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New events, family fun on tap at 2019 Butte County Fair



The team roping competition is one of the most popular events at the Butte County Fair.

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By David Vantress Correspondent

When the calendar rolls over to August in Butte County, that means two things.

First, it's almost time for the kids to go back to school.

And second, it's almost time for the Butte County Fair.

The fair has been providing thrills and family fun to the residents of Butte County for 75 years, and there's plenty of new wrinkles and excitement on top for 2019.

This year's Butte County Fair runs from Thursday, August 22-Sunday, August 25 at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley.

Fair officials will be experimenting with a few changes this year, according to Butte County Fair CEO Steve Kenny. One of those, Kenny said, is moving the marquee event – the destruction derby – from Sunday night to Saturday night.

Here's a look at the grandstand events for this year's fair:

Saturday, Aug. 24: Exciting

grandstand entertainment continues with the Destruction Derby. It's one of the only places where drivers can wreck each other without worrying about DMV driving record points or higher car insurance premiums!

Sunday, Aug. 25: The fair culminates with a 7 p.m. grandstand performance by Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band SkynnynLynnyrd.

One of the most popular events of the fair, this event is sure to pack the grandstands on a hot August night as always.

New additions to the beloved competitions include a home brew contest and a gourd/painted rock division.



The Tuff Trucks and Mud Bogs event will be back at the Butte County Fair for a second run in 2019.

Maker Experience' introduced at 2019 Butte County Fair

By David Vantress Correspondent

A number of new things are on the agenda at this year's edition of the Butte County Fair.

One of them is the introduction of what's called the "Maker Experience."

This new concept hopes to create buzz and excitement through

Spread The Light Black Light Puppet Show

Be sure to stick around Sunday, August 25 at the Butte County Fair and see the Black Light Puppet Show at dusk featured on the Courtyard Stage.

This will be a great added bonus for all ages!

focusing on the people who make things in our area, who they are and what they do.

Barbara Ott, coordinator of competitive still exhibits at the fair, said the concept is getting a trial run at the 2019 fair and is slated to become the theme of the 2020 fair and beyond.

The concept, Ott said, focuses on arts, technology, home arts, and more.

New things on the agenda this year, Ott said, include a middle school robotics competition that is slated to run all day.

Other popular things at the 2019 fair will include the usual assortment of competitions in animal raising, plants, and all the things that one expects when they come to the county fair.

A master preserver from Placer County will be on hand to demonstrate preserving techniques, as well.

But Ott said organizers are especially excited about the new Maker Experience brand, and what it can do for the local fair.



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10:00 AM	Livestock Auction
	VEX Competition
NOON	FAIR OPENS TO THE PUBLIC
	Midway of Fun Carnival
	Maker's Experience (new), Feather Room & Expo Hall
	Paradise Strong Crafters Market (new), Whitaker Lane
	Exotic Birds and Reptiles, Farmer's Hall
	Jake's Country Sports Bar
1:00 PM	Hillcrest Avenue Band, Courtyard Stage
3:00 PM	Mark 3 Band, Courtyard Stage
4:30 PM	Nor Cal Review: A Marching Band Competition and
	Parade through Fairground
5:00 PM	Pris Bros, Courtyard Stage
5:00 PM	Funnel Cake Contest - Jake's
5:00 PM	Big Wheel Races
6:00 PM	Grandstand Opens for the Butte County Fair
	Demolition Derby
6:30 PM	Hot Wheels Derby



- 6:45 PM Valerie Hopkins performing on Courtyard Stage
- 7:00 PM The Butte County Fair Demolition Derby Begins
- 7:30 PM Inside Strait Jake's
- 8:00 PM Evening Concert by Amahjra on the Courtyard Stage
- 8:45 PM Inside Strait Jake's
- 9:00 PM Farmer's Hall and Expo Hall Close
- 10:00 PM Inside Strait Jake's
- Midnight Fair Closes, thank you for coming!

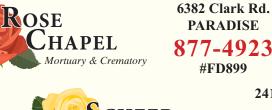
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Recording and releasing two original digital CDs, "Inside Strait" and "Playin' Our Music," helped to produce a well rehearsed live performance band providing audiences with high quality entertainment for any and all occasions!

Visit Jake's Saturday, August 24 to hear the great sounds of Inside Strait at 7:30, 8:45 and 10 p.m.





MANY NEW THINGS WILL BE ENJOYED AT THE BUTTE COUNTY FAIR THIS YEAR - New this year to the Butte County Fair is the BJCP Competition Sanctioned A.H.A. Event Home Brew in the Feather Room. All beers will be made and bottled under the natural fermentation process and the classes include: Light Ale, Pale Ale, Porter, Stout, Specialty Beers, Hard Cider, Meads and any other not listed. Accepting entries from Roger Trent was Gridley Lions Club Volunteer June Breitag.

