

Stonyford Rodeo Featured on Channel 10 TV

By Roy Stewart, Promotional Director

Last year's Stonyford Rodeo appeared on Sacramento's Channel 10's Bartell's Backroads. It was videoed on rodeo Friday and was aired on July 21, 2023. The genesis for this program occurred in 2020 when Roy Stewart contacted John Bartell and asked if he would be interested in telling his readers about this small-town rodeo; he was, but COVID 19 got in the way when the rodeo was cancelled due to the pandemic.

In 2023, after the rodeo was firmly reestablished, John Bartell was again contacted and was still interested. On Friday, May 5, 2023, John and his cameraman were met at the rodeo grounds by Roy Stewart and Joyce Bond and shown around town. Their first stop was the Stonyford Museum, where Joyce is Managing Director. She told them about the 160-year history of Stonyford and showed off the many photographs and artifacts in the museum, especially the "Message Rocks" exhibit.

From the museum, Joyce took them to the Catholic Church and explained its rich history. It had been built in 1896 in a location that is now flooded by the waters of the East Park Reservoir and later moved to Stonyford. This history, with photographs, can be found on the town's website, www.stonyfordca.org/history.

After touring the church, John stopped by the town store and interviewed its owner, Trish Dearman. He then returned to the rodeo grounds and interviewed Roy and two rodeo contestants: mutton buster, Murphy Trahan and barrel racer, Emma Canalia. Readers can see this Bartell's Backroads segment by typing "horsing around stonyford" in their computer's search engine (Google).

This year's 2024 rodeo will start at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3, and is an all-PRCA rodeo. On Saturday, the day starts with breakfast, in the fire hall, at 7 a.m. and last until 10 a.m., when the rodeo parade starts. The day's rodeo action starts at 1 p.m. and is a mix of PRCA and amateur events. The rodeo weekend ends on Sunday with breakfast, in the fire hall, from 7 to 10 a.m. Sunday's rodeo are all amateur events and starts at noon.

Rodeo tickets are available for purchase on our website at www.stonyfordrodeo.com, and at the ticket-sale locations listed on the website. Get your tickets early and save money. Pre-rodeo sale tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets at the gate on rodeo day are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

There are no motels or hotels in Stonyford; however, camping is available at the rodeo grounds for \$30 per vehicle (cash only at the gate—no credit cards). There are also camping sites at two locations at the East Park Reservoir. The nearest location is 2 miles from the rodeo grounds and the other is 8 miles away. These locations are managed by Colusa County from the link found at www.stonyfordrodeo.com. Fees and reservations apply.



Roy Stewart and John Bartell talk about the rodeo.