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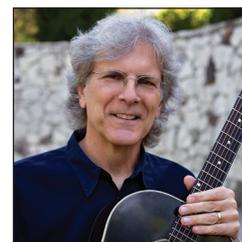
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Photos by Corky Oakes

The Former Andiamo's location boasts Selland's new OBO and Kru will follow shortly.

Around the Hood

By Corky Oakes

I am writing this month's installment from an entirely different hood...Wrights Lake to be exact.

My great grandfather, William Hamblin Oakes, built the first cabin on the lake in 1920, my grandfather Arthur Oakes holding the permit. William built his own cabin and helped build an additional three. All cabins were originally true log cabins. They are all still in use, a testimony to log cabin construction! The lots are "permitted" by the El Dorado National Forest. Wrights Lake is located on the western slope of the Crystal Range of the Sierra. It is also one of the western gateways to the Desolation Wilderness Area. Many Sacramentans are familiar with this area having hiked, camped, swam or all three. For me, I spent my first 18 summers there.

Meanwhile back in our East Sac neighborhood, there are two new restaurants at the former Andiamo's location: OBO and Kru. OBO opened recently and is so popular that an acquaintance of mine said folks couldn't get in!!! WOW. Kru hasn't opened...yet. Maybe Kru will help with the hungry folks trying to eat at OBO! Need address OBO features Italian fare while Kru features "contemporary Japanese cuisine." Both restaurants are run by Selland Family Restaurants.

Canine gourmets?? Woof! Healthy Hounds Kitchen, located at the former site of Queen of Tarts (3608 McKinley Blvd) states that they "put your pet's health and nutrition first and are "100 percent dedicated to the preparation and cooking of healthy dog food using only the freshest USDA certified ingredients." Only in East Sac!!!!



Finally, and I wish it truly was finalized, how about the city's "water infrastructure improvement program" in East Sac???? If you haven't had your life impacted by this yet, hold fast because it may be heading your way. The city's utility website states that the project is set to end July 15. Some of the impacted streets have been Folsom Boulevard, H and J streets, and many of the numbered streets between 30th and 40th streets. I live in an apartment complex where water mains needed replacement. Unfortunately, something went wrong and the entire building's piping was clogged with sediment. This led to some units flooding. For nearly two weeks our water was turned off during the day. We had to boil water in order for it to be fit to consume.

Which leads me back to Wrights Lake. We have to boil water up there also...or walk down the road to a well. After two weeks I figured I might as well be up there...cooler and a better view! For more information, email the city at watermeter@cityofsacramento.org or call the project information line at 808-5870.

Until next month...

State Fair to open with old, new attractions July 8

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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The California State Fair will once again return to Cal Expo with a variety of new additions and old-time favorites. The event will run from July 8-24.

Among the new features of the fair this year will be new midway rides, new competitions and food, and new live entertainment, including performances by musical artists that will make their California State Fair debuts.

Best of California

Sabrina Rodriguez, media director for the fair, commented about the fair's efforts to celebrate the state's best offerings.

"There's nothing wrong with corn dogs and cotton candy and we love that, as well," she said. "But really the California State Fair is about highlighting the best of California. The best beer, the best wine, the best cheese, the best olive oil, the best crafts, the best photography, really the best, because there's so much talent and so much flavor and so many wonderful things that happen all throughout the state."

Best of winners will include winners of the fair's commercial wine competitions that will be showcased in the

wine garden. Winning wines will be poured for fair guests.

Some of the state's best olive oils and cheese will be presented in the California Building.

The fair's racetrack grandstand will be the site of the Best of California Brew Fest on July 16 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$35/advance and \$40/day of show.

Midway of fun

One of the fair's most popular attractions, the midway, will offer three new rides.

One of those rides, the Quasar, features two-person passenger cars that run at a fast pace and create a unique undulating sensation.

Another ride, the Inversion, carries passengers side to side, up and down and even turns upside down. The ride can reach a height of nearly 80 feet.

The latter ride, 1001 Nachts, features a free falling feeling as its passengers are lifted in the air and brought to the ground.

Also new this year is the Sky Ride, a \$1.1 million permanent addition that features a bird's eye view of the fairgrounds.

Edible offerings

Among the food that will be introduced at this year's fair will be avail-

able through Cardinali's, a vendor known for its deep fried watermelon and deep fried pineapple.

