

# FARM BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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*From your  
Farm Bureau  
President,  
RYAN RICE*

First and foremost, I would like to thank the people that make up our County Farm Bureau staff such as Katherine Ziemer, Executive Director and Mary Ann Renner, Office Manager in our county office, working diligently on all

of our local issues day in and day out. I also want to thank all of our Board Members who attend our meetings regularly and are part of our committees. Together we stand strong for our local agricultural issues at hand.

I have noticed that over the course of the years of growing up in the agricultural community that we have evolved. This is due in part to communication, changing science, politics and a plethora of other things that have created this change. Along with this, I believe there has never been a better time to look at changing the way we do things. We often speak of a desired result. We also talk a lot about the path that we need to travel to achieve that desired result. Unfortunately, the desired result that we want has become unattainable by traveling down the same path we have always traveled with uncontrollable change.

One of the things that are needed more now than ever is retaining and creating new membership. Although we are extremely comfortable at our county level as far as financial stability, we have a rather large deficit at the state level that we need to be concerned with. One of the ways to close this deficit is to retain and create new membership. We have come up with some immediate solutions to this problem but need to think about long term solutions. We need to change the way



we think about approaching individuals for membership.

Another issue that has raised its head in the last few years is the sustainable ground water management act at the state level. This was an act that was implemented in 2014 by the State

Department of Water Resources. The condensed version of this Act could mean potential permitting and monitoring of all groundwater wells with an emphasis on Agriculture. Because of the California State Farm Bureau being involved with the shaping of this act, we are able to help form what this looks like for Humboldt County Ag. I amongst others from Humboldt County Farm Bureau have actually been on the steering committee the last few years trying to help design this to have minimal impact on Ag here in Humboldt. We so far have seen success.

I am involved with the state Farm Bureau's Leadership program and flew to Washington DC to discuss forestry issues with some legislative folks in May of this year. It was an exciting opportunity to see our nation's capital and continue discussions with our concerns on Ag.

In closing, I am honored to be the current Humboldt County Farm Bureau President. I am proud to say my Dad, Bill Rice, was once our HCFB President as well. I remember it like it was yesterday. I recall stopping in the same office as a little boy with my dad as I do today for monthly board and occasional committee meetings. I didn't understand the importance of what he was doing for our Ag community and the time volunteered and sacrificed to continue the cause of good healthy affordable food grown locally. I do now and am proud to be a part of this great organization we call Humboldt County Farm Bureau.

I personally want to say THANK YOU for being a Farm Bureau Member and helping with our common goal which is to promote and protect Agriculture in Humboldt County.

Thank You, *Ryan Rice*

**Annual Farm Bureau  
Membership Dinner**

**October 29, 2017  
at the Elks Lodge**

**Please Mark your Calendar!!!**



# FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

July 10-16 Fortuna Rodeo

August 23- September 4 Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale

July 21-23 Fortuna Auto Expo

October 29th Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Elks Club, Eureka CA

September 26, 2017 Redwood Region Resource Rally for Humboldt Co. High School students in Scotia, CA

## 2017 Sterling Paddock Scholarship

The HCFB Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009. Mr. Paddock lived in Kneeland, and spent most of his life as a cowboy/care taker on local ranches and left his Estate to the Farm Bureau Scholarship Program. This scholarship can be reapplied to for a total of four years.

### Scholarship Recipients

Ashley Anderson	Jonas Lindblom
Brandon Brazil	Shilo Martella
Ava Cahill	Suzannah McFarland
Nolan Cahill	Kayce Murray
Emily Carter	Quintin McWhorter
Emily Dale	Abigail Miller
Mary Beth Dale	Sydney Miller
Peyton Durrett	Kaylin Nylander
Bailey Fales	Rachelle Regli
Elizabeth Ford	Sarah Richardson
McKenna Ford	Carli Sioux Roberts
Anna Gomes	Cassidy Rocha
Emma Gomes	Zach Rocha
Nathan Hansen	Jordan Schmidt
Dalas Hayes	Makenna Schoenhofer
Kassidee Kemp	Kelsey Spaulding
Kayleen Kemp	Brooke Vogt
Tori Laidlaw	Lucas Vogt
Tanner Levitt	Ariel Wise

#### Gene Whitney Production Forestry:

Bailey Fales  
Zach Rocha

#### Wool Growers Scholarship:

Sydney Miller

#### HCFB FARM FUND Scholarship:

Lucas Vogt

#### Harry & Nadine McWhorter Scholarship:

Quintin McWhorter  
Mary Beth Dale

## 2017 Farm Bureau Scholarship Winners

The Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee is pleased to have awarded **\$80,000** in funds to graduates from Humboldt County High Schools for their college education.



