

Add Filipino food to Rodeo menu

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When it comes to food, the California Rodeo Salinas sets the standard for hearty meals, boasting everything from corn dogs to tri-tip to wraps.

“We have one of the best food (selections) of all the rodeos in the United States,” said Max Tybroski, who has been in charge of concessions at the Rodeo for 24 years.

This year’s Rodeo offers traditional favorites along with new varieties, Tybroski said.

“We have Filipino food this year,” he said.

The Filipino Community of the Salinas Valley, a nonprofit group that raises money for scholarships and other charitable causes, will be selling combo food plates that include lumpia (egg rolls). It’s one of more than 10 nonprofit groups that will be raising funds at this year’s Rodeo.

Several commercial vendors will also delight Rodeo-goers with mouthwatering concoctions.

Earthy Delights, which debuted last year, will return for this year’s festivities, offering Philly cheese steak sandwiches, Italian garlic chicken sandwiches, barbecue pulled-pork sandwiches and sirloin burgers, among



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Mikellann Miller of King City helps out at the 2004 Rodeo Kickoff Barbecue at the Salinas Sports Complex.

other tasty choices.

Crowd favorite Caesar’s Etc. also returns for its third Rodeo, with its menu of salads and a variety of wraps, including calamari, crab and shrimp.

“People are getting into these wraps now,” Tybroski said. “They’re our best booth.”

Trevino’s Burritos, which has been popular with Rodeo-goers for more

AT A GLANCE

n The Roundup Barbecue is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday at the Coors Bull X-ing tent.

n More than 20 food booths will be open during the Rodeo’s four-day run.

n The famous California Rodeo Burger will be available at the Salinas Elks booth.

than 20 years, will also return, with what Tybroski bills as “the best burritos you’ve ever tasted in your life.”

The popular La Michoacana booth will dish up tasty tacos and nachos, he said.

Also available: corn dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, cotton candy, popcorn, beef jerky and churros. Consuming these calories will benefit the nonprofit groups selling the delectable morsels.

But the Rodeo can’t be complete without the monster-sized California Rodeo Burger.

A signature meal created by the Salinas Elks, the burger boasts a half-pound of the finest beef blended with Swiss sausage. The Elks also have a special hamburger for kids, pulled-pork sandwiches and tri-tip.

“It will knock your socks off,” Tybroski said.