. Lloyd Adams  
1954 - Tom Stowers  
1955 - W. Ray Miller  
1956 - Rev. Arnold Dockery  
1957 - Don Frisbee  
1958 - William E. Duncan  
1959 - Ian MacKenzie

High School Students

1960 - Robert Young  
1961 - Gene Ramos  
1962 - Steve Martin  
1963 - Robert Harris  
1964 - Don Schroeder  
1965 - David Wemp  
1966 - Joe Martinez  
1967 - Peter Hunter  
1968 - Joe Ramos  
1969 - Bill Martin  
1970 - David Joens  
1971 - Stan Tufts  
1972 - Charlie Rominger  
1973 - Mike Smyth  
1974 - Joe Rominger

1975 - Mike Biasi  
1976 - Manuela Collado  
1977 - Bill Cody  
1978 - Bob Pisani  
1979 - Keri Graf  
1980 - Corinne Martinez  
1981 - Andra Sawyer  
1982 - Mike Delbar

Adults and Students

1983 - Mel Norman and  
Patty Thomas  
1984 - Gilbert Sebastian and  
Tecy Philbrook  
1985 - Gilbert Sebastian and

# Chairmen continued

Richard Whipple  
1986 - Gilbert Sebastian and  
Denise Ehnat  
1987 - Tom Martin and  
Wendy Pierce  
1988 - Tom Martin  
1989 - Tom Martin  
1990 - Jim Marion  
1991 - Jim Marion and  
Dawn Branscum  
1992 - Jim Marion and  
Yvonne Marintez  
1993 - Jim and Gloria Marion  
and Marla Larson  
1994 - Gloria Marion and  
Jenny Morrison

1995 - Gloria Marion  
Christy Pittman  
1996 - Jim and Gloria Marion  
1997-2000- Diane Jordan and  
Mary Jo Rodolfa  
2001 - Sheryl Rheuby and  
Mike Croxson  
2002 - Sheryl Rheuby and  
Joie Rodolfa  
2003 - Kim Croxson and  
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2004 - Kim Croxson  
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