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The Hughson Historical Society and the City of Hughson Announce the Hughson Centennial Celebration (1907-2007)

Hughson, California

Picture the beginnings of a dusty settlement along the railroad tracks in the middle of the great Central Valley. Prior to 1907, it was the site of a grain ranch owned by Hiram Hughson. Mr. Hughson had initially arrived in the area in 1882, purchasing 1000 acres, and eventually expanding his holdings to 5000 acres. The San Joaquin Railroad purchased part of Mr. Hughson's land as an easement for train tracks and a train station. Along the route, it soon became known as the Hughson Stop. After 25 years of farming, Mr. Hughson placed his land into the hands of the Hughson Town Company, under the direction of Charles Flack and C. W. Minniear. Around that same time, John Tully, who held land just to the south opened up his property to settlement, and thus in 1907, the town of Hughson was born. Currently, two of Hughson's major thoroughfares are named after Mr. Hughson and Mr. Tully.

To honor 100 years of creating "A Small Community With a Big Heart", the Hughson Historical Society and the City of Hughson have teamed up to present a Centennial Celebration on Saturday, September 22, 2007. To commemorate the occasion, a beautiful bronze statue was commissioned by the renowned Oakdale sculptor, Betty Saletta. The unveiling of "The Harvest", depicting a 1930's era peach picker will culminate a full day of celebration along Hughson Avenue. Set at the corner of Charles Street and Hughson Avenue, Centennial Plaza was constructed to showcase the statue. The Plaza features bronze donor plaques, a commemorative brick wall, a bench sitting area, flag poles, artistic lighting focused on "The Harvest", and an above-ground vault in which a 100-year Centennial Time Capsule was placed. A special ceremony marked the interment of the Time Capsule on September 1, 2007.

The public is invited to come and enjoy all of the festivities, including Entertainment for all ages, a Children's Arena, Food Booths, Historical Displays, Antique Car, Farm Equipment and Motorcycle Show, and a parade down Hughson Avenue with more than 75 entries. Included in the Parade will be the horse-drawn Wells Fargo Stage. Special tributes will be paid to 100-year old Hughson resident, Blanche Sheridan, and to the International Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), celebrating its 100-year anniversary. Please see the accompanying Event and Entertainment Schedule for more details. Events kick off with Centennial Celebration Breakfast starting at 6:30 a.m. The Opening Ceremony at the Entertainment Tent will commence at 9:30 a.m., with booths, displays, activities, and exhibits opening concurrently and available throughout the day until 4:00 p.m. The Centennial Celebration will culminate with "The Harvest" unveiling ceremony at 4:00 p.m.

For additional information on Hughson's Centennial Celebration, contact "Janice Herring" or visit <http://www.hughson.org/>.

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Hughson Centennial Celebration Event Schedule And Entertainment Tent Schedule Saturday, September 22, 2007

6:30-11:00 Centennial Celebration Breakfast – Daily Bread Café and Hamilton’s Diner

ENTERTAINMENT TENT

9:30-9:45 Opening Ceremony at the Entertainment Tent
 Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop
 “Star Spangled Banner” – Claudia Lawler
 Welcome by Mayor Kenneth Moore
 “God Bless America” – Mary LaRosa
 Centennial Committee

9:50-10:20 Hughson High School Jazz Band
 10:20-10:35 Announcements
 Hughson High School Centennial Essay Contest Awards
 Emilie J. Ross Middle School Centennial Poster Awards

10:40-11:10 Barber Shop Quartet

11:10-11:45 PARADE DOWN HUGHSON AVENUE
12:00 FARMER BEANS and PEACHES FEED – FREE!!!

ENTERTAINMENT TENT

11:45-12:05 Announcements
 Hughson Elementary & Fox Road Schools Centennial Essay Contest Awards
 Hughson Elementary School Kindergarten Centennial Coloring Contest Awards

12:05-12:45 One Accord
 12:45-1:35 Gospel Hour
 Eldon Young, Harpists: Tayler and Mallery Eppler, Travis Martin,
 Sunday Night, Inc. Band, Sheri Ward, Trio: Susie, Travis, Jasmine

1:35-1:55 Announcements
 Parade Awards

1:55-2:15 J.D. Smith Band
 2:15-2:20 Announcements
 2:20-3:00 Jose Juarez Trio
 3:00-3:05 Announcements
 3:05-3:45 Harlan Starr Band, Featuring Rick Barnes

9:30-4:00 ONGOING DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS, AND BOOTHS

- Antique Cars, Farm Equipment, Motor Cycle Show
- Centennial DVD Booth
- Centennial T-shirt and Hat Booth
- Children’s Arena
 - Hughson 4-H Club
 - 20th Century Club
 - Hughson Christian School
 - Great Valley Museum
 - Cipponeri Farms
 - Hughson FFA Club
 - Stanislaus Wildlife Center
 - Pony Rides and Petting Zoo
 - Bounce Houses
 - Old Fashioned Carnival
 - Natural Science Education
 - Pumpkin Maze and Pumpkin Patch
 - Kiddie Tractor Pull (9:30-10:30, 12:30-3:30, awards)
 - Education and Animal Display

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- Commercial Booths
- Food Booths
 - Knights of Columbus
 - Hot Dogs

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| ○ Daily Bread Café | Hamburgers and Linguica |
| ○ Resendiz's Fruit Barn | Peach Pie and Ice Cream |
| ○ Figaro's Pizza | Pizza |
| ○ Hughson Ag Boosters | Tri-Tip Sandwiches |
| ○ Hughson Community Alliance | Beverages and Donuts |
| ○ Julie Sayad | Shaved Ice Cones |
| ○ Mike Wassum | Popcorn |
- Dust Bowl Days Historical Display
 - Farmer's Market
 - Hughson Pioneering Family History Displays at Senior Center (4th Street)
 - Hughson Historical Society Displays
 - Hughson Unified School District Historical Displays at District Office
 - Information Booth – City of Hughson and Hughson Historical Society
 - Items for Sale:
 - Hughson Historical Society Centennial Calendars
 - “History of Hughson” Booklets by Reverend Homer Newberry
 - “Pictorial History of Hughson” Booklets by Margaret Sturtevant
 - “The Harvest” Limited Edition Maquette Size Sculptures by Betty Saletta
 - Hughson Ambulance, Tom Crowder – First Aid Station

4:00 CENTENNIAL PLAZA CEREMONY

- Southwest corner of Charles Street and Hughson Avenue
- Unveiling of “The Harvest” bronze sculpture depicting a 1930’s era peach picker by Betty Saletta
- Donor Plaques, Time Capsule, Commemorative Bricks