

# Woodstock farmer's son to reminisce at book signing

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On the last day of the legendary Woodstock music festival in 1969, a 49-year-old conservative farmer stepped onstage to address the crowd that had gathered on his property — and now, State College will have a chance to meet that farmer's son.

Sam Yasgur, who self-published the book "Max B. Yasgur: The Woodstock Festival's Famous Farmer," will have an informal signing and discussion about his book at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Old Main Frame Shop & Gallery, 136 E. College Ave.

Yasgur's book is a biography that follows his father from birth. He's remembered for leasing his land for the Woodstock festival in Bethel, New York, but most people know little else about the dairy farmer, something Yasgur hoped to change by writing the book.

"Until you understand those first 49 years, you wouldn't understand why he did what he did," Yasgur said.

Max Yasgur was a pro-war Republican, but despite his political viewpoints, he fought against

## If you go

**What:** "Max B. Yasgur: The Woodstock Festival's Famous Farmer" book signing

**Where:** Old Main Frame Shop, 136 E. College Ave.

**When:** 1 p.m. Saturday

**Details:** Event is free and open to the public. The store will offer special framing discounts and giveaways. Books retail for \$20.

local government to allow kids to hold what was essentially an anti-war demonstration, Yasgur said.

"Without his involvement, there would have been no Woodstock generation," Yasgur said.

Yasgur, currently the county attorney for Sullivan County in New York, was 27 years old when Woodstock took place. His father had already had two heart attacks before the festival, and neighbors who disapproved of the event threatened his father for allowing it to occur.

"And so it was, for me, a fairly

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Author, son of Max Yasgur

traumatic weekend," Yasgur said. At Woodstock, all the elements of a "perfect storm" were in place — a lack of adequate transportation, scarce parking and little food, with everyone sitting in mud, Yasgur said.

"And yet, it was cool," he said. "That's kind of remarkable, isn't it?"

Kathy Davies, events coordinator for the Old Main Frame Shop & Gallery, said the event will be informal. Anyone interested in American history, pop culture or good storytelling should attend Yasgur's signing, she said.

"He's very animated," she said. "You can see in his eyes how excited he is about things of that time period."

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Courtesy of Sam Yasgur

Sam Yasgur works "security" at the Woodstock music festival in 1969. The festival took place on his father's dairy farm in Bethel, N.Y., when he was 27 years old. Yasgur will be signing his book about his father's life, "Max B. Yasgur: The Woodstock Festival's Famous Farmer," on Saturday at Old Main Frame Shop & Gallery, 136 E. College Ave.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic, 4-Positive, 3-Average, 2-No-so, 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Matters move with greater ease, but how much of this can be contributed to the fact that this is the end of the week? People finally are receptive and more open? You still could have some difficulty with one key person. Tonight: Live it up.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even if you feel as if you want to toss your hands in the air. Your ability to relate and get down to the very basics could make a difference in a discussion. Tonight: Hang with some friends.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ Be more sensitive to your budget

and the choices you make. You have a lot going on, and events happen out of the blue. Start working on your Christmas list, but don't lose sight of your budget. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Your treat.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ When you make the effort to reach out to someone, you could be surprised by this person's reaction. Not everyone has the same mind-set and can flow like you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ You could become a bit off or not willing to state your case. Keep your own counsel until you feel more comfortable. Know that when the time is right, you will reveal more of your feelings. Tonight: Know what you want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Zero in on and understand exactly what it is you want. Investigate what someone suggests, even if you aren't totally comfortable with the fiscal ramifications. Could there be a way around this? Tonight: Where the gang is.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★ Know that you must accomplish what someone else asks of you. You could be worn down and tired by recent events. Know when to say, "enough."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. You could be a bit tired or withdrawn. Understand that holding yourself and your feelings back so tightly could cause a problem. Tonight: Take off as

soon as you can.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might need to rethink a situation and decide which way is your path to go. Listen to your inner voice. Take a more serious look at a friendship that demands a lot of energy from you. Tonight: Make time for a special treat.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ Others seem to present you an idea after another. In some cases, it might be one invitation after another. You may be hard-pressed to answer yes. You have very little options as far as you can tell. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ Clear your desk as soon as possible. You'll find that you will accomplish much more if you remain calm and steady. Honor who you are and don't let negativity prevent you from hitting a home run. Tonight: TGIF with co-workers.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Listen to news with an eye to greater opportunity. If you're not careful, you could create a strong case of jealousy with a partner or loved one. You don't want to do that, do you? Tonight: BORN TODAY.

TV host Tara Banks (1973), musician Dennis Wilson (1942), hip-hop artist Biggie (1970) ...

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