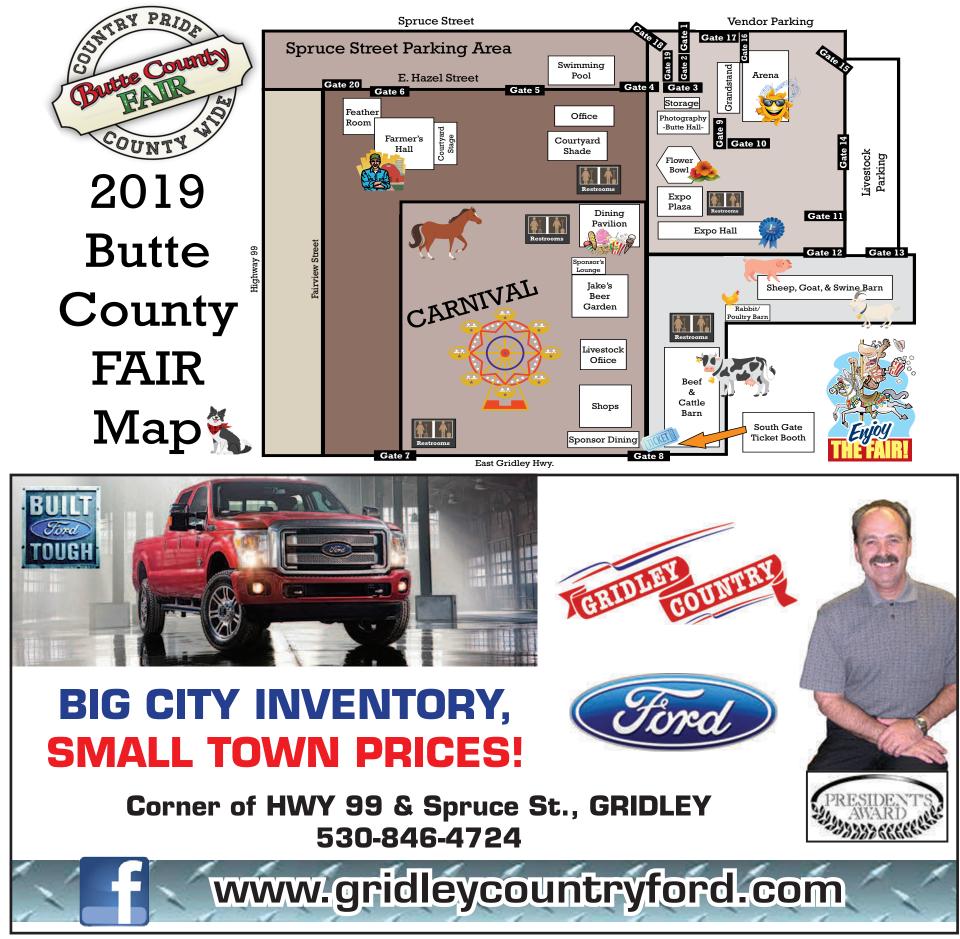
Butte County Fair New Home Brew Entries Arrived

Delivered from a host of regional entries, a variety of beers, ales, porters, stouts and mead has arrived at the Butte county Fair for judging on Wednesday August 14.

Roger Trent, delivered creations stored at the Chico Home Brew Shop by amateur brewers to meet the August 10thentry Butte County Fair deadline. Dawn Letner, shop owner, provided great assistance in launching the new Division, advising organizer Eileen Burke-Trent on the process for storing entries properly, and reaching out to regional certified judges, clubs, and the national American Homebrewers Association.

Entries have arrived from Chico, Paradise, Gridley, Oroville, Magalia and Durham, are varied, and include Crème Ale, American Red Ale, American Pale Ale, Imperial Porter, American Porter, Vanilla Porter, Stout with Chocolate Added, Porter with Mexican Chocolate, Blonde Ale, Mint and Lime Mead, and American Lager.

For more information on local clubs, activities, classes, judging, brewers, and supplies, contact the Chico Home Brew Shop at 530-342-3769, or go online to the very informative American Homebrewers Association website at www.homebrewersassociation.org.If you consider entering your creation next year, those interested can check out this year's rules at www.buttecountyfair.org in the Preserved Foods Section.

