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Toe-Tapping Fun at ColomaFest

COLOMA -- Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park will be swinging with live music, a bigger-than-ever classic car, truck, and motorcycle show, and great food, drink, and crafters at "ColomaFest--Small Town Summer Days" on Saturday, June 11, 2005.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The cost for visitor parking is \$7 per vehicle.

ColomaFest visitors can visit the Park's Museum, picnic by the river, wander through some of the town's historic buildings, and pan for gold. Demonstrations at the Blacksmith Shop continue throughout the day.

The afternoon will feature the live acoustic sounds of "Cow Bop," playing the best in cowboy jazz and classics from the golden era of Swing. Summertime shopping surprises will include hand-made jewelry, drawings and sculpture, native plants, and other unique gift items. Hot dogs, sandwiches, shaved ice, sarsaparilla, and beer will be on sale.

Cow Bop mixes swinging grooves, thrilling solos, sweet vocals, and acoustic western sensibilities. Formed in 2003 by internationally-acclaimed guitarist Bruce Forman, this hot jazz and western swing band has toured extensively throughout the country, exciting audiences with their unique brand of American music. "They put some scoobie-doo in their wahoo!" says Wylie Gustafson of Wylie & the Wild West. Their CD, *Swingin' Out West*, released in 2004, charted on Americana, Jazz, College, and Adult radio stations and is available at the Gold Rush Mercantile at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. And if you've been to the movies lately, you'll have heard the guitar playing of Forman, whose music is featured in Clint Eastwood's movie "Million Dollar Baby."

Call John Tillman at (530) 621-7070 for car show information; vendors seeking information may call Janet Koutnik at (530) 344-1895.

This annual event is hosted by the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park, the Gold Discovery Park Association and the Coloma-Lotus Chamber of Commerce.

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