As for new menu items, Cardinali's will offer a chicken bowl, a veggie bowl and bananas foster, a dessert featuring a deep fried banana over ice cream with other ingredients.

The menu of another vendor, Sweet Cheeks, will include deep fried Twix, deep fried Twizzler Twinkie, and peanut butter and jelly cheesecake.

Other featured food items from other vendors will be bacon wrapped corn on the cob and a veggie burger.

Grinders will be the destination spot for meat lovers who are interested in the three-pork offering of sweet pork, bacon and ham.

Gourmet hot dogs will be available from fair vendor, Eddie's Hot Doggin.

Rose's Mexican Food will serve fresh fish burritos, Hot Dog on a Stick will offer veggie dogs on a stick, and Egg Roll on a Stick will have Toothless Dragon Wings, which are non-spicy chicken wings.

Fair guests will also be able to purchase a variety of Mediterranean and East Indian food.

And for those who are interested in trying many different food items, but in smaller portions the "\$2 Taste of the Fair" will present fair guests with such an opportunity.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., each vendor will offer \$2 samples of some of their food items.

New entertainment

Among the new entertainment at this year's fair will be a high dive show, in which divers will dive off an 80-foot platform and perform twists and turns before reaching the water. Live shows begin July 12.

Cal Expo will also be the site of the California State Fair Cornhole Championship on July 12. More than 50 two-person teams will compete for that title.

Bonney Field will be the site of two professional rugby matches during the fair.

And for children, the fair will offer an interactive entertainment experience aimed at teaching kids about agriculture in a fun manner.

Concert series

The fair's concert series, which will be presented on the Golden 1 Stage will include Tony! Toni! Toné! on July 8, Chaka Khan on July 11, Tower of Power on July 13, Dwight Yoakam on July 17, Styx on July 18

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A look into the lives of St. Francis HS's Val and Sal of 2016

Salutatorian Jessica Ann Leatherby

St. Francis Catholic High School Class of 2016

Born and raised in Sacramento, Jessie Leatherby is from a large Catholic family. She has been a passionate Catholic for most of her life, attending Our Lady of the Assumption school from Kindergarten through 6th grade and then switching to Presentation school to be taught by the Dominican sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist until 8th grade. Jessie first fell in love with public speaking when the sisters gave her the opportunity to speak in front of the school weekly about the rosary. She began her commitment to student council at Presentation and continued that commitment at St. Francis every year, holding the position of President for two of those years. She fell in love with leadership, organization, and service, through her work on student council, seeing her leadership as the best way for her to do the work of God on campus by serving His people. Her dedication to leadership allowed her to take on roles of junior Kairos leader, retreat team leader, Lectio Devina Bible Study leader,



Jessica Ann Leatherby

National Honor Society Service Project Coordinator, and core service program leader for Sharing God's Bounty Soup Kitchen. Jessie tries to put love into every action she takes and this year received the highest honor at St. Francis, the Pax et Bonum award, for displaying the qualities of faith, excellence, leadership, and service. She will be attending Franciscan University of Steubenville in the fall, a school that is dedicated to the development of passionate Catholics, and will be enrolled in their leadership program where she can further develop her talents. She isn't sure what God is calling her to do exactly but she knows whatever it may be, she will do it with excitement, passion, and most importantly, love.



Emily Carolyn Bloom

Valedictorian Emily Carolyn Bloom

St. Francis Catholic High School Class of 2016

Emily Bloom, from Carmichael, was born and raised in Catholic school. She attended kindergarten through eighth grade at Our Lady of the Assumption School, where she was in the same

class as salutatorian Jessie Leatherby. She started St. Francis not knowing what to expect, but SF soon felt like home when she joined the freshman soccer team. That season she made some of her best friends and was filled with trouble pride. However, after two years of high school and competitive club soccer, Emily hung up the cleats to focus on school. The next two years, Emily was a member of the SF swim team. Though not a fast swimmer, she loved spending time with her friends and getting in shape. Her junior and senior years she served as the Core Service Leader at Well-spring Women's Center with her good friend Julia Agos. Junior year one of her favorite classes at St. Francis was AP Chem with Mrs. Sharon, who inspired Emily's love for science and also showed her how chemistry and faith are

related through some awesome Christian pop music. After attending Junior Kairos in the spring of 2015, Emily found her home in campus ministry senior year, as a Christian Service Leader and senior Kairos leader. Kairos taught her a great deal about herself and her faith, and it introduced her to new classmates she now considers her best friends. She is incredibly grateful for that experience and will truly miss the kairos community as she goes off to college. The last two summers she volunteered at Shriners' Hospital for Children, where she discovered her passion for pediatric nursing, a career that perfectly combined her love of science and love of children. This fall she will pursue a career in nursing at UCLA. Coming from many generations of Cal Bears, she hopes to start her own journey as a Bruin.

