

# FARM BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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## *A message from our President* **ANDY ALBIN**

Over the past year, I have been able to travel from Moses Lake, Washington, to the high desert of Oregon and through the central valley of California. It always amazes me to see how big and diverse agriculture can be. This past week, I traveled to Coalinga, CA for a California Beef Council meeting with my wife, Sarah. It was stunning to see just how dry California really is. To see vineyards being pulled out of the ground, dying orchards, and unirrigated fields was mind-blowing.

In Humboldt, we may be in a drought too, but we have no idea how lucky we are. That being said, the water policies that have been forced to the front burner by California's severe drought will also have repercussions in Humboldt County as well. I'm happy to say that Humboldt County Farm Bureau has been on top of this matter. A big thanks to Jay Russ, John Vevoda, and Jack Rice for their leadership with this issue.

On the bright side, Humboldt County Farm Bureau recently awarded 125 scholarships in the amount of \$95,000. Although we don't want to be known as a scholarship organization, it's very encouraging to have so many young people interested in agriculture. Some of these students are bound to be at the forefront of California agriculture in the future. A big thanks to Gene Senestraro and Jane Fraser for all their hard work on the scholarship committee.

A bit of history, did you know Gene Senestraro has been on the Humboldt County Farm Bureau board since 1951? This kind of service and commitment is priceless. Thanks Gene!

Another exciting thing in our community is that our local high school agriculture departments, under the leadership of Sandy Dale, will be receiving a \$4.9 million dollar grant to help promote FFA and School



to Career Programs in Northern California. As a past FFA member and parent of a current FFA member, all I can say is WOW! Congratulations to Sandy and her team!

A big thanks goes out to Katherine Ziemer and Mary Ann Renner for the dedicated hours they put in staying on top of the issues, and keeping the officers and board members updated on everything. By the way, did you know that Katherine is one of the longest serving executive directors in the state? Another big thanks goes out to Krista Renner for taking on our Young Farmers and Ranchers chapter. They have some exciting things planned.

I'd also like to share that Humboldt County Farm Bureau has a Facebook page. This goes to prove that you can teach an old dog new tricks. A special thanks to our Interns who are Abigail Albin, Emily Dale, Callie Brodt and Shelby Schoenhofer for getting all of this social media up and going.

In closing, whether you sell a tomato at the farmers market, several truckloads of cattle, some oysters, or anything in between, let's just remember that we are all in this together. I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting in October. Sincerely, Andy Albin - President

## **NEW FACES IN THE OFFICE**

This summer we will be having three new College interns in the Farm Bureau office, Shelby Schoenhofer, Callie Brodt and Emily Dale. Shelby and Callie will be going into their senior year at Chico State Univ. both with a major in Agriculture Business. Emily will be starting her sophomore year at Cal Poly majoring in Agriculture Communications. The three girls are excited and motivated to be engaged in the Humboldt County Farm Bureau and promote our local agriculture. They will focus on membership promotion and advocating the faces of agriculture in our community.

# FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

July 13-19 -----Fortuna Rodeo

July 22-----YF & R Crabs Baseball Game

July 24-26 ----Fortuna Auto Expo

August 20-30 -----Humboldt County Fair, Ferndale

September 3 -----Corn Fest at CR Farm, Shively

October 4th -----FB Annual Meeting Elks Club, Eureka

## 2015 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. Mr. Paddock left his Estate to the Farm Bureau Scholarship Program for the purpose of assistance to local students.

## 2015 FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee is pleased to have awarded \$90,000 in funds to graduates from Humboldt County High Schools for their college costs.



## Scholarship Recipients

Alex Anderson	Jonas Lindblom
Bailee Barnett	Shilo Martella
Callie Brodt	Suzannah McFarland
Katrina Cahill	Kayleigh Meyers
Nolan Cahill	Kelsey Meyers
Emily Dale	JJ Mullen
Cameron Dale	Kayce Murray
Peyton Durett	Ross Nickols
Garrett Forbes	Travis Nickols
McKenna Ford	Amanda Nicholson
McKenzie Ford	Kelly Pedrotti
Anna Gomes	Lauren Pedrotti
Danielle Hansen	Rachelle Regli
Dalas Hayes	Tyler Regli
Jace Jackson	Brett Renner
Emily Janowski	Zach Rocha
Tyler Janowski	Merritt Schoenhofer
Kayleen Kemp	Shelby Schoenhofer
Tori Laidlaw	Hannah VanDuzer
Joel Lindblom	Brook Vogt
Jonas Lindblom	Dustin Wallis
Shilo Martella	Katelyn Wilcox
Suzan McFarland	Courtney Wilson
Kayleigh Meyers	Arial Wise
Kelsey Meyers	Paxton Woodward
Joel Lindblom	Reider Woodward

## 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 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 Scholarship awarded over \$50,000.

Chelsea Alto	Jace Jackson	Abigail Peterson
Alexandrea Anderson	Emily Janowski	Jenni Phillips
Bailee Barnett	Tyler Janowski	Abigail Price
Emily Bouchard	Ashley Jenkins	Tyler Regli
Callie Brodt	Madison Johnson	Rachelle Regli
Katrina Cahill	Morgan Johnson	Zach Rocha
Nolan Cahill	Kayleen Kemp	Phoebe Ruggles
Emily Carter	Kara Kline	Shelby Schoenhofer
Jillian Casacca	Tori Laidlaw	Merritt Schoenhofer
Kyle Chorbi	Jonas Lindblom	Tracy Sell
Gwen Christiansen	Walkyhr Macy	Kaitlyn Sigler
Cameron Dale	Shilo Martella	Monica Sopjes
Emily Dale	James McCrigler	Ryan Sotelo
Cole Davis	Suzannah McFarland	Kayla Templeton
Peyton Durett	Westin McHaney	Morgan Tuel
Taylor Fievares	Haley Moffat	Hannah VanDuzer
Garrett Forbes	Kristian Mohorovich	Brooke Vogt
McKenna Ford	JJ Mullen	Cheyenne Wallace
Anna Gomes	Kaycie Murray	Dustin Wallis
Chelsey Gratz	Travis Nickols	Katelyn Wilcox
Franklin Griggs	Kaylin Nylander	Dalton Williams
Andrea Guggenbickler	Lynnea Palecki	Courtney Wilson
Danielle Hansen	Lauren Pedrotti	Arial Wise
Dalas Hayes	Kelly Pedrotti	Paxton Woodward
		Reider Woodward

## 2015 HUMBOLDT COUNTY WOOL GROWERS SCHOLARSHIP:

Lauren Pedrotti

## Attention all Young Farmers and Ranchers!!!

The Humboldt County Farm Bureau is organizing a local Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Committee to be active in the local agricultural community. The first activity scheduled is a booth at the Fortuna Rodeo **Chili Cook-off on Monday, July 13th**. Next they will develop a Float in the Fortuna Rodeo Parade promoting our local agricultural industry. On Wednesday, July 22 the group will coordinate a BBQ Social at the **CRABS Baseball Game** in Arcata. (Pregame tickets are required-call our office.) If you are between the ages of 18 and 35 or know someone who is and would enjoy agricultural activities and social events—please have them call the Farm Bureau office at 443-4844 to sign up.

### **PG&E Grant to Assist in Ag Well Permitting and Ag Accessory Structures**

The Eel River Delta and the Arcata Bottoms are some of the most productive pasture lands in the world; and both of these regions are under the jurisdiction of the County and the California Coastal Commission (CCC). Recently, local Agricultural Landowners who operate within the Appeal Jurisdiction (County's but permits are appealable too the CCC) of the Coastal Zone in Ferndale and Arcata have discovered that the permitting necessary to drill a well, improve their well, replace water systems or add or improve other agricultural accessory structures, now requires a complicated and costly Coastal Development Permit, and if appealed to the Coastal Commission, the time frame can be over a year. In the past, this permit cost approximately \$375 and today with new interpretations of the law, a permit can cost up to \$3,500 per landowner.

The Farm Bureau discovered this increased regulatory fee last summer and has been working with the Redwood Agricultural Education Foundation, the RCD and with PG&E to establish a solution to the problem. PG&E has provided a \$5,000 grant so the Farm Bureau could apply for an "Umbrella Permit" from the County. This will allow the landowners to apply for their permit and only pay the \$350 individual fee instead of the \$3,500 fee. We are fortunate to have a partnership with PG&E especially with the Division Manager Carl Schoenhofer who has been working with Farm Bureau on this issue. Mr. Schoenhofer had the following comments at our committee meeting: "I grew up in a farming community, so I understand the many challenges our agriculture customers face year-round. In addition to our collaborative work with the Farm Bureau on this project, PG&E is also offering local energy and water efficiency workshops to agriculture customers as we face this ongoing drought." Farm Bureau would like to say THANK-YOU to PG&E for all the support the give to our local agricultural producers.



### **GENE WHITNEY PRODUCTION FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

Two Scholarships were awarded to students who will be pursuing a career in Forest Management or Natural Resources that provides support to the Timber Industry. The students that receive \$1,250 Production Forestry Awards are:

Cole Davis  
Frank Griggs

### **LEA MOXON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

JJ Mullen

### **LOIS WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:**

Garrett Forbes

### **Farm Bureau Involvement and Accomplishments:**

- ◆ General Plan Hearings and updates.
- ◆ College of the Redwood Ag Department support.
- ◆ Regional Agricultural Marketing Projects.
- ◆ Six Rivers Dairy Association partner.
- ◆ Humboldt County Fair Ag Art Sponsor.
- ◆ Water Board meeting input
- ◆ Elk River Watershed partner
- ◆ Input with Resource lands Working Group.

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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 Humboldt County 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 and Case IH equipment.
- **Vehicle Discount:** Get a \$500 rebate on Chevrolet, Buick and GMC Vehicles.
- **Business Services:** Farm Employers Labor Service: Farm Bureau members receive \$100 off enrollment with FELS. Flyers Energy– discount on fuel. AmeriGas-discount on propane.
- **CAL-ORE Life Flight:** Reduced rates for Humboldt County Farm Bureau members. Contact Jennifer Hart (530) 510-2915.

## Farm Bureau Officers

<b>Andy Albin</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Ryan Rice</b>	<b>1st Vice President</b>
<b>Larry Ford</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>John Vevoda</b>	<b>State Director</b>
<b>Katherine Ziemer</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Krista Renner</b>	<b>YF&amp;R Director</b>

## 2015 Farm Bureau Directors

Clif Clendenen	Apples	Fortuna
Greg Dale	Oysters	Fortuna
Bill Fales	Row Crops	Ferndale
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
Jim Regli	Dairy Cattle	Ferndale
Maralyn Renner	Forestry	Ferndale
Todd Renner	Beef Cattle	Ferndale
Johanna Rodoni	Beef Cattle	Scotia
Jay Russ	Beef Cattle	Ferndale
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