## Henri & Lanette Rousseau Scholarships Winners

This Memorial Scholarship was established in 1996 by the late Lanette Rousseau to provide educational opportunities for students of agriculture, teaching, and science related fields. These scholarships are for undergraduate study at an approved two year, four year, or vocational school and can be reapplied to for a total of four years. This year, the Rousseau and Paddock Scholarships awarded over \$80,000.

Alicia Amador	Nathan Hansen	Beth Noel
Ashley Anderson	Dalas Hayes	Kaylin Nylander
Brandon Brazil	Tyler Janowski	Natalie Pedicino
Courtney Cabal	Morgan Johnson	Jessi Preyer
Ava Cahill	Nicole Johnson	Rachelle Regli
Nolan Cahill	Kayleen Kemp	Sarah Richardson
Emily Carter	Kassidee Kemp	Carli Sioux Roberts
Anika Carterby	Tori Laidlaw	Cassidy Rocha
Brooke Chalker	Madisyn Letter	Zach Rocha
Kyle Chorbi	Tanner Levitt	Jordan Schmidt
Gwen Christiansen	Jonas Lindblom	Makenna Schoenhofer
Brittney Cox	Lily MacMillan	Kelsey Spaulding
Emily Dale	Shilo Martella	Makayla Taylor
Mary Beth Dale	James McCrigler	Kayla Templeton
Peyton Durrett	Suzannah McFarland	Kacy Tuel
Bailey Fales	Westin McHaney	Elizabeth Uemura
McKenna Ford	Quintin McWhorter	Hunter Toland
Patsy Fraga	Sydney Miller	Hannah VanDuzer
Emily Fuller	Abigail Miller	Lucas Vogt
Emma Gomes	Haley Moffat	Brooke Vogt
Anna Gomes	Kayce Murray	Courtney Wilson
Emma Gomes	Travis Nickols	Ariel Wise

## A NEW FACE IN THE FB OFFICE

This summer we will be having a new intern in the Farm Bureau office, Kayleen Kemp of Fortuna. Kayleen is a graduate of Fortuna High and attends Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA. She is majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Dairy Science. You will be seeing Kayleen out-and-about in addition to the office where she will be advocating for the faces of agriculture in our community.

## REDWOOD REGION RESOURCE RALLY



The Humboldt County Farm Bureau will be partnering with the Redwood Region Logging Conference and the North Coast Agriculture Partners to put on the second annual **REDWOOD REGION RESOURCE RALLY** for High School students who are interested in joining the Agriculture and Forestry or Natural Resources industries.

This event is similar to a Career Day where students will be introduced to a variety of career paths readily available locally including agriculture, forestry, biology, fisheries, geology, or diesel mechanics. Attending students will take a choice of workshops and be given tours of related fields. The event will be held on September 19th at Humboldt Redwood Company in Scotia and local agricultural farms in Ferndale. Preregistration for students is required. If you are interested in supporting this event, please contact the Farm Bureau office.



## RENNER PETROLEUM PARTNERSHIP

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau is honored to have Renner Petroleum as our Agricultural Partner.

Renner Petroleum provides a donation to the Farm Bureau

of 1 cent per gallon of gas that our members purchase from their card lock business. This donation is a \$500 gift to the Farm Bureau each month so we can continue to provide benefits and services to our members. Last year alone, the donation from Renner Petroleum was \$6,200. Each Farm Bureau member needs to sign up so their fuel purchases can be counted towards the gift to the Farm Bureau. We are grateful that Renner Petroleum has offered this generous program to support the farm Bureau. This is a great opportunity to work with a deeply rooted local company while expanding exclusive opportunities for our organization. Call the Farm Bureau at 443-4844 and we will email you the Renner Form that you can fill out and send back and we will forward it to Renner. We hope to double the number of Farm Bureau Members participating in this great program. THANKS to Renner Petroleum for their support!



*Board Member:*

*Ginger Sarvinski*

"I believe in the future of agriculture." Most of you hear that sentence and automatically start saying the rest of the FFA Creed in your mind. Some may even remember the author! Being Farm Bureau members is in your blood. It is what agriculturists do.

