

large bar, reportedly imported in the 1870's and moved here from Esparto.



Lori & Richard have heard an oral history of the place that includes: The original name was **Bennett's Rustic BBQ**. They've been told it was a hunting lodge in the early days. The location included a gas station that was deactivated several decades ago.

Next, it was **Jo & Ed's**. Edna's son Ray—who with his son Keith owns and runs Stingrayz Marina in Knights Landing—has many great stories of the Guinda of his youth and still owns property in Guinda. Check out stingrayzmarina.com — and go see Ray!

Marian and Frank Nichols operated the business as **Nichols Rest Stop** for 18 years in the 1980's & 1990's. Frank & Marian still live in area and manage the Western Yolo Grange Hall on Forrest Avenue up behind the historic Corner Store.

Next came **Fat Boy's**, 1997-1999 (owners unknown); and then **Murray's Bar & Grill** 1999-2002—Jim & Roberta Murray still live in area. And then it was **Ibarra's Restaurant** 2002-2012; Estachio Ibarra died last spring, but his widow & daughter still live in area.

Today: **Guinda Commons**, where Richard applies his Tennessee heritage to cooking and serving the best smoked meats, hearty soups and other house-made sides. Great slaw—not too sweet!! Lori makes pies and other tasty baked goods from scratch. They stock a wide selection of beer, hard ciders and local wine. There's a large patio out back with a stage for live music events.

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Vibrant...*



Built in 1920s by Lynn Bennett & family and friends (Dick Schneider, wife Andee, and others). Vernon Nichols built the rock fireplace. [see photos above from 1937, courtesy of Barbara Bennett Vanderpol]

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