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'Let It Goat' at the 2019 Yolo County Fair

By Sara Bailey

This year's fair will run from Aug. 14 through Aug. 18 and continues to offer a free gate to attendees as it has done for decades.

The Yolo County Fair is still the oldest and longest-running Free Gate Fair in California.

Please take the time to join us at the fair and take in all the sights including over 40 exhibit categories, from art to livestock and everything in between. Enjoy the vendors offering a wide variety of products, the carnival rides, and the food concessions. It's an old-fashioned County Fair with fun for everyone!

New this year, due to safety concerns, we will only have two walk-in entrances for the Fair. Please enter either from Gum Avenue at our main entrance or from Gibson at the Livestock entrance.

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pedestrians or cars; and that parking lot will only be used for ticket sales while our office is open, and for emergencies should we have any during the Fair.

The Opening Night Gala will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Come out and see our newly remodeled and revamped location now known as The Plaza.

Enjoy great company while you sample some of the best of Yolo County's wines, produce, food, beer and music. Tickets are available at the Fair office for \$30 and this year we are limiting the tickets to 300 not the 500 as in previous years, so get your tickets early before they are gone.

There will be three POP (pay one price) days this year for carnival rides; they are Wednesday from 6 p.m. to midnight, and Thursday and Friday from noon to midnight. Presale tickets are on sale now at the Yolo County Fair Box Office, and at First Northern Bank, Raley's, Bel-Air, Nugget and Yolo Federal Credit Union. The presale coupon this year is \$20.

Thursday night at 7 is a return of our highly entertaining Kids Rodeo hosted by Wild West Buckers with Mutton Bustin', Saddle Bronc, Bareback and more! Tickets are on sale now and they are \$10 for General Admission Seating. For more information or to sign up



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We will again have two nights of Demolition Derby, taking place at 7 Friday and Saturday nights.

Friday night will feature Trucks and an 80's and newer non-weld class.

On Friday come out and watch or build a truck and drive it in memory of Michael Matteoli as we celebrate him and his love of driving derby trucks. Saturday will feature Stock Cars and Minis. Tickets for these events are all reserved seating, and they are on sale now at our Box Office for \$20.

A wide range of entertainment is scheduled, with something for everyone. Please check out our website at www.yolocountyfair.net or come on by for the full Entertainment Lineup Flyer available daily in our office.

This year is the first fair for our new CEO Bart Vannucci, and while he has helped and been a part of things for many years behind the scenes this is his first full fair — so if you see him out and about don't forget to say "Hi!"

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By Sara Bailey

The Yolo County Fair is proud to present the annual Opening Night Gala from 6 to 8 on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The Gala takes place at the Yolo County Fairgrounds, and the event will showcase our county's wonderful agricultural products and produce. Visitors from near and far will converge on the Fairgrounds to enjoy a taste of Yolo County's bounty.

Guests will have a chance to kick back and mingle with local community leaders, growers, and old friends from Fairs past. The Gala will feature local wines, olive oils, honey, nuts, jams, meats, produce and restaurant fare, as well as performances by some of the best local musicians.

Attendees this year will also get a sneak peek at our newly remodeled venue known as The Plaza.

While it may have formerly been our Flower House, we have worked hard to give it a rustic modern feel.

Tickets will be very limited this year so get them before they are gone.

Tickets are on sale now for \$30 per person, at either our Fair Box Office located at 1125 East St., or online on our website at www.yolocountyfair.net.

The Fair Box Office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, please contact the Fair Office by phone at 402-2222 or by email at atolocountyfairgala@gmail.com.

Of the Gala itself, there will be many repeat vendors, which attendees have grown to know over the years.

Some of the regular vendors include Full Belly Farm of Capay Valley, which features win, olive oil and organic produce such as nuts and produce as well as by Grumpy Goats, Capay Valley ranches, Copper Hills and others.

Other popular tasting spots include Cache Creek Casino Resort, Las Brasas tacos and salsa, Father Paddy's Public House and Savory Cafe, both found on Main Street in Woodland; Manas Ranch fruit and meats; The Upper Crust Baking Company; Z Specialty Foods and Sola Bee Farms, Tauzer Apiaries, and Henry's Bullfrog Bees & Pure Honey.

To get a true taste of the fair, however, visit the margarita-booth operated by the Yolo County Fair



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Heritage Foundation, sample wines and beer offered by Matchbook Wine Company, Elevation Ten Winery, Seka Hills, Bogle Vineyards and others or grab a beer at Blue Note Brewing from Woodland, and Yolo Brewing Company of West Sacramento along with Sudwerk Brewing Co. from Davis.

The history of olives and oil in Yolo County is vast and rich. Grumpy Goats will be sampling their multi-award winning olive oil along with Capay Valley Ranches and these are just two of the several delights. Copper Hills of the Woodland hilly area not only features great oils but creates amazing balsamic fruit blend vinegars, not to be missed.



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Kids Rodeo Coming Back to Yolo County Fair

By Heather Kemp

The Junior Rodeo and Bull Riding event, put on by bareback riding organization Wild West Buckers, will take over the arena for one night only during the 2019 Yolo County Fair.

Prior to last year's comeback, the fair had been without rodeo activities for nearly a decade.

Wild West's Chad Justice and Paul Applegarth were the masterminds behind reinstating the event and gearing it toward youth instead of adults.

According to Applegarth, 2018's Junior Rodeo received a positive response from attendees and saw a good turnout — even with minimal promotion.

"It was a great success last year I thought and so did the fair because they wanted us to do it again," he said.

Entries were due by July 27 and a few dozen participants are expected. Admission to the show, taking place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, is \$10.

"These kids are pretty impressive," Applegarth explained. "There will be kids in Woodland that are the best in their divisions in the world. Competitors are traveling from Wyoming, Montana and all over the U.S."

Things will kick-off with a mutton busting pre-show at 6 p.m. featuring kids 6 years old and under riding sheep.

The main event will include barrel racing, bareback and saddle bronco riding and bull riding broken down into different age categories.

Winners in each competition besides mutton busting will get a cash prize and custom pair of spurs. The mutton busting champion will be awarded a buckle.

Based out of Yuba City, Wild West Buckers was born out of Applegarth's love for rodeo. He has been involved with rodeo since his youth, competing in the NorCal Junior Rodeo Association, and high school and community college rodeos. After college, he became a professional bareback rider, competing in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association circuit.

He retired in 2002.

That passion for rodeo prompted him, along with his wife Tawnya and lifelong friend Justice, to host a free two-day rodeo school just before Easter in 2015. With 13 students, they put together a rodeo on the following day. Rodeo School Classes now average 60 students.

According to social media listings, Wild West Buckers holds multiple rodeos throughout the year, and the group attends rodeo events throughout California and Nevada. The group has been profiled in the International Miniature Rodeo Association's newsletter Rodeo News, where Applegarth says that Wild West Buckers has given him a chance to share his love of rodeo with kids ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 13, and give back to the sport that has been such an important part of his life.



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Legacy of Michael Matteoli lives on at Fair's Destruction Derby

By Daily Democrat staff

The Matteoli family has been attending and supporting the Yolo County Derby for almost 40 years. They are season ticket holders and no matter how busy life gets, attending the Yolo County Derby as a family has always been a high priority.

One year ago they sat together at the 2018 Yolo County Derby not knowing it would be their last derby attended as a whole family.

On Sept. 26, Michael Matteoli, a Woodland Native and avid derby driver, was tragically killed in a farm-related accident.

Michael absolutely loved the derby as well as the fair. It was a hobby of his that he greatly enjoyed.

He had many different cars and trucks, traveled and drove in multiple county derby's — though the Yolo County Derby, specifically the truck event, was his favorite.

The home town support and history within made it an event he looked forward to annually. Typically Michael and his brother Jon drove in the derby but due to a busy 2018 farming season they did not have enough time to work on their trucks.

2017 was Michael's final year driving in the Yolo County Derby.

The derby has truly been a family affair with a lot of history. Father Jon Sr. and Uncle Lance both drove in the derby; Michael's cousin Matt Farnham, as well as close family friends KC Kindelt, John and Bryan Shadinger, future father in law Matt Kett and future uncle Mike Kett all shared a love and passion for all things derby.

These derby veterans were drivers that Michael looked up to and ones he could rely on for guidance or support during the building process. Derby became a part of him and a place where he was able to meet lifelong friends.

A month before Michael's passing he sat in stands with his family and talked about what needed to be done to his signature red and black No. 10 truck for 2019.

Michael will always be remembered as a stand-out driver in the truck event and one who helped make the event exciting with big hits and a solid truck.

This year Yolo County Fair managers are remembering Michael, his life and his love for the derby.

The Scholarship fund is called The Michael Matteoli Future Farmers Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be open to graduating seniors who are interested in a career in agriculture, mechanics, or like career fields. The applicant must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA and plan on attending a four-year college, junior/community college or a technical/trade school. The account is set up at Umpqua Bank, 203 Main St., Woodland, 95695.



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'Let It Goat at the Yolo County Fair' Sets the Stage for World Class Entertainment at the 2019 Yolo County Fair

By Elizabeth Kalfsbeek

Another year and another incredible roster of talent is arriving soon for the 2019 Yolo County Fair.

This year's performers consist of a combination of touring acts, regional artists and a several local performers, many of whom were participants of "Hometown Heroes: Battle of the Bands" from past fair. There will also be performances by 2017 and 2018 Yolo County Vocal Showcase winners (formerly Yolo Idol).

Every day will feature special themes to create a musical experience, entertainment and dancing to multiple genres of music.

"I don't want to be thought of as just 'entertainment at the fair.' I want it to be thought of as 'music festival.' Going forward, that's important to me," said Entertainment Director Marty DeAnda.

This year's fair theme is "Let It Goat at The Yolo County Fair" and will open Wednesday, Aug. 14 with "Welcome to The Party" theme.

Kicking off the musical lineup is one of the fair's longest running traditions, the big band sound of the **Woodland Community Band**. "It's an old-fashioned band kicking off an old-fashioned fair," said DeAnda.

Woodland favorite **Roadhouse 5** will also play Wednesday, as well as SAMMY award winners, **Andy Santana and The West Coast Playboys**, Sacramento Alt Rockers and **The Loose Engines**. After that everything will come to a funky, dance your shoes off climax with multiple SAMMY award winners, **Hans & The Hot Mess**. 2018 Vocal Showcase winner (Yolo Idol) **Allie Griffey** is also on the roster.