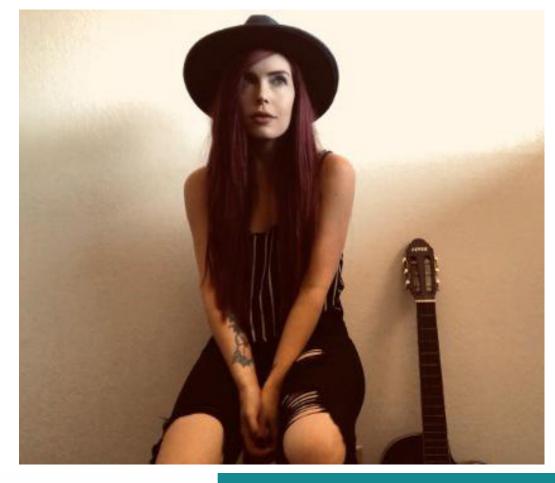


Gridley's Valerie Hopkins to perform Saturday

Valerie Hopkins is an award winning singer/songwriter from the small town of Gridley California. She's known for her big voice, heart, and passion, which reflects greatly in her work and performances. She's a self-taught producer and filmmaker who's genre-colliding music and videos have been creating buzz. Her independent pursuit in all that she does has been something that has captivated her audience. Singing and performing from a young age, Valerie has used her voice for her community in many events, and is known for her compassionate outreach.

Her style is a mix of alternative, pop, rock, blues, and hip hop. A sound very much her own. She is pushing to take her career to the next level, as she will be releasing an album to follow the release to her recent singles.

Enjoy the beautiful voice of Valerie Hopkins Saturday, August 24 on the Courtyard Stage at 6:45 p.m.

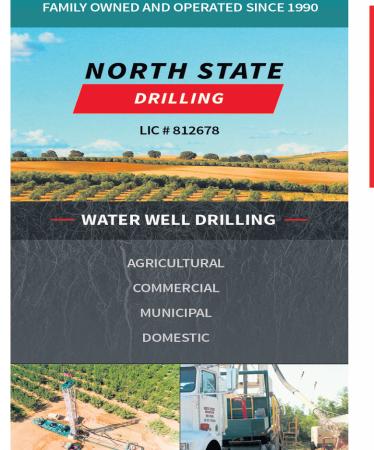


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Amahjra will perform Saturday at 8 p.m.

Life-long friends, Greg Fischer and Deryk Bissell began forming what would become, with the addition of Billy Jackson and Motown, the four member band Amahjra. Raised in rural, northern California, a gritty sound was born from small town upbringings and musical influences, Led Zeppelin, Stevie Ray Von, Alice In Chains and Pink Floyd.

With chemistry and creativity at an all time high, Amahjra released their new single, Eye To Eye in October 2018 and their follow-up album to Listen For Reason LP is anticipated in 2020.

Whether performing at the local bar, or headlining a main stage, Amahjra pulls you in with their high-energy, unforgettable performances and always leaves you wanting more.

"Keep in touch with who you are, soon you'll reach the skies." - Amahjra







Soft rock/pop cover band to play

Hillcrest Avenue is a four-piece soft rock/pop cover band featuring Emma Garrahy (vocals/guitar), Reece Thompson (bass/guitar/vocals), and brothers Will Hartman (guitar/keyboards/bass/vocals) and Garrett Hartman (drums/ vocals). They have played many of Butte County's most popular events and venues, including the Oroville Salmon Festival, Gridley Certified Farmer's Market and the Butte County Fair. Hillcrest Avenue is also the house band at Shakey's Pizza Restaurant in Oroville, where playing most Friday evenings. Come hear the sounds of Hillcrest Avenue Saturday, August 24 on the

Courtyard Stage at 1:00 p.m.

Local Band 'Pris Bros' to play Saturday

Ryan King, Alexis Carvajal and Isreal DeDios of Pris Bros will play on the Courtyard Stage Saturday, August 24 at 5 p.m., featuring Dave Nielsen. The group will play originals and covers such as Hallelujah, Brain Stew and Surrender.

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Mark 3 brings original music

Mark 3 is a power-rock quartet based in Oroville, CA. The group consists of Reece Thompson (bass/vocals), David Neilsen (guitar/ vocals), and brothers Garrett Hartman (drums/ vocals) and Will Hartman (guitar/vocals). They play original music and classic rock covers by bands including AC/DC, Green Day, The White Stripes, Weezer and Nirvana.

Mark 3 released its first EP, "Breakout," in May

2019. The music is available to stream and purchase on Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon Music, CD Baby and other major streaming platforms. Along with gigging regularly, the band is working on a full album that it plans to release in early 2020.

Come hear the sounds of the Mark 3 Band Saturday, August 24 at 3 p.m., on the Courtyard Stage.

Butte County Fair brings Marching Band Competition

It's not just singers and bands that Brian Bassett sets up for the Butte County Fair each year! This year Bassett is in charge of the Marching Band Competition, set to begin immediately after the Junior Livestock Auction ends on Saturday!

