

FARM BUREAU NEWSLETTER

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*From your
Farm Bureau
President,
**JOHANNA
RODONI***

Greetings Friends of Farm Bureau. It's hard for me to believe I have been President for almost a year. It has whizzed by and I'm sure that's because how actively engaged Farm Bureau is in so many issues and activities relating to farming and ranching. I began my Farm Bureau year in December

by attending the California FB Convention in San Diego. It included policy making decisions, legislative visits, workshops, great speakers, field trips, meeting and networking with FB members throughout California. It was a rich experience and I plan to attend the 2019 FB Convention in Monterey. Our state is very diverse in the products we produce. California leads all of the other states in farm income. We are positioned as the agricultural powerhouse of the United States and all that wealth comes out of the soil! Farm Bureau is deeply committed to our mission which is to improve the well-being and quality of life for California farmers and ranchers.

On the local level, we have been actively participating in important Land Use issues such as county sea level rise and climate change policies, wildlife issues, Humboldt County General Plan (yes it's hard to believe, but the GP process is still ongoing!) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (a.k.a. SGMA) among others. We are also very fortunate to be able to offer a substantial scholarship program thanks to the generosity of some of our members.

On the National level, Farm Bureau is highly respected. We are actively engaged in telling our story in a factual manner and are influential with policy makers. We are a Voice in government for the 2% of the population (that's us!) that feeds our world. That's not a small task and keeping those facts in the forefront are instrumental for our survival.

As President, my job is enriched by Farm Bureau's engaged and talented Board of Directors. Their diverse expertise and active participation makes our Farm Bureau an asset to our members. I feel good that our County government refers issues related to resource lands to us for our opinions and recommendations.

Humboldt County Farm Bureau's staff is small, but mighty! Executive Director Katherine Ziemer along with Mary Ann Renner produce an incredible volume of output for Farm Bureau. Besides the day-to-day Farm Bureau work, Katherine has developed partnerships with the Redwood Region Logging Conference, the Resource Rally and the new Boots-on-the-Ground program. We also had a great intern, Kaylin Nylander, working for us this summer. She has been an asset to our staff and organization. I am grateful to have these classy ladies to work with.



On a personal level, I feel very fortunate to live in Humboldt County. I love our farming-ranching culture, our weather and the diversity of this region both physically and intellectually. I love my cows, sheep, horses and dogs and the rich array of family, people, wildlife and way of life I experience on a daily basis in Humboldt County.

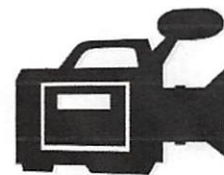
I look forward to representing you as President in the upcoming year. It is truly an honor. I anticipate hearing your input in matters pertaining to agriculture. Please feel free to contact Farm Bureau staff or myself with questions or concerns. Thank you for your membership and continued support.

With warm regards,

Johanna Rodoni



High Water Mark Video of the '64 Flood



The Humboldt County Farm Bureau has copies of the DVD "High Water Mark" stories from the 1964 Flood for sale in the office. The video was directed by Jennifer Bell of Eureka who interviewed over 65 people that experienced the event. She also included archival photos, video and 16 mm footage to bring the story to life.

The DVD's are \$20.00 each and can be obtained at the FB Office on Humboldt Hill, calling 707-443-4844 or by emailing humboldtfb@sbcglobal.net

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

September 14th College of the Redwoods Day at the Farm
November 9th HC Farm Bureau Annual Meeting—River Lodge

October 22th CFBF Open House, Sacramento
December 8-11 CFBF Meeting in Monterey

2019 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. He left his Estate of over One Million Dollars to the Farm Bureau Scholarship Program to help local students continue their education at college. Students can reapply for awards for up to four years.

Scholarship Recipients

Abigail Albin	Jace Hunt
Haley Benbow	Kassidee Kemp
Brandon Brazil	Quintin McWhorter
Brileigh Busick	Abigail Miller
Nolan Cahill	Emma Miller
Mary Beth Dale	Sidney Miller
Theron Dale	Sarah Richardson
Daniel Fales	Katherine Rynearson
McKenna Ford	Makenna Schoenhofer
Emma Gomes	Brody Van Vleck
Nathan Hansen	Lucas Vogt
Madeline Holmes	Forrest Wilcox

Gene Whitney Production Forestry

Kylee Durrett & Katherine Rynearson

Wool Growers Scholarship

Taylor Chamberlain

HCFB FARM FUND Scholarship

Daniel Fales

Harry & Nadine McWhorter Scholarship

Madeline Holmes & Taylor Chamberlain

Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship

Jace Hunt & Brandon Brazil

2019 Farm Bureau Scholarship Winners

The Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee is pleased to have awarded \$90,000 in funds from various Scholarship Programs to graduates from Humboldt County High Schools for their 2019/2020 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. Estate was over One Million Dollars to help with Scholarships for years to come:

Abigail Albin
Alicia Amador
Jada Bailey
Kyler Becksted
Haley Bebow
Brandon Brazil
Bryleigh Busick
Courtney Cabal
Nolan Cahill
Katherine Carroll
Jaidyn Cartberby
Brooke Chalker
Taylor Chamberlain
Cody Collings
Theron Dale
Mary Beth Dale
Seren Davies-Hughes
Jayde Daynard
Kylee Durrett
Daniel Fales
McKenna Ford
Travis Franco

Emily Fuller
Isabella Giraud
Emma Gomes
Audrey Gomes
Nathan Hansen
Logan Hansen
Daphne Hobbs
Emily Hodge
Madeline Holmes
Savannah Houseworth
Jace Hunt
Nicole Johnson
Sheaden Kadle
Kassidee Kemp
Madisyn Letter
Lily MacMillan
Quintin McWhorter
Morgan Melendy
Sydney Miller
Emma Miller
Abigail Miller

Jack Modjeska
Beth Noel
Kaylin Nylander
Andrew Pedicino
Natalie Pedicino
Annabelle Raven
Mackenzie Renner
Sarah Richardson
Mariela Rodrigues-Campos
Katherine Rynearson
Galilea Sanchez
Bailey Sanderson
Riley Shinn
Cyrie Sturdevant
Hailey Taylor
Hailey Turner
Christopher VanMeter
Brody Van Vleck
Ciara Vest
Forest Wilcox
Benjamin Wilma

The National Weather Service in Eureka will be providing improved data to Ranchers and Farmers during the winter storms including maps and graphic information on their website. The Water Alert site is: www://maps.waterdata.usgs.gov/mapper/wateralert/ . Katherine Zontos is the Service Hydrologist and Marine Program Leader and if you have any questions about using the website, please give her a call at (707) 443-6484 ext. 228. The River Forecast Office is working to create more user friendly graphics and they will host focus groups and gather feedback on how to improve their service in the fall.



Greetings from the CR Farm! We are ramping things up for the anticipated growing season and looking forward to the summer. This summer semester we will be teaching two courses at the farm, and we will also have three interns staying busy through the harvest season. We will also be offering a CSA share this year, and if you are interested in the program please email me for more information.

Aside from our current student opportunities, we will also be opening up the farm to the community much more this fall. One of these events, "A Day at the Farm", will be a new endeavor with a multitude of activities. Farm tours, food demos, tastings, and farm sourced meals by our Dining Services will be provided. This will be a family-friendly event and we hope you can make it!

I appreciate all of the community and Farm Bureau support!

Silas Sarvinski silas-sarvinski@redwoods.edu

September 14th- "A Day at the FARM"

September 29th- You Pick Event 10:00am-3:00pm

October 5th & 6th- You Pick and Pumpkin Patch Weekend **10:00am**

SAVE THE DATE:

Please mark your calendar for **SATURDAY, November 9th, 2019** for the Farm Bureau Annual Dinner at the RIVER LODGE in Fortuna. The evening will begin with a Social at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM with Guest Speaker to follow. Tickets are \$75.00 each and reservations are required. Your Invitation will be coming in the mail soon!

Our Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Frank Mitloehner, PH.D. from U.C. Davis. Dr Mitloehner is an internationally-renowned authority on Agricultural air quality, animal-environmental interactions, and environmental engineering. He has authored more than 70 peer reviewed journals, and obtained approximately \$15 million in extramural research grants. One of his notable research papers, "Clearing the Air" Livestock's Contributions to Climate Change" published in 2009, disproved the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization's (UN FAO) report titled "Livestock's Long Shadow" that claimed livestock production accounted for 18% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Dr. Mitloehner is providing input to the Humboldt County Climate Change Policy that is being developed by County Staff. His input will help the local agricultural producers obtain a fair review in the Climate Change debate.

In addition to our Guest Speaker we will feature a "Silent Auction" with valuable items from local agricultural producers and an excellent dinner prepared by Dorris and Daughters from Fortuna. Be sure to mark your calendar for this exciting evening with friends and family. Look for your invitation soon. Sponsorships are available so please call 443-4844.

SGMA

SGMA stands for *Sustainable Groundwater Management Act* and the legislation pertaining to this was signed into law in September 2014. SGMA's initial intent was to focus on protecting California's groundwater for generations to come. While the mandated protection of ground water may be necessary in many parts of California, it is the feeling of the local