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Comedy Spot karaoke marathon to raise funds for its own non-profit

By BUDDY PEELERF

Bake sales, raffles, jog-a-thons... there are only so many ways that a non-profit organization can raise money. Sure, they can go "hat in hand" to a corporation for sponsorship, but that often leads to philosophical differences within the membership creating strife. The last thing that a non-profit needs is discord within the ranks. The Sacramento Comedy Spot, which has recently given up on capitalism and become a non-profit organization, has a new take on fund raising with a 24-Hour Karaoke Marathon.

I did not know that morning when I woke up that I would sing karaoke for the

first time later that day. I was hired to run sound that night for a Sacramento Punk Grass band at show in Yuba City. The club was right in downtown Yuba City. Nice place, but typical, lots of backlighting. It looked like a place that served a lot of apple martinis.

By seven in the evening, the band had done their sound check and disappeared. The band was going on in five hours, midnight. They were to play an hour and a half. Five hours in Yuba City can seem like an eternity.

The opening band was from the area, and they had brought all their friends to the show. They were all freshly scrubbed and wearing clothes that they

had obviously bought a few hours ago. I helped out the green road crew, which were visibly inept at being roadies. After an hour of their versions of Alice in Chains, and Spin Doctor songs, I thought that I should look for members of the band.

Next door to the club was complete dive bar, the kind that you have to take five steps down to enter, and two of those steps were socially. Once my eyes adjusted to the darkness of this ancient place, I spotted a couple of the band members. I have been to many drinking establishments over my lifetime, but this was the darkest and smokiest bar that I have ever been to. Despite laws against smoking tobacco inside a public building being established years before, this bar was so old that it had a grandfather clause that allowed smoking inside. The guys were all excited about singing karaoke in the bar. Onstage, there was an elderly man who looked like he drove a tomato truck his entire life singing the old Webb Pierce song, "There Stands the Glass." He sang it from his heart, and he sang it terribly.

All night long, I popped in and out of the dank karaoke bar, keeping one eye on the drummer, who would lose his timing is he went one beer over his limit, and the singer, who I

was afraid was going to burn out her throat from singing karaoke all night in a smoke-filled bar. It was nearing show time and trying to round-up the band was like holding Jell-O in your hands. Finally, the band agreed that they would leave and play their show, if I would sing one karaoke song.

I thought for a minute. I've been called a lot of things during my life, but singer, was not one of them. With the band and most of the bar now chanting my name, I remembered a song from when I was just a wee lad. For some reason, I remembered the words too. Telling the DJ the song that I wanted, I waited for a couple to finish their duet, "Summer Nights," from the film Grease. I stepped onstage and my friends hooted and hollered while the gentle notes of the song that Kenny Rogers made famous in 1977, "Lucille" beamed from the tiny PA system.

In a bar in Toledo across from the depot On a barstool, she took off her ring I thought I'd get closer so I walked on over I sat down and asked her name When the drinks finally hit her she said "I'm no quitter But I finally quit livin' on dreams I'm hungry for laughter and here ever after I'm after whatever the other life brings" In the mirror, I saw him and I closely watched

him I thought how he looked out of place He came to the woman who sat there beside me He had a strange look on his face The big hands were calloused, he looked like a mountain For a minute I thought I was dead But he started shaking, his big heart was breaking He turned to the woman and said

"You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille With four hungry children and a crop in the field I've had some bad times, lived through some sad times But this time your hurting won't heal You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille"

After he left us, I ordered more whiskey I thought how she'd made him look small From the lights of the barroom To a rented hotel room We walked without talking at all She was a beauty but when she came to me She must have thought I'd lost my mind I couldn't hold her cause the words that he told her Kept coming back time after time

"You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille With four hungry children and a crop in the field I've had some bad times, lived through some sad times But this time your hurting won't heal You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille"

I nailed the song without reading the teleprompter and brought the house down. They were still cheering as I led the band members out the door to their show.