"This year our rosters were pretty much filled by January," said DeAnda. "Competition is getting tougher, which is a good thing. Quality of each performer has grown and enthusiastic crowds of people are coming to the fair to see the bands, rather than just seeing the band because they happen to be at the fair."

Thursday night is "Our Hometown" night, highlighted by one of the fair's most popular events "Yolo County Vocal Showcase," formerly Yolo Idol.

Though Yolo Idol was the name of the contest for more than a decade, Fair organizers were contacted by the legal team of the "American Idol" franchise last fall demanding a cease and desist using anything with the word "Idol."

"Our new name for the fair's most popular contest is 'Yolo County Vocal Showcase' which continues to draw



Popular Nashville recording artist James Wesley returns to the Yolo County Fair this year and will perform on the West Stage at 8 p.m. on Saturday night.



The Loose Engines

hundreds of loyal fans to watch Yolo County contestants displaying their many talents," explained DeAnda. "This year's contest is expected to draw more talent than ever before and entries are strongly encouraged to submit a recording, YouTube Video or link to a live performance."

Directly after the Vocal Showcase contest will feature the fifth annual "Hometown Heroes, Battle of the Bands" contest featuring local bands representing the various cities of Yolo County. The three finalists will hail from various cities in Yolo County.

Cambi Brown of CBS 13 and Good Morning Sacramento returns this year as Master of Ceremonies, along with a panel of three experienced judges.

Master of Ceremonies for "Hometown Heroes" will be local favorite Ericka Davis, of "Kiss & Tell." Each panel will feature music industry and media professionals who will assist the contestants in securing future opportunities and exposure.

Meanwhile, the East Stage will feature West Sacramento's **PHROGG**, the Americana/Blues sound of **Red's Blues** and the nostalgic surf guitar of **Tiki Lounge Lizards**.

Friday night, things explode into an over-the-top Friday Night Dance Party. Headlining the evening will be amazing old school funk and soul sounds of "Mercy

Me" who have drawn the largest crowds ever at the Yolo County Fair. **Mercy Me** will be supported by the pop/funk sounds of Woodland's own Ericka Davis with **Kiss N Tell**. Right before Kiss N Tell is top-notch funky dance band **Clusterphunk**.

The East Stage this year will showcase some brilliant soon-to-be stars. Kicking things off will be the Americana sounds of **Hannah Jane Kile**. Another up-and-coming act will bring the elegant lounge sounds of the 50's and 60's, West Sacramento's **Cindy & The Pocket Silks**.

Brotherly Mud will be there with an incredible repertoire of beautifully handcrafted Americana, soul and rock tunes.

"They're on their way up. They're going to be famous," said DeAnda. "Get on the ground floor with these guys. They're going places. They're the kings of Auburn, these guys, like where Jackie Greene was in Sacramento in 2002. Gifted in every way."

Finally bringing it all to a close, head back to The Summer Of Love and groove to the **Keep On Truckin' Band**, a Woodstock cover band.

Saturday is literally going to be a hoot AND a holler. Starting at 3:30 and rockin' through 11 p.m., celebrate "A Little Bit Country, A Little Bit Rock N Roll," alternating boot-scootin' country with good 'ol rock and roll.



Reds Blues



Mercy Me



Tiki Lounge Lizards



Latin Touch



Oro De Mexico

Kicking off the day on the West Stage is local favorite **Penny Ante**, followed by the alt-country rock sounds of **Band Of Coyotes**.

Now toss in the female fronted and rapidly becoming Yolo County Fair's most popular country dance band **Moonshine Crazy** and you have the perfect set up for the main headliner, **James Wesley**. This Nashville country star is returning for a third time and will feature his top 40 hit "Ask A Farmer."

"Wesley is handsome, overtly talented, professional and just as nice as can be," said DeAnda. "He's the consummate country entertainer."

As a special bonus feature, **Skynnyr Lynnyrd** will provide the southern rockin' sounds of Lynyrd Skynyrd to close the stage with a boom.

The East Stage on Saturday will host the country rock sounds of **Danny Morris & The California Allstars**, followed by the Reggae sounds of **Rod Stinson**, and comes to a country-rockin' head with last year's Hometown Heroes winners, **The Andrew Marshall Band**.

Sunday, the fair closes by stepping back in time on the East Stage with "Flash Back," as performers capture great musical genres from the past including the Motown sounds of **The FBI Band**, British Invasion and classic rock renderings of the **Magnificent Mystery Mods**.

Then into the 80's rock scene with **The Devon Galley & The Heavy Hold**. Closing out the fair's entertainment festivities is Woodland's most popular party band, **Souled Out**.

A new twist on the West stage Sunday is "El Dia de Musica" Latin American Heritage Day, to celebrate the heritage of all Latin Americans.



Souled Out

"We're going to slowly begin to celebrate all Latin American heritages, weather than strictly Mexican heritage," explained DeAnda. "In years to come we'll bring sounds of Cuba, Argentina — tangos and sambas."

Jose Reynoso will be Emcee and much of the talent will be arranged by Reynoso & Associates. "Mariachi Oro de Mexico" kicks off at 3 p.m., performing traditional music of Mexico.

Mariachi Oro de Mexico will be followed by **Los Bidis**, a Sacramento-based tribute to Selena. They play all of her mega hit songs that everyone knows and loves. Sing-along to all of Selena's incredible top hits, Bidi Bidi Bom-bom, La Carcacha, Como La Flor any many more.