My husband and I are first generation dairy farmers in Ferndale. We have been dairying since 1983 and certified organic since 2006. Our family also has a small organic garden with a roadside stand and I attend 4 farmer's markets. At first, we did not realize what the Farm Bureau did for us, except maybe receiving \$500 off of a truck for being members.

Farm Bureau does so much more! They advocate for agriculture lands to remain ag lands, lobby on behalf of agriculture, and everything in between. As agriculturists, we need to step up and support the group of people who strive to support us! If you are a Farm Bureau Member, THANK YOU! If you know of someone who is not, ask them to join today! We are all in this together.



**FARM BUREAU  
ANNOUNCES O'REILLY  
AUTO PARTS  
PARTNERSHIP**

New savings on automotive and equipment parts have become available to Farm Bureau members in California, through a benefit with O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Effective May 1, Farm Bureau members can save between 5 percent and 20 percent from O'Reilly Auto Parts on select parts they use every day, such as brake pads and rotors, filters, batteries, belts, hoses and many other commonly replaced parts. O'Reilly Auto Parts offers a wide selection of automotive, fleet and heavy-duty parts to cover every piece of equipment on a farm or ranch.

The discount may be applied at more than 500 O'Reilly Auto Parts stores in California, by presenting a Farm Bureau membership card and using the California Farm Bureau account number which is #222-0501. Members can obtain the additional information by calling their local county Farm Bureau office or via the member help line at 800-698-3276. The discount may also be applied to online orders at O'Reilly's professional customer website, which is

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Humboldt County Farm Bureau Land Use Goals and Policies concerning Agricultural Lands within the County of Humboldt are to conserve agricultural lands, encourage the continued profitable production of high quality, domestic food and fiber in the most efficient, responsible manner and to protect the rural lifestyle of Humboldt County.

Humboldt County Farm Bureau established its Land Use Committee to provide comments on land use practices and proposals to the Humboldt County Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors and other governmental entities and non-profit organizations. The Committee meets regularly to review and to address land use issues in our region that could affect agricultural lands and practices.

The Land Use Committee has addressed several issues in the past 6 months in the form of providing comments on behalf of our local Farm Bureau and its members. Marijuana has had and continues to have a significant impact on our county specifically as it relates to land use. With the legalization of recreational marijuana following the passage of Proposition 64 in November 2016, the State of California is proceeding through the process to define regulations for nonmedical marijuana businesses and tax the growing and selling of medical and nonmedical marijuana by January 1, 2018.

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted a county Commercial Medical Marijuana Land Use Ordinance (CMMLUO) effective February 26, 2016. Farm Bureau Land Use Committee has weighed in with comments regarding the Proposed Project Description for Commercial Cannabis Operations.

Farm Bureau asked the County to:

- ◆ Reduce incentives for placement of these activities on Prime Soils by removing the word "Prime" from all wording in the ordinance and to discourage the use of land zoned Agriculture Exclusive (AE) for future cannabis operations.
- ◆ Prohibit excavation of soil because removing top soil and grading soil will likely destroy the agricultural production of properties in the future. The existing resources should be protected from environmental damage.
- ◆ Avoid allowing cannabis cultivation on land zoned Timber Production Zone (TPZ).
- ◆ Develop an accelerated nuisance abatement program to address growers who are not in compliance with the County's rules.

We pointed out their decision to allow cannabis operations to exist with only an application on file is contrary to other County permits which require the applicant to have obtained all approvals/requirements prior to operation.



Farm Bureau Land Use Committee also commented on the DRAFT Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Commercial Cannabis Activities. We questioned their “Baseline” information for the EIR because it appears to be gathered solely from the recent registration of permit applications which closed December 31, 2016. We pointed out that there is much more background information to be considered to provide a better overall “Baseline” view of the true scope of this industry. Under the “Summary of Key Environmental Issues to be addressed in the EIR”, Farm Bureau asked the County to add “Traffic” to the list. Traffic from commercial cannabis operations has a major impact on rural residents as well as the condition and deterioration of the roads and should be addressed in the EIR.