So if you are around 20th and J Street from 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17 stop in at the Comedy Spot (1050 20th St., Ste. 130), drop in a donation and sing a song. You never know, you may bring the house down.

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LIFE

IN THE VILLAGE

By JAN DALSKÉ
East Sacramento News

April 1955

My parents were very excited to be homeowners in Colonial Village. Because he had served in the U.S. Marines, during World War II, my father could qualify for the low interest VA loans that were available at that time. In 1955 the cost of a home was half the price of what purchasing a car is today.

They paid just \$12,500 for their new family home. With a small escrow deposit of \$170.88, and the broker fee of \$242.00, my parents opened escrow on Lot 937 in Colonial Village. They required four bedrooms or more, as they had six children, all under the age of eight, and would welcome another just before Christmas.

My father was the only one that was working. With so many children to care for, my mother's job was to be a "stay at home mom". But, even with just my dad's income, my parents were convinced they could afford the monthly payments. They needed to count

every penny to feed and care for all of their children.

My parents were very confident that this was the right home for them and their growing family. The house had a large backyard that would provide a perfect play area for their active children. My father planned to plant grass and build a fence around the backyard, and that needed to be done soon.

After picking out the model that would meet the needs of their large family, getting the financing completed and signing the papers, my parents still had another large task ahead of them. They needed to get all of their belongings packed and moved into their future home.

But, as usual, my dad had already planned ahead. He had recently purchased a moving truck. It was parked at the house that we were currently renting. Now, all he had to do was fill it up with our furniture and belongings, drive it to the new house and unload it.

A Fair To Remember

Story and photos by
STEVE LIDDICK

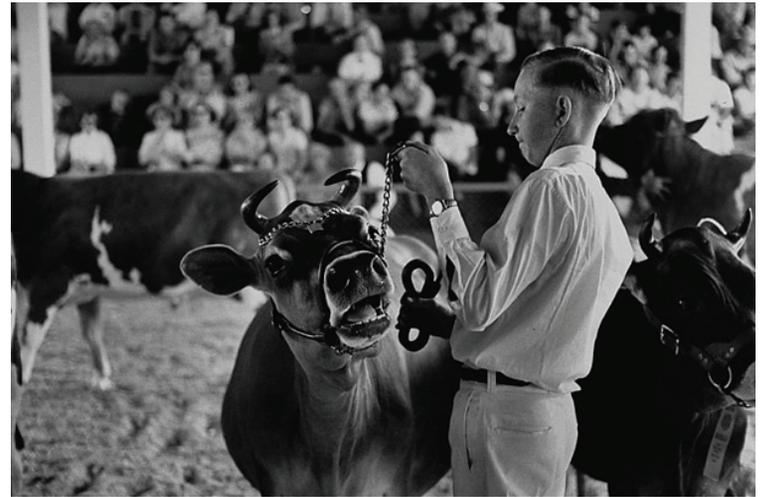
State fair attendees of a certain age can recall when the event was committed almost entirely to live animal and equipment exhibits, contests to determine whose grandma made the best pickles and preserves, and a midway with rides that thrilled.

Times have changed and it takes a lot more to thrill the modern fair-goer. Attracting today's prospective urban attendees who make little connection between the food they eat and where it comes from is a challenge.

"The state fair had to stay with the times," said Sabrina Rodriguez, California State Fair media director.

If fairs had not changed, today's state agricultural exposition could probably be held on a high school football field for all the more people who would show up. That despite California's reputation as "America's Grocery Basket." Today's fair is an event designed to appeal to the widest range of people, yet still retain its agricultural roots.

There are kid-friendly rides at one end of the fair-goer spectrum and the big



Archive photo

The haircut is from an earlier time, but Future Farmers of America and 4-H members are still bringing their cow, goat, pig, and sheep projects to be judged and sold at the California State Fair.

barn with modern farming equipment at the other end. Equipment on display will allow one person to do the work on a thousand acres that it took a dozen men to perform on a small family farm a half-century ago.

To ensure that the urban teenager will have reasons to attend, modern musical acts are included in the experience. The rock band Styx will serve the pulse-pounding needs of the younger generation. County singer Dwight Yoakam and singer Chaka Khan are also on the schedule. For the slightly older crowd: The Pointer

Sisters and Credence Clearwater Revisited.

