

# Final tuning under way at county fairgrounds

WATSONVILLE — Final preparations continued here today in anticipation of Tuesday's noon opening of the 41st Annual Santa Cruz County Fair.

The countywide tradition will run for six days through Sunday featuring, as always, free concert entertainment nightly.

Fair Manager Gil Mello is hopeful of breaking last year's record-breaking paid attendance mark of 65,000 with the likes of Quarterflash (Wednesday) and Emmylou Harris (Thursday).

Tuesday's opening day will again be highlighted by the traditional chicken barbecue on the amphitheater lawn, which runs from 4 to 7 p.m. It will also be Senior Citizens' Day and all seniors 65 years and older will be admitted for 25 cents.

Free entertainment will be provided by the Cocomanut Grove Orchestra, The Brass Band and Chris Michielssen.

Wednesday will be Pepsi Family Day. Two empty Pepsi cans will get \$1 off the regular \$3.50 admission price for adults or 50 cents off the regular \$1.25 children's price. Seniors will be admitted on all days for \$1.25.

Thursday will be Kids Day with all kids 12 and under getting in free. Thursday and Friday will also be Education Days.

Thousands of area school children will get in free when they come with organized groups from school.

Sunday will be International Day. La Fiesta Mexicana will begin at 4 p.m. and feature several professional Mexican entertainment stars.

Besides Quarterflash (with hits "Harden My Heart" and "Find Another Fool") and Emmylou Harris (1980 Country Music Association's best female vocalist), the free entertainment lineup will include Tierra at 8 p.m. Friday and Daddy-O on Saturday.

The horse show will offer events every night. The popular destruction derby will be at 8 p.m. Friday, with the always-tearful junior livestock auction and the 18th Annual California Logging Lumberjack Contest on Saturday.

The fair will be open from noon to 11 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Closing time will be expanded to midnight on Friday and Saturday, with Sunday's hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Fairgrounds are located directly off Highway 152 near Casserly and Carlton roads. It is accessible from Highway 1 by taking either Freedom Boulevard, Airport Boulevard, Green Valley Road (Main Street) or Riverside Avenue.

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