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## The Cheim Family Legacy - A History Talk and Tour

Marysville, CA. November 5, 2025 –The Yuba County Historic Resources Commission presents *The Cheim Family Legacy* on Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 AM at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture's historic Burrows Center for the Arts. The address is 624 E Street in downtown Marysville. Join Commission members for a fascinating presentation exploring the deep and enduring contributions of the Cheim family, one of Marysville's most influential pioneer families. Four generations of Cheims helped shape the economic, civic, and cultural life of Yuba County. Their family business, Union Lumber and Hardware, established in the 1850s, holds the distinction of being the oldest continuously operating hardware store in California, serving as a cornerstone of the community for over 150 years.

Beyond business, the Cheim family were innovators and community builders. They founded Yuba County's first airport, advanced early aviation and agricultural development, and maintained family ties to the Donner Party's Murphy family, linking their legacy to one of the most remarkable and enduring stories in California's pioneer history.

The event will feature rare photographs, family archives, and stories tracing the family's evolution from 19th-century settlers to 20th-century civic leaders. Following the talk, attendees will be invited on a guided walking tour highlighting historic sites associated with the Cheim family throughout downtown Marysville including the current Union Lumber Company.

Light refreshments will be served. The event is free, but donations to support the Yuba County Historic Resources Commission will be gladly accepted.

Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, the region's nonprofit arts agency, is proud to partner with the Yuba County Historic Resources Commission in celebrating and preserving the unique heritage of our community. Together, the organizations work to highlight the people, places, and stories that have shaped Yuba County's cultural landscape—bridging local history and the arts to inspire future generations.

About the Yuba County Historic Resources Commission: The Commission is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and promoting the rich cultural and architectural heritage of Yuba County. Through research, education, and public outreach, the Commission identifies and safeguards historic sites, buildings, and artifacts that tell the story of the county's diverse past. By fostering community partnerships and encouraging preservation-minded development, the Commission ensures that Yuba County's history remains a vital, visible, and inspiring part of its future.

**About YSAC:** Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. The local affiliate for Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council, its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Very Special Arts Festival, the Yuba-Sutter Big Band, Center Stage Youth Performing Arts, Convergence Theatre Co., and many more.

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