Marching bands from Sequoia Middle School in Redding, Anderson High School, Paradise High School and Las Plumas High School will compete as the

bands march from the north end of Whitaker Drive through the carnival area and end up at the Courtyard Stage area.

Bassett would like to thank Teri Garcia of Century 21 for providing the swag bags for the band directors in appreciation of their bringing their bands to the fair to compete.

BCSO plans big presence at Butte County Fair

By David Vantress Correspondent

The Butte County Sheriff's Office is always a big part of the Butte County Fair.

Not just with its law enforcement posture at the big annual event in Gridley.

But also at the fair itself, where deputies enjoy interacting with the public and showing off the fancy, high-tech equipment the taxpayers invest in.

That will be the case at this year's fair as well, which is set for Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 22-25 at the Butte County Fairgrounds in Gridley.

BCSO Sgt. Bob Cooley said deputies look forward to the fair each year, and the chances it offers to interact with the public.

"We do a lot of our recruitment out there,"



Cooley said last week as the sheriff's office worked on finalizing plans for this year's fair presence.

The BCSO will bring some of its vast arsenal of law enforcement equipment to the fair as usual, Cooley said, including squad vehicles, search and rescue equipment, and more.

Some of the department's ATV's will be on hand, as well as snow cats and the dive boats the department's search-and-rescue teams use in water rescues all over the county.

Sadly, that equipment sometimes has to be put into use for recovery operations, as was the case when BCSO Search-and-Rescue had to recover a body from the Thermalito Afterbay when a truck was reported in the water.

But the department and its equipment are always a hit at the fair, and Cooley said the deputies like showing off their gear for the public.

The deputies, however, like talking to the public even more, Cooley said.



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Midway of Fun Carnival Maker's Experience (new), Feather Room & Expo Hall Paradise Strong Crafters Market (new), Whitaker Lane Exotic Birds and Reptiles, Farmer's Hall Jake's Country Sports Bar La Familia Day Zumba– Jake's Zumba– Jake's Funnel Cake Contest - Jake's Big Wheel Races Livestock Released Free Concert Skynnyn Lynnyrd, Arena Stage Amanda Gray and Whiskey Savage - Jake's



- 8:45 PM Amanda Gray and Whiskey Savage Jake's
- 9:00 PM Black Light Puppet Show Courtyard Stage
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Skynnyn Lynnyrd to perform free concert Sunday

Come rock out to the sounds of Vacaville's rock group Skynnyn Lynnyrd Sunday night, August 25 in the grandstand arena at 7 p.m.

Members of Skynnyn Lynnyrd are: Larry Woodruff, Kurt Posthuma, Chris Durham, Jason Miller, Brad Andersohn, Wade Olson, Mike Klepic, Debra Lee Andersohn, and Heather Rose. This compilation of outstanding musicians and talented artists have joined forces to pay tribute to one of the Greatest Rock and Roll Bands and legends in History, They are very popular playing at Oroville's Feather Falls Casino and are sure to make it a great compilation of four days of fun at the Butte County Fair!



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'Wide-Awake Geek' brings special experience to fair

By David Vantress Correspondent

There will be many new experiences for Butte County Fair visitors in 2019.

A new Marysville-based company will be responsible for one of them.

Wide-Awake Geek has been in existence for just over a year. The company advertises itself as a community of makers, creating an environment and workspaces for makers to ply their trade.

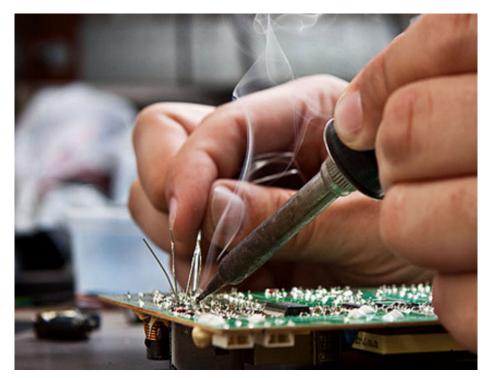
"In this space we build community, family...it's what happens when a work place is more than just a desk and some equipment," Wide-Awake Geek said on its website. "Here is where you can move past networking and delve into collaboration and partnering, if that is what you want." The new company, started by Rikki Shaffer and Chuck Ferguson, will take over the Feather Room facility on Saturday and Sunday, August 24-25 to bring its concept of the Maker Experience to 2019 fairgoers.

Ferguson said fair officials approached Wide-Awake Geek about being a part of this year's fair as part of the Maker Experience.

Ferguson said setup work will go on Friday, but the bulk of what fairgoers can see will take place in the Feather room space on Saturday and Sunday from noon-9 p.m.

One of the key parts of both days' activities, Ferguson said, will be a sautering demonstration.

Other demonstrations will include 3-D printing and laser cutting. "There will be something for everyone," Ferguson said.





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