Cowboy theme for county fair, open this week

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"Cowboy Ways and Happy Days" is the theme of this year's Santa Cruz County Fair, which gets under way Tuesday at the fairgrounds east of Watsonville.

Part of the "Happy Days" portion of the event will include two appearances by nostalgia rock group Sha Na Na on stage in the fair amphitheater Saturday, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Cowboys will be represented by Sourdough Slim, a yodeling buckaroo crooner. Slim and Cowgirl Pearl will be strolling and singing throughout the fairgrounds on a daily basis.

Gates at the fairgrounds will open at noon Tuesday and at 10 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The grounds will remain open until 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights,