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Big Entertainment for the June 22 Juneteenth Celebration

(Woodland, CA) – Event coordinators for this year’s Juneteenth celebration expect a capacity crowd on June 22 at the Davis Veterans’ Memorial Center with music featuring Bayonnes Big Bang, Calvin Handy, Al Zaid and others, along with a “Hat Extravaganza” fashion show staged by Nathale Minyaand and an arts and crafts sale. The event, co-hosted by the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library, in partnership with the Friends of the Davis Public Library, the City of Davis, Culture Co-op and others, will also include a children’s craft activity and an exhibit of historic photographs at the library.

Juneteenth is an annual celebration of the day Union forces announced the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas on June 19, 1865. It has been called the second Fourth of July because it was a major step toward full equality for all Americans. All are invited to this free, family-friendly event honoring the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863 which set free 3.5 million people.

With the exception of the children’s craft activity and exhibit of historic photos from the Yolo County Archives, which can be found at library next door, this year’s event will be held on Saturday, June 22, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial Center, located at 14th and B Streets in Davis.

Sponsors of the event include the City of Davis, Friends of the Davis Library and private donors. Other partners include “We People”, BECA, African American Committee and AllStar Action Team. For more information, call Jay Johnstone at (530) 757-5595.

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