The midway will still be there with its carnival games, but many of the rides are geared more to today's

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FRIDAY, JULY 8

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR OPENS: Get your tickets for the "best 17 days of summer" at <www.castatefair.org>. See guide in this issue of the East Sacramento News.

LIBRARY FRIENDS "MEMBERS ONLY" PREVIEW BOOK SALE: From 5 to 8 p.m., there will be a preview for Friends of the Library book sale. (You can join at the door for \$15). For \$6, get all the "gently used" books, videos, records, books-on-cassettes and sheet music you can stuff in a grocery bag at the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Ave.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

RIVER PARK MOVIE NIGHT AT GLENN HALL PARK: Celebrating summer and neighbors, come see The Sandlot at Glenn Hall Park (5415 Sandburg Drive), from 7 to 10 p.m., courtesy of Tyson Redmond. This is a free event. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided.

THE BLOCK PARTY AT COLONIAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY: The Crocker Art Museum is throwing a party -- a block party that is! Yes, the museum known for amazing festivals and blockbuster events is being joined by artists, musicians, community groups, dancers, DJs, urban gardeners, poets, performers, culinary artists, and creative souls for a party you will not soon forget. Be blown away by a multi-sensory experience with great food, once-in-a-moment art, friends, and entertainment for the whole family from noon to 7 p.m., 4799 Stockton Blvd.

COYOTE! WITH GUY GALANTE: The coyote has been culturally significant for many generations and is featured in myths and legends of many Northern Californian native cultures. Today, the coyote still thrives in the open spaces and woodlands of the American River Parkway. Come hear stories and see photographic images captured by presenter Guy Galante who will lead a presentation about coyotes, basic holistic tracking skills, and how seeking a coyote can lead to a deeper appreciation for and connection with the Parkway, each other, and ourselves. Guy Galante is Education Director for Soil Born Farms and a professional photographer. He contributed photos to An American River Almanac. Guy can often be found along the banks of the American River. Meet at 9 a.m. at Sutter's Landing Park parking lot at the very

end of 28th Street. Bring water, hats, sunblock, snacks, and a change of clothes for little ones who will most certainly get wet and sandy. Please walk or bike if you can—we want to keep the carbon footprint of our events as small as possible.

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SACRAMENTO PRO RUGBY TAILGATE PARTY: Bring the whole family to The Inaugural Tailgate Party for the Sacramento Express vs. Ohio Aviators game from 3 to 7 p.m., at Woodlake Park, 500 Arden Way. Learn all about the game of rugby and get involved in the Long Kick Challenge. Kids activities, prizes, rugby swag, ticket give-aways and music. Mama Kim's Food Truck will be there with delicious tailgate food. Discounted game tickets will also be sold on the day. Enjoy a fun day in Woodlake Park then drive, ride or walk to Bonney Field for the game, only two miles away. See you there! Call Triscka at 923-6200 for more information.

WEEKEND OF JULY 9 and 10

ANNUAL PACIFIC FLYWAY WILDFOWL ART CLASSIC: A live bird exhibition will entertain patrons while nation's top experts compete, carve, paint, and float. If you enjoy birdwatching, antiques or have a love of the great outdoors, it's time to make your way to the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's (PFDA) Annual Pacific Flyway Wildfowl Art Classic for all things related to wildfowl carving, collecting, fine art, hunting, fishing, birding, and more. Step into the world of America's oldest art form and the origins of wildlife art, July 9-10, 2016, DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way. In its 46th year, the event is the largest U.S. gathering of birding enthusiasts, carvers, artists and wildlife experts with a live bird exhibition provided by Hawks, Honkers and Hoots. Famed West Coast author, Michael R. Miller, will conduct book signings of his recent work throughout the weekend, Wildfowl Decoys of California—Vintage Carving Traditions of the Golden State. **When: Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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BEST BETS



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for sponsorship, but that often leads to philosophical differences within the membership creating strife. The last thing that a non-profit needs is discord within the ranks. The Sacramento Comedy Spot, which has recently given up on capitalism and become a non-profit organization, has a new take on fund raising with a 24-Hour Karaoke Marathon. If you are around 20th and J Street from 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 16 to 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17 stop in at the Comedy Spot (1050 20th St., Ste. 130), drop in a donation and sing a song. You never know, you may bring the house down. (Read more about it on page 6.)



TASTE OF EAST SACRAMENTO: East Sacramento Chamber welcomes the 8th Annual Taste of East Sacramento food, beer and wine event on Saturday, July 16 at the Sacramento Turn Verein, 3349 J St from 6 to 9 p.m. More than 40 local restaurants, breweries and wineries will offer delicious tastings for more than 200 guests. Live music and dancing will also be a part of this fun evening! Buy your tickets at eastsachamber.org.

COMEDY SPOT KARAOKE MARATHON: Bake sales, raffles, jog-a-thons... there are only so many ways that a non-profit organization can raise money. Sure, they can go "hat in hand" to a corporation

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PROMOTIONAL DAYS

\$2 Taste of the Fair: Wednesdays and Thursdays (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) – Sample a variety of fair foods with \$2 menu specials from your favorite food vendors. Everyone knows that Fair food is delicious, but with so many options it's hard to try everything. Now with the \$2 Taste of the Fair you can get smaller versions of all your favorite Fair foods – for only \$2 a taste! This event is great for little ones, or simply anyone who wants to sample a variety of treats from favorite Fair vendors. With all food vendors participating, there are plenty of tastes to please your palette. Whether a small snack or a full meal of minis, there's something for the whole family to enjoy!

Senior Savings Fridays: July 8, 15 & 22 – Discount admission of \$8 for seniors 62 & better every Friday. Plus, seniors ride

FREE on the Grand Carousel and the Giant Wheel.

At the California State Fair, it means discounts. Each Friday of the Fair, including opening day, seniors 62 and better pay only \$8 admission. Once inside, seniors can enjoy live horse racing at the Miller Lite Racetrack Grandstand and simulcast betting at the Satellite Wagering Facility. Don't forget to visit the carnival because seniors ride FREE on the Grand Carousel and the Giant Wheel.

Wells Fargo \$2 Rides for all & Kids Free Tuesdays: July 12 & 19 – FREE admission for kids 12 and under and \$2 rides for all ages. If you're looking for some affordable fun in the sun this is the perfect event for you! Enjoy a day of fun for the whole family with \$2 rides for everyone and free admission for kids 12 and under. With more than 70 thrilling rides and hundreds of exhibits, you'll want to plan a full day of entertainment at the Fair. All of the fantastic activities that the California State Fair has to offer will guarantee an unforgettable visit!

Military & Veteran Appreciation Day: July 14 – FREE admission all day for active, retired, veterans and reserve military personnel with ID.:

For a day revolved around immense appreciation, we invite active duty, reserve and veterans from all branches of the military to enjoy FREE Fair admission. Military and civilian guests will enjoy a MRE cookoff, a showcase of real military vehicles, representatives from military organizations and other special entertainment. The whole day is focused on paying gratitude and celebrating the individuals and organizations that keep our country safe. For free admission, veterans or military personnel must present valid military ID at the California State Fair's Box Office. Offer does not include admission for family members or dependents.

Best of California Brewfest: July 16: VIP entrance at 2 p.m.; general entrance at 3 p.m., Miller Lite Racetrack Grandstand, 21 & older (with a valid ID): Taste the finest craft beers California has to offer! For only \$35 (advanced ticket, \$40 day of) guests can sample 10 of California's award-winning beers from the Commercial Beer Competition in their own 5-ounce souvenir cup. Get double the fun with free fair admission with the purchase of a Brewfest ticket. Upgrade to the VIP experience for only \$45 (advance ticket, \$50 day of) for 15 craft beer samples, 5-ounce souvenir cup, complimentary fair admission, early entry and exclusive beer

selections. VIPs can sit back and enjoy comfy seating and other perks in the exclusive VIP tent. VIP tickets are limited, so purchase early!

Bring a designated driver and they'll receive discounted admission for only \$5 (fair admission not included). Beer lovers from all corners of California can enjoy warm sun, cold drinks and even live horse racing. Get your wristband early and avoid the lines by visiting either of the two new ID check locations from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. located at the Main Gate and in front of the Miller Lite Racetrack Grandstand.

