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Southern California Fair Opens as Perris Dedicates Train and Picnic Area to Late Mayor



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PERRIS, Calif. (October 7, 2019) -- The Southern California Fair officially opened with "Perris Day" and a ribbon cutting ceremony, as an elected official from surrounding cities attended in celebration of the annual event on Saturday, October 5, 2019.

Riverside Supervisor Jeff Hewitt from the county's 5th district opened with a few words congratulating the organizers on what looks to be another successful fair.

"This is a uniquely American event," said Hewitt. "A time where we can remember things of the past such as 4H and our involvement with farm animals. Please enjoy this and eat some good food!"

Mayor Michael M. Vargas was also in attendance, commending the event as a staple in the community.



"I appreciate all who were involved in the organization of this event," said Vargas. "This is our county fair and we have made it our own. I hope everyone enjoys it, especially on their respective city days."

Cooling temperatures and opportunities for hog wild family fun ushered in the 2019 Southern California Fair FREE Concert and Entertainment Series. Opening Day featured country and hip-hop artist Blanco Brown and the very talented King Calaway. Closing Day will conclude with performances by Los Lobos and Malo. The nine-day nonstop fair lineup offers plenty of good music and fun entertainment for all participants.

In addition to these special performances, there will be plenty of roving entertainment acts, magic shows, cowboys, still walkers, trick roping, comedy shows, thrilling rides, tasty food, daily livestock shows, and a livestock auction and rodeo on Saturday, October 12!

In partnership with Southern California Fair officials and the Southern California Railway Museum, the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce assisted in providing and dedicating a train and picnic area to former Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, who served for 17 years from 1999 to 2016 on the Perris City Council and passed away in December 2017.



Joshua Naggar, member of the Board of Directors for the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce and President of the Friends of the Fairgrounds Foundation, commented on how Mayor Busch was faithful to his duties and "mayoral" to the very end, citing example of how Busch was involved with the city of Perris even up until three weeks before he passed.

"Mayor Busch was strong and faithful to our city until the end," said Naggar. "We can all look to that example and it is important that we honor him and the Busch family for all they have done for this city."

Mayor Vargas also commented on how much the Busch family was engrained into the city of Perris.

"It is amazing how much history is in the city of Perris that involves the Busch family," said Vargas. "I hope to continue the leadership established by Mr. Busch in this community during my tenure as mayor."



Mr. Busch was born on January 31, 1941 in St. Louis, one of seven siblings. The family later moved to small town of Greenville, Illinois. While still a teen-ager, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served three years as a shipboard radar operator on the USS Picking and USS Bryce Canyon.

While on a weekend pass from the service, Mr. Busch met his future wife, Kay, and married a short time later. The couple's marriage lasted 57 years. After leaving the service, Mr. Busch and his family lived for a time in the Ontario-Chino area, where he worked as a banker. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business from California State University, San Bernardino.

A promotion to bank manager brought Mr. Busch and his family to Perris in 1975. Following his career in finance, Mr. Busch owned and operated Amigos Tres Restaurant on D Street before beginning his service in public office.

Mr. Busch was active in many organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, the Perris Valley Chamber of Commerce, Perris Valley Historical and Museum Association, the Perris Valley Rotary Club and the Perris Cesar E. Chavez Friends of the Library.



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