In March, Farm Bureau provided comments on the 2014 legislation which established the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to the California Department of Water Resources DWR). We expressed our concern that the Eel River Valley Groundwater basin was misdiagnosed as a medium priority basin under the SGMA. We think it should have been deemed a Low Priority Basin. Many of the assumptions made by the DWR in their overview were incorrect. The initial study provided misinformation which lead to inaccurate conclusions. The County of Humboldt applied for an Alternative Plan which has the accurate, supported and corrected data to prove we qualify under SGMA’s Alternative Plan option that ensures that where local interests can demonstrate a basin has been sustainably managed for at least 10 years, a full Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is neither needed nor required. Farm Bureau urged the DWR to accept Humboldt County’s application for an Alternative Plan.

And last but not least...Humboldt County’s marathon General Plan Update is approaching the finish line. Farm Bureau submitted comments on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). We pointed out that there is no mitigation program to offset the loss of Ag lands in the EIR. The County adopted a “No Net Loss” policy for agricultural lands many years ago. We believe a mitigation program is necessary to ensure a positive land base for agriculture in the future.

*O’Reilly continued:*  
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The California Farm Bureau Federation works to protect family farms and ranches on behalf of more than 48,000 members statewide and as part of a nationwide network of more than 6.2 million Farm Bureau members. Visit: [www.cfbf.com](http://www.cfbf.com) for more info.

**\* MEMBERSHIP \* MEMBERSHIP \* MEMBERSHIP \***

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau Board of Directors are working to identify and invite agricultural producers to JOIN the Farm Bureau. By expanding our base, we can better serve all of the traditional agricultural producers in Humboldt County. We are proud to represent you in all aspects of the industry. If you have a neighbor or friend who is not a member, please let us know and we will ask them to join the organization. Everyone benefits from all the good work Farm Bureau accomplishes and we need all the producers to become a member so we can work together for a better tomorrow. Call 443-4844 to help!



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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Farm Bureau has teamed up with businesses all throughout the state to get members exclusive benefits including:

- **Subscriptions:** Ag Alert– for agricultural members. California Bountiful– for associate members.
- **Travel Discounts:** Save money on rental cars, hotels, and even theme parks. Call the Farm Bureau at 707-443-4844 for details.
- **Health Services:** Clear-Value Hearing's Professional Hearing Network—save up to 60% off. Prescription Discount Program—save up to 75%. VPI Pet Insurance– save up to 5%. Cal Star – up to 33%.
- **Discounts** are available from Kelly-Moore and Dunn Edwards Paint, Grainger products, Polaris equipment, Western Square Industry products Choice Hotels, Wyndham Hotels Grainger Discounts and Case IH equipment.
- **Business Services:** Farm Employers Labor Service: Farm Bureau members receive \$100 off enrollment with FELS. Flyers Energy– discount on fuel. AmeriGas-discount on propane. ORiley Parts Discount in all stores in Humboldt Co.
- **CAL-ORE Life Flight:** Reduced rates for Humboldt County Farm Bureau members. Contact Jennifer Hart (530) 510-2915.
- **INSURANCE:** Auto, Farm and Worker’s Comp Insurance. Call 1-877-OnYourSide.

## Farm Bureau Officers

<b>Ryan Rice</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Johanna Rodoni</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>Butch Parton</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Blake Alexandre</b>	<b>State Director</b>
<b>Katherine Ziemer</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Mary Ann Renner</b>	<b>Office Manager</b>

## 2017 Farm Bureau Directors

Joseph Alexandre	Dairy	Ferndale
Clif Clendenen	Apples	Fortuna
Greg Dale	Oysters	Fortuna
Bill Fales	Row Crops	Ferndale
Larry Ford	Retired Beef/Sheep	Arcata
Jane Fraser	Beef Cattle	Arcata
Everett King	Farmers Market Mgr	Whitethorn
Bill Kleiner	Forestry Consultant	Arcata
Holly Krebs	Row Crops	Pepperwood
John LaBoyteaux	Row Crops	Redcrest
Sanford Lowry	Cattle / Sheep	Ferndale
Marty McClelland	Land Use Consultant	Kneeland
Melissa Lema	Dairy	Ferndale
Butch Parton	Beef Cattle	Eureka
Ginger Sarvinski	Dairy/Row Crops	Ferndale
Maralyn Renner	Forestry	Ferndale
Todd Renner	Beef Cattle	Ferndale
Johanna Rodoni	Beef Cattle	Scotia
Jay Russ	Beef Cattle	Ferndale
Gary Rynearson	Timber/Forestry	McKinleyville
Janet Sclar	Nursery	Hydesville
Gene Senestraro	Retired Dairyman	Eureka
John Vevoda	Dairyman	Ferndale