First Responders Appreciation Day: July 21 – FREE admission all day for first responders and law enforcement with ID. As a special thank you for their hard work and bravery, active members of law enforcement, firefighters and first responder units can enjoy free Fair admission on July 21, courtesy of Bloodsource. All fairgoers can enjoy a day of fun celebrating first responders complete with special exhibits, interactive activities, one-day-only entertainment and much more. For free admission, active first responders must present ID showing first responder status at the California State Fair's Box Office. Offer does not include admission for family members or dependents of first responders.

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Features: Bird Talk with a LIVE bird exhibition, mini "How To" workshops, fascinating demonstrations, judged competitions, stunning wildlife art exhibition/sale, "hands on" art educational activities for kids, raffles, door prizes and more! Tickets: \$5 for the weekend, children under 12 years of age: Free! For more information, visit: www.pacificflyway.org

MONDAY, JULY 11

BINGO AT PUBLIC HOUSE THEATER: Local pub theater will offer games of bingo starting at 7 p.m., 5440 14th Ave., 662-7262.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 19

OAK PARK HEALING ARTS CENTER DONATION-BASED YOGA: All Levels Vinyasa every Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. this summer with Amy Byerhoff. Donations received will be given to a community service in Oak Park. Let's practice together, honor our community and move forward together with open hearts. Contact: amylea@center7.org or visit center7.org. Oak Park Healing Arts Center, 3101 33rd St., 95817.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

BOOK A GENEALOGIST: Do you need help with researching your family's history? McKinley Library's volunteer genealogist, Bernard Marks, is available to assist you with a free, 45-minute session. Mr. Marks is available on second and fourth Thursdays at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Please make an appointment at the branch, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Walk-up patrons are also welcome if time allows.

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TAHOE PARK HORSESHOE PIT

CLEAN UP: The Tahoe Park Neighborhood Association invites neighbors to help clean up the park's horseshoe pit, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. 3501 59th St.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

FAMILY KARAOKE WITH DJ BETHY AT PUBLIC HOUSE THEATER: Local karaoke jockey invites all ages to this family friendly karaoke evening from 5 to 9 p.m. at the pub theater, 5440 14th Ave., 662-7262.

MONDAY, JULY 18

TRIVIA WITH CORINNE AT PUBLIC HOUSE THEATER: Local pub theater hosts trivia night from 7:30 to 9 p.m., 5440 14th Ave., 662-7262.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT AT PUBLIC HOUSE THEATER: Local pub theater hosts kids' movie night, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., TBD. 5440 14th Ave., 662-7262.

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SATURDAY, JULY 23

SPORTSJAM: Enjoy the fun, games, prizes and excitement at the inaugural St. Little League Western Regional All Star Tournament as SportsJam takes the field. From soccer shootouts to football combines, speed and agility challenges and hole-in-one putting contest, athletes of all ages will be treated to a special afternoon of fun and games at American River College smack dab in the middle of the week-long Little League All Star tournament. Ever wonder how fast you throw the baseball or how many free throws you can make in a row? How about testing your ability at Lacrosse or trying out rugby for the very first time! Experts will be on hand to teach, demonstrate and put you on the field to try your hand and test your skills. It's a free-for-all of sports and fun! Bring your friends and compete for bragging rights, Saturday, July 23rd from 1-5 p.m. at the entrance to the ballfields!

Local favorite children's educational sing-a-long program to return to the Colonial Heights Library

By MELISSA SHELLEY
Special to the East Sacramento News

Mister Cooper and his acoustic guitar children's songs will be resuming weekly at the Colonial Heights Library, beginning Thursday, July 7 at 10 a.m. The library recently went under a four month renovation that seemed like eternity to the eager children and parents who regularly attended these 30 minute rockin' nursery rhyme sing along and jam sessions.

The Colonial Heights Library hosts around 40 children during the energetic sing-a-longs, where popular nursery rhymes and original compositions are strummed to a modern beat. Kids can't get enough of pouring themselves into a puddle when I'm a Little Tea Pot is played.

They sing along to discover Dr. Seuss' On the Loose, meet the likes of Matilda the Gorilla, and learn why Mister Cooper was born on a Pirate Ship. The children follow along with their peers to their own gestures and dance moves that they have adapted for each song.

Parents can appreciate that music time typically concludes with the Funky Funky Freeze Dance to get that last bit of energy out before families can heading out to the Colonial Heights Library Garden, or into the library for exploration. Parents have said that "Mister Cooper's Sing Along Program is the best thing that has happened for their child. Their speech and motor skills have been enhanced and they have learned kindness towards

each other, responsibility, and compassion for the earth. It's from his music."

For more than 20 years, parents and children know of Ken Cooper's music around the region from concerts in the park, in their classrooms, and at the free weekly public library events. These events are geared to enhance curriculum and enrichment through song. Touted as a rock-star for kids of all ages through elementary school, he sings weekly to reinforce reading and counting competence, social skills and to provide an opportunity for learning music appreciation.

It will surely be an enthusiastic and energetic reception for his grand re-appearance. It's a great time to be had for all. Make sure to check out the Mister Cooper website for his live ap-

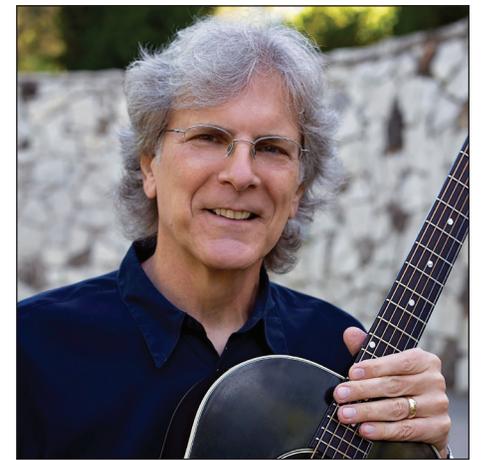


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adrenalin junkie. "Quasar," is described as "a fast-paced thrill ride." Two passengers are secured in each car and spun around. Another is "Inversion," which, just as its name suggests, swings 360-degrees on a giant boom, putting passengers upside-down. Neither ride is recommended immediately after eating hot dogs, cotton candy and/or super-sized soft drinks.

The monorail that was installed in 1967 to give the fair-goer a birds-eye view around the complex is still there, although there have been many structural and cosmetic upgrades in the years since.

The 2016 California State Fairgoer will find displays of wine, cheese, beer and olive oil where simpler, less sophisticated products once dwelt. Cheese, craft beer and olive oil are fairly new, but California wine displays and judging date back to the very first state fair in 1854.

An interactive transportation exhibit called "California on the Move" will showcase the role of transportation in California from the past to the present to the future.

While today's fairs everywhere are becoming less like those of the past, Sabrina



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Ryan Grossman (at right) prepares samples from the Enzo Olive Oil company for attendees to taste.

Rodriguez says state fair-goers "can still experience the nostalgia of the fair." There are canning and baking competitions just like the "good old days."

Future Farmers of America and 4H members will bring their pig, sheep, goat and cow projects to the fair. And grandma's pickles and preserves still have a place. It's just that the whole show is wrapped up in a different package.

Just as in the past, the fair is aimed at being a fun experience

for all. It's just a different kind of fun from that of those simpler times. It is an event tailor-made for the 21st Century, with a nod to those who still recall the early 20th.

The California State Fair will be held July 8-24 at Cal Expo. Advanced ticket prices start at \$6.00 for children. Tickets are available at www.CAStateFair.org/tickets. Prices are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults.

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and The Pointer Sisters on July 20.

All seating is free, except for reserved seating closest to the stage.

The fair will also present a variety of other live music performances on other stages.

Animal attractions

As usual, the fair will also feature a variety of animal attractions, including the Sale of Champions on July 10, 10 days of horse racing, the Animal Education Center, an animal petting zoo, and opportunities to see some of the state's best livestock in the Tractor Supply Company Big Barn.

Native plants

New to the fair this year will be the completely renovated California native plant area, which features more than 100 species of native plants that collectively create a shaded oasis.

Transportation exhibit

Among the unique new exhibits at this year's fair will be an interactive transportation exhibit, which explores California's transportation of the past, present and beyond.

Photography competition

This year, the fair will feature a new competition category: photography. The competition will highlight more than 2,200 entries.

Come one, come all

Rodriguez extended an invitation for local residents and others to attend this year's edition of the State Fair.

"We invite everyone of all ages to come out and enjoy and sample the best of California during the 17 best days of summer at the California State Fair," she said.

For ticket information and other details about the 2016 State Fair, visit the website www.castatefair.org.

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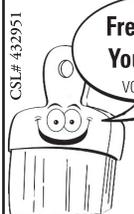
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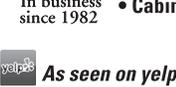
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