The Latin Touch Band follows Los Bidis, providing everything from Cumbia, Salsa, Norteño to modern Latin Rock.

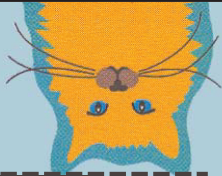
Closing the celebration will be one of the area's favorites, **Los Cadetes de Rigoberto Cantú**. Los Cadetes perform the music of the legendary "Cadetes de Linares," a famed norteño group formed back in the 60's by Homero Guerrero. Their musical style is Norteña. The accordion and the bajo sexto are Norteño's most characteristic instruments and sure to keep everyone dancing into the night.

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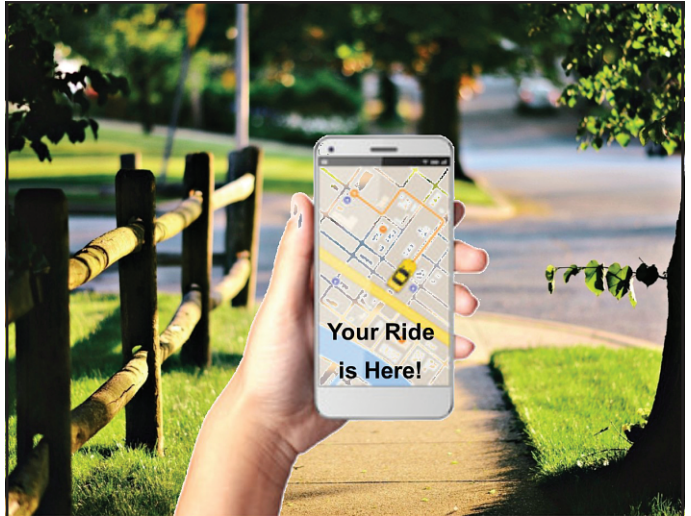
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P.M.	3:00	Open Junior Market Goat Show	Livestock Auction Ring
	4:00	FFA Market Goat Show, followed by Showmanship	Livestock Auction Ring
	6:00	Yolo County Fair Officially Opens	
	6:00	Midway of Fun Coupons must be redeemed before 10 p.m.	Carnival Area
	6:00	YCCA Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N Relax Baby Changing Area, Breastfeeding Stations & Ongoing Free Arts & Crafts- Check Family Fun Barn for Schedule	Family Fun Barn
	6:00	Yolo County Bounty Gala (\$30.00)	Olive Plaza
	6:00	Roadhouse 5 — <i>Country Rock</i>	East Stage
	7:00	Woodland Community Band — <i>Big Band</i>	West Stage
	7:30	The Loose Engines — <i>Alternative Rock</i>	East Stage
	8:45	Carly Rhoades	West Stage
	9:00	Andy Santana — <i>Blues Guitar</i>	East Stage
	9:00	Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N' Relax Closes	
	9:30	Hans & The Hot Mess — <i>Funk/Soul</i>	West Stage
	10:00	Waite Hall, John Rogers Hall, Home Arts & Ag Floral Hall Closes	
	11:00	Main Exhibit Building Closes	
	12:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds Closes	

2019 YOLO COUNTY FAIR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

A.M.	9:00	FFA Market Hog Showmanship, Junior Swine & FFA Market Hog	<i>Livestock Auction Ring</i>
	10:00	Open Rabbits followed by FFA Market Rabbits & Showmanship	<i>Fur & Feather Barn</i>
P.M.	12:00	Buildings Open	
	12:00	Midway of Fun Coupons must be redeemed before 10 p.m.	<i>Carnival Area</i>
	12:00	YCCA Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N Relax Baby Changing Area, Breastfeeding Stations & Ongoing Free Arts & Crafts - Check Family Fun Barn for Schedule	<i>Family Fun Barn</i>
	3:00	Open & Junior Sheep Show	<i>Livestock Auction Ring</i>
	4:00	FFA Market Lamb Show followed by Showmanship	<i>Livestock Auction Ring</i>
	6:00	Phrogg — <i>Rock</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	6:30	Vocal Showcase — <i>Contest</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	7:00	Kids' Rodeo— Wild West Buckers Admission: \$10 for all	<i>Arena</i>
	7:30	Red's Blues — <i>Blues</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	9:00	Tiki Lounge Lizards — <i>Surf Guitar</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	9:00	Home Town Heroes — <i>Contest</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	9:00	Family Fun Barn, & Rock 'N Relax Closes	
	10:00	Waite Hall, John Rogers Hall, Home Arts & Ag Floral Hall Closes	
	11:00	Main Exhibit Building Closes	
	12:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds Closes	

