

2019 Amador Fair Wrap Up

Amador County Fairtime Fiesta [#best4daysofsummer](#) saw a lot of new entertainment and community partnerships. The addition of the Fandango Stage on Saturday & Sunday of the Fair featuring performances by DonGatos Latin Band and Troyanos Del Norte kept crowds entertained into the evening. All this was in addition to our Truck Pulls, CCPRA Rodeo, Destruction Derby, local and regional acts.

Welcome and exciting partnerships with the St. Katharine Drexel Folklorico Group contributed vibrant colors and enthusiasm to the Fair each day with performances on the Biagi Family Bandstand. Ballet Folklorico de Sacramento and Ballet Azteca de Sacramento performances on Saturday and Sunday included workshops with our local SKD Folklorico Group. Mariachi Mi Tierra performed each day to the delight of fairgoers.

Green lawns, vibrant flower displays and strong entertainment offerings greeted Amador County Fairgoer's when they arrived on the fairgrounds. Cooler daytime temperatures and evening breezes leading up to the Fair were factors leading to near record Thursday crowds and Harrahs Northern California "Free Parking Friday" promotion contributed to larger than typical Friday crowds. 106° temperatures on Saturday and 108° temperatures on Sunday impacted gate admissions significantly. Overall 26,103 guests attended the #1 small county fair up, 02% from last year.

Evening crowds remained strong and the Destruction Derby sold out within 2 weeks of tickets going on sale in May. CCPRA Rodeo performed before near capacity crowds and the thrilling Truck Pull Show continues to draw an ever larger audience. More than 100 kids participated in the popular Mutton Bustin' competition.

Moms appreciated Johnston Amusements decision to rest the carnival from 2pm to 6pm on Thursday because of the heat and some rides rested on Saturday and Sunday for the same reason. The daytime pause in the carnival was implemented to make sure our younger fairgoers didn't burn themselves on the hot metal of the rides.

Maura Jorgenson was crowned 2019 Miss Amador Scholarship Competition winner, 1st Runner-Up Charity Goldsmith-Ding; 2nd Runner-Up Gracie Goldsmith-Ding and 3rd Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality Madison Muschetto. All will represent Amador County at various events throughout the year and receive scholarships to further their education.

Julia Kalika was crowned Miss 2019 Amador County Fair Rodeo Queen in a competition that tested the young women on horsemanship, speech, modeling and impromptu skills at the competition. Julia will represent Amador County in various rodeos and parades in the region and throughout the state through 2020.

In the Benny Brown Arena, Chris Gascon, driving the 8U car, had to outlast a tough field of competitors that included 2018 Amador County Fair Destruction Derby champion Artie Tressler in the No. 4 car. In this year's Main Event, Tressler finished in second place behind Gascon, while Kasey Brandt placed third in the No. 222 car and Kyle Wilson placed fourth in the 9-1-1 car. Artie Tressler won the title of Best Looking Car at this year's Derby, while Craig Joses in car No. 65 earned the Mad Dog award for aggressive driving.

Of note this year, Ironstone Vineyards' Petite Sirah/Durif earned Best of Show honors in the 2019 Amador County Fair wine Competition. Best Rhone Varietal went to Karmere Vineyards & Winery; Best Italian Varietal to Vino Noceto Winery; Best Iberian Varietal to Jeff Runquist Wines; Best Red Zinfandel to Nobel Ranch Wines; Best White Wine to Cielo Estate Winery; Best Rose to Vino Noceto Winery and Best Dessert/Sweet Wine to Bella Grace Vineyards. For the complete listing of award winning wines visit our website at AmadorCountyFair.com.

On the Picnic Hill Stage crowds were entertained by Journey Unauthorized, Cripple Creek Band, Clean Slate and Bad Moon Rising. With four stages featuring so many local and regional talent there was no shortage of foot tapping, hand clapping and good vibrations throughout the fairgrounds. I can't forget a shout out to Skip Banks Balloon Man for entertaining us each day of the Fair.

4-H, FFA and Grange exhibitors were rewarded for their hard work at the Junior Livestock Auction. 286 lots were sold totaling more than \$540,887.25 including Bred Replacement Heifers, Market Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats, Rabbits, Chickens, Benches and BBQ's. Thanks to our buyers for their support of the youth of Amador County. Thanks to everyone who support our kids.

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Congratulation to all! For a complete list of competitions and winner's check our website AmadorCountyFair.com.

And Thanks for another great year at the #1 small county fair!

Sincerely,



Troy Bowers
CEO Amador County Fair