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

A.M.	9:00	Open Dairy Goats	<i>Livestock Auction Ring</i>
	10:00	FFA Beef Show & Showmanship followed by Open, Jr. & Jr. Showmanship	<i>Beef Show Ring</i>
P.M.	12:00	Buildings Open	
	12:00	Midway of Fun Coupons must be redeemed before 10 p.m.	<i>Carnival Area</i>
	12:00	YCCA Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N Relax Baby Changing Area, Breastfeeding Stations & Ongoing Free Arts & Crafts Check Family Fun Barn for Schedule	<i>Family Fun Barn</i>
	3:00	Small Animal Supreme Showmanship	<i>Fur & Feather Barn</i>
	5:00	Large Animal Supreme Showmanship	<i>Beef Show Ring</i>
	5:30	Hannah Jane Kile — <i>Indie Rock</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	6:00	Clusterphunk — <i>Dance</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	7:00	Brotherly Mud — <i>Americana</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	7:00	Auto Destruction Derby Trucks & 80's & Newer Admission: All Reserved Seats - \$20.00	<i>Arena</i>
	7:30	Kiss 'N Tell — <i>Funk/Top 40</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	8:30	Cindy & The Pocket Silks — <i>Easy Listening</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	9:00	Family Farm Barn, & Rock 'N Relax Closes	
	9:30	Mercy Me — <i>Soul, Funk, R&B</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	10:00	Keep on Truckin' Band — <i>Summer of Love</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	10:00	Waite Hall, John Rogers Hall, Home Arts & Ag Floral Hall Closes	
	11:00	Main Exhibit Building Closes	
	12:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds Closes	

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

P.M.	12:00	Buyers' Luncheon	<i>Livestock Area</i>
	12:00	Buildings Open	
	12:00	Midway of Fun	<i>Carnival Area</i>
	1:00	FFA Market Animal Auction followed by Ag Mechanics Auction	<i>Livestock Auction Ring</i>
	2:30	Kids' Day Drawing Registration Begins Sponsored by Woodland Reveille Lions Club, B & L Bike Shop/Foy's Bike Shop, National Realty & Woodland/Davis Termite Pest Control	<i>East Stage</i>
	3:30	Penny Ante — <i>New Country</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	4:15	Kids' Drawing Final Registration	<i>East Stage</i>
	4:30	Kids' Day Drawing Begins	<i>East Stage</i>
	5:00	Band of Coyotes — <i>Alternative Rock</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	6:30	Danny Morris & CA All Stars — <i>Alternative Country/Rock</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	6:30	Moonshine Crazy — <i>Country/Country Rock</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	7:00	Auto Destruction Derby Stock and Mini Cars Admission - All Reserved Seats - \$20.00	<i>Arena</i>
	8:00	James Wesley — <i>Contemporary Country</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	8:00	The Rod Stinson Band — <i>Reggae</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	9:00	Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N Relax Closes	
	9:30	The Andrew Marshall Band — <i>Outlaw Country</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	9:30	Skynnyn Lynnyrd — <i>Rock</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	10:00	Waite Hall, John Rogers Hall, Homes Arts & Ag Floral Hall Closes	
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

A.M.	9:00	FFA Awards Assembly	<i>Beef Show Ring</i>
	10:00	Open Exhibitor's Meeting	<i>Livestock Area</i>
P.M.	12:00	Buildings Open	
	12:00	Midway of Fun	<i>Carnival Area</i>
	12:00	YCCA Family Fun Barn & Rock 'N Relax Open Baby Changing Area, Breastfeeding Stations & Ongoing Free Arts & Crafts Check Family Fun Barn for Schedule	
	3:00	Devon Galley & The Heavy Hold — <i>80's Rock/Americana</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	3:00	Mariachi Oro — <i>Mariachi</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	4:30	Magnificent Mystery Mods — <i>British Invasion</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	4:30	Los Bidis — <i>Selena Tribute</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	6:00	Arts/Crafts & Photography Auction (end of bidding)	<i>Waite Hall</i>
	6:00	The FBI Band — <i>Motown</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	6:30	The Latin Touch Band — <i>Contemporary Latin</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	8:00	Souled Out — <i>Oldies/Soul/Dance</i>	<i>East Stage</i>
	8:00	Cadetes — <i>Traditional Mexican</i>	<i>West Stage</i>
	9:00	All Buildings Closes	
	10:00	Main Exhibit Building Closes	
	12:00 a.m.	Fairgrounds Closes	



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Fifth Year for Highly Popular Hometown Heroes: Battle of the Bands

By Elizabeth Kalfsbeek

After a hugely successful debut in 2015, "Hometown Heroes: Battle of the Bands" returns for its fifth year.

The contest will begin directly after the Vocal Showcase competition at 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15.

Three bands representing cities of Yolo County have been handpicked to face off in a "Battle of the Bands" exhibition.

"Exposure is the key to launching a musical career and the Yolo County Fair hometown crowd will certainly provide that," said Entertainment Director Marty DeAnda. Hundreds of people, many of them affiliated with the music business, will be watching and judging the performers.

"Part of the fun of the fair for me is beyond entertainment. We're able to open avenues for people — paid shows, TV appearances, Chalk It Up Festival," said DeAnda. "We're able to give budding young artists opportunities. Plus, as a county we're developing future performing talent for our fairs through Vocal Showcase and Hometown Heroes."

As in years past, each winner receives a paid performance at the fair the following year. Last year's winner, The Andrew Marshall Band, will be headlining the East Stage on Saturday, Aug. 17.

DeAnda and team leader Ericka Davis handpick each band by checking websites, Facebook pages, local concerts and YouTube videos searching for local performers looking to make the next step in their careers.

"The exposure provided in front of a panel of judges with background and experience can really help performers get to the next level," said DeAnda. "We have carefully chosen our judges, all of whom can help the bands in 'real life' situations in the music business. One of the things that we are most proud of is that we are now actually home-growing our own talent for the Yolo County Fair."

Each band will perform for 15 minutes beginning at 8 p.m., and will receive input and commentary from the judges. Winners will be chosen based on fan participation, originality, appearance and musicianship.

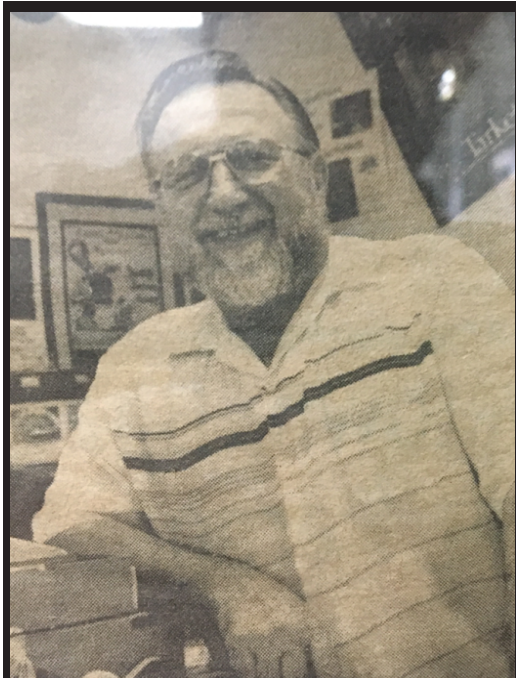
The top band will receive \$250 in cash, a paid performance at the 2020 Yolo County Fair, and an opening spot at a venue in Sacramento and local press coverage. The runner up will walk away with \$150 in cash, a paid



Last year's Hometown Heroes winner, Andrew Marshall. The Andrew Marshall Band will perform on the East Stage at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday.

performance at the 2020 Yolo County Fair and local press coverage.

"If you are one of Yolo County's talented new acts, or know someone who is, please contact us via the Yolo County Facebook Page or the Yolo County Fair website to submit for next year's 2020 Hometown Heroes: Battle of the Bands," said DeAnda. "Let us help you make your musical dreams come true."



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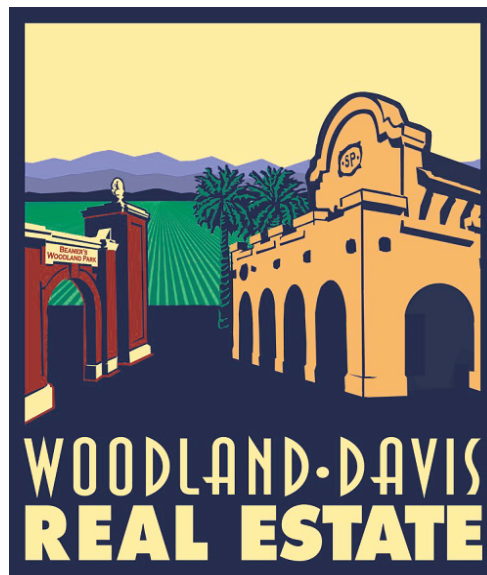
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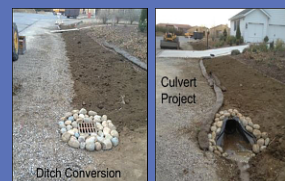
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Ron Berg and the County Fair's A-Team Keep the Fairgrounds Running

By Mike Reiff

The volunteers, especially members of the Arena Team (A-Team), are the heart of the Yolo County Fair. Some of the A-Team volunteers have a long history at the fair that has extended into generations being involved at the fair.

One of those volunteers is Ron Berg.

Berg began at the fair in his late teens helping park cars with the American Legion. Then in 1975 he became a commercial vendor and worked in the Ag Business Building each year until 1986 when the business sold.

During the 1985 and 1986 fairs, Berg was asked by Fair CEO Ron Maraviov and Fair board member Wes Reiff to help with some pre-fair maintenance items. At that time, he had no idea what that simple request was leading to.

In 1987, Wes Reiff invited Berg to the shop area of the fairgrounds where he was introduced to the other A-Team volunteers working at the fair. Berg was also introduced to an 18-foot house trailer that by the next night, become the first barbecue site that the A-Team had on the grounds.

From then on Berg was called "Cookie," and helped to start what is now affectionately called "Hobo Camp."

Hobo Camp was created in 1987 in an effort to have nourishing meals for the A-Team and reduce the amount of time they were standing in line at food concession stands.

Berg has been instrumental at making Hobo Camp work.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s when the A-Team grew in numbers the level of meals grew in complexity. Such items like deep pit beef and pork, JoAnne's (Berg's wife), homemade potato salad and Reiff's "secret recipe" beans are some of the team favorites.

Berg continued to work with Reiff and others to finalize the bulk wholesale purchasing of food to help keep costs down. The bulk purchasing has even grown today with the addition of more people to help manage the kitchen.

In recent years, the A-Team volunteers and staff have been able to enjoy many meals during the fair, with the kitchen serving more than 1,200 meals during your typical fair. Berg has worked with other volunteers to have local growers and UC Davis Crops Department to donate fresh fruits and vegetables each year.

His help to establish Hobo Camp has been a true asset to the A-Team.



As funds were cut to the fairs in the 1990s and early 2000s, fair managers looked to the A-Team to help make ends meet. In 2007 the Yolo County Fair took back the promotion aspect of the Demolition Derby and the A-Team was asked to take over the promotion of the Derby to save the fair from paying an outside promoter.

The A-Team took on the challenge. Berg was joined Wes Reiff, Mike Reiff, Terry Lee, Tim Frank and Rod Pool in the initial effort of coordinating the derby for the fair. The derby today is still one of the highlighted events of the Yolo County Fair.

Through the years Berg has also assisted in maintenance activities before and during the fair. A few examples of his involvement include plumbing repairs, moving and setting up tables and benches, and conversion of the arena from the stage event on Wednesday night to the horseshow on Thursday morning.

He has also been assigned the duties of checking all the safety equipment used at the derby by officials and staff, as well as preparing for the event by ordering the derby trophies, helping put up sponsorship banners in the arena, assisting in pit area setup and preparation, handling insurance forms if necessary and coordinating information with the officials and the fair office.



As a military veteran, Berg is the person that is dedicated to ensuring that no event goes on in the arena without the American flag being present.

Over the last 30-plus years as a volunteer at the Yolo County Fair, Berg continues to do what it takes to help the fair and his fellow A-Team members.

Keeping with the family feeling, Berg's daughter Tracy is an A-Team member too. Although on occasion he does think it's time to cut back, he is usually one of the first to arrive early in the morning to assure the A-Team can get a hot cup of coffee or maybe even bacon and eggs before they start work.

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Ag Mechanic Students Hosting 8th Annual Auction

By Heather Kemp

For the eighth year in a row, Future Farmers of America Ag Mechanics students will auction their projects at the Yolo County Fair.

Between 15 and 20 items are expected to be up for sale when the annual event begins around 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Livestock Auction Ring immediately following the FFA Market Animal Auction.

Some of the pieces include a refurbished New Holland tractor, a trailer barbecue, a wooden side table and fire pits.

FFA Chapters from Woodland High, Pioneer, Woodland Christian, Winters and West Sacramento are involved in 2019.

Unlike auctions past, guests will be able to preview the projects in the livestock area of the Small Animal Barn leading up to the big day. Interested bidders will be able to register on-site prior to the auction or use their livestock bid number.

As always, proceeds go back to the students.

"The purpose of the auction is so that students can afford to produce their pieces," explained Auction Sale Coordinator Darlene Thomsen. "Oftentimes the school pays for the materials upfront and then when the student sells it, they pay the school back. It's a way of financing their projects and the hope is the kids have some money left over to reward themselves."

Sponsored by the Yolo County Heritage Foundation, Thomsen says the event is a way to "help the community realize you don't have to be a livestock kid to be part of FFA."

Future Farmers of America was founded by a group of young farmers in 1928, according to the National FFA Organization. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population.

Today, the "dynamic" group prepares its young members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



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Yolo County Fair's Heritage Foundation and A-Team Want Your Help

By Heather Kemp

The seldom celebrated heroes who work year-round to help keep Yolo County's fairgrounds in pristine condition are looking for the next generation of volunteers and donors.

Since 2009 the Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation, a nonprofit, has made it its mission to preserve the Gum Avenue site.

"The Heritage Foundation raises money throughout the year to help keep the gate open and to help facilitate some of the projects around the fair," said board member John Wright. "All of the maintenance that you see is done by three or four paid employees and the rest are volunteers."

Executive Director Darlene Thomsen estimates that in the last eight years, the organization has raised over half a million dollars for beautification projects like the construction of new women's bathrooms, the installation of livestock pens and renovations to Maravirov Hall.

Funding comes from revenue made at adult beverage booths run by the foundation at popular events like the Poor Boys Midnight Mass car show or its annual Evening Under the Stars dinner, both of which require volunteers. Legacy gifts like the purchase of bricks or benches also contribute.

While they are obviously in the loop, Thomsen and Wright made it clear that they aren't involved in running the actual fair.

The reason why the pair is so dedicated to the fairgrounds is simple, they, like so many other Yolo County residents, grew up there.

Thomsen's first experience after moving to Woodland with her family in 1965 was attending the fair. When she was old enough, she kept animals there as part of 4-H.

"It just became my home," she said. "I do this because I want to be sure that the fair is there when my grandkids have kids. I'm giving back to what gave to me."

Wright's family came to Davis in 1958 and looked forward to attending the fair every year. His dad, who was a dedicated member of the community, is his inspiration.

With a background in construction, he's also involved with the A-Team — formerly referred to as the arena team.



The Yolo County Fair Heritage Foundation fundraised over \$200,000 for new women's restrooms at the fairgrounds. Courtesy



The Foundation's annual Evening Under the Stars dinner is one of the ways it raises money for projects. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12. Courtesy

The group oversees the Destruction Derby, one of the fair's biggest moneymakers, and assists with preparations for other attractions. They also manage a kitchen that feeds volunteers. During offseason, they assist with maintenance around the grounds.

Thomsen explained the function of each entity:

"The Foundation, A-Team and the fair are totally separate, but we help each other out. I look at the whole thing as a three-legged stool. The foundation serves as a money source, the A-Team serves as a workforce and the fair is kind of it the management."

The duo expressed their gratitude for the folks who get involved.

"There's a lot of work that has to go on to put the fair on and so these people need to be recognized and thanked for doing that because otherwise, you'd be paying to enter the fair and fewer people would be able to go," Wright said.

"The second side of that is not only do we need them to be thanked, but we also need to find in both organizations the next generation," Thomsen picked up, adding that many current volunteers are over age 60. "We need a younger generation to help us see a new vision along with keeping some tradition."

People who love the fair and are willing to contribute time or money to the cause or individuals looking for service opportunities are encouraged to reach out.

For more information on the Heritage Foundation, contact Darlene Thomsen at ycfhfoundation@gmail.com. A-Team board member Mike Reiff is available by phone at 383-9858.



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Yolo Idol is now Yolo County Fair Vocal Showcase



By Elizabeth Kalfsbeek

The Yolo County Fair Vocal Showcase — formerly Yolo Idol — will take place this year from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15.

"New changes and a more concise application process have been implemented to make the contest more exciting and deliver a higher quality of competitors for the fans," said Fair Entertainment Director Marty DeAnda.

The Vocal Showcase is consistently one of the Fair's biggest draws, with hundreds of spectators in recent years.

Contestants for 2019 will be allowed to play an instrument as well as use their own original songs. Applicants are encouraged to submit, along with their application, a video, YouTube link or recording of themselves.

With so many applicants submitting for this year's Vocal Showcase, it will give organizers a chance to assess the talent and limit the number of contestants.

"Last year was the first year we did this and it was by far the best group we've ever had," said DeAnda. "It's morphed Vocal Showcase into something more than it's ever been, more polished."

There will also be an opportunity for late entrants to show the judges "what they've got" prior to the Fair on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Woodland Farmers Market. A special stage will be set up for those who want to take a shot at being a last-minute candidate, or for those already accepted to get in a little practice for the big event on Aug. 15.

Judging for Vocal Showcase will be based on vocal quality, difficulty of performance, stage presence, appropriateness of the song selection and appearance.

From the contestants, the Top 3 will be selected by judges to sing a second song, which will determine the Vocal Showcase winner, runner up and third place contestant.

The winner will take home \$250 and the second and third place contestants will take home \$100 and \$50, respectively.

This year's contest will feature Cambi Brown of Good Day Sacramento as Master of Ceremonies.

The judging panel for this year's Vocal Showcase boasts a tremendous amount of talent and experience:



Vocal Showcase 2018 winner Mina Alali

Bobby Rogers, longtime Director of Music at Woodland Joint Unified School District; Marc Hutt, Advertising Director at the Woodland Daily Democrat and President for the Historic Downtown Woodland Group; and Jason Squires, owner of Woodland's Musictown Studio, worship leader and songwriter.

Though Yolo Idol was the name of the contest for more than a decade, Fair organizers were contacted by the legal team of the "American Idol" franchise last fall demanding a cease and desist using anything with the word "Idol."

After input from Woodland, including the Yolo County Fair Board, "Vocal Showcase" was chosen for the competition's new name.

The Vocal Showcase contest will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15th, followed by the fifth annual Hometown Heroes: Battle of the Bands.

For more information, or to reserve your performance spot contact, Ericka Davis at 383-2199 or email Ericka@ErickaDavis.com.

Contestants can also find forms to submit at yolo.countyfair.net.

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Woodland Rotary Sponsors and Farm Credit West Underwrites FFA Livestock Auction

By Sarah Dowling

Each year hundreds of Yolo County FFA students join their animals in the auction ring at the Yolo County Fair to show off the culmination of their work.

And to, subsequently, say goodbye to their animals.

The Livestock Auction is sponsored this year by Woodland Rotary and is underwritten by Farm Credit West.

Beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, buyers can bid on steers, swine, sheep, goats, and rabbits raised by FFA students representing the high schools of Davis, Delta (Clarksburg), Esparto, Winters, Woodland Christian, Pioneer and Woodland.

One change this year is no poultry will be featured due to concerns over Newcastle disease, Auction Sale Coordinator Darlene Thomsen stated.

Thomsen has spent more than 15 years in this post, helping plan the annual event that reminds her of her own time as an FFA student.

"I grew up in Woodland FFA," she recalled, noting her father was an Ag teacher back then. "This is why I do the volunteer stuff, because somebody did it when I was a kid."

Compared to her FFA days, Thomsen noted there are a "wider variety" of animals. When she was a student, they only showed steers, sheep and pigs.

Similarly, Thomsen has seen a more diverse group of students interested in FFA, which "fits more of the dynamics of the community," she noted.

In terms of auction-goers, it is a cross between individuals and businesses — including those from the ag community and others just hoping to support its students.

Many of the FFA members keep their animals at locations other than their home, such as school farms, the fairgrounds, or community members who open up their barns for them to use.

"Their projects are part of their agricultural education classes they take at their high school," explained Thomsen. "Summer time for the FFA youth isn't a time of leisure. They spend time each day with their projects, sometimes for hours at a time. Feeding twice a day, working and training the animals — it all adds up."

Buyers are required to register for a number at the livestock office before 1 p.m., on sale day. Buyers are encouraged to bring their checkbooks to pay that day, or billing options can be made in advance.

For those who would like to bid or contribute toward either auction, but are unable to present, contact Thomsen by calling 218-2161 or email darthomsen@hotmail.com.

Winning bids have three options:

Resale: You bid what you want the student to get per pound. The committee subtracts the designated resale amount from what you pay and sends the animal to a processor.

Live to take home: The winning bidder pays the amount per pound they bid and takes the animal home on Sunday.

Process or cut/wrap: The winning bidder pays the amount they bid, plus designated processing fees. The buyer gives cutting instructions to the processor and picks up their meat anywhere from a week to a month, depending on the species. The chickens, turkeys and rabbits that are processed may be picked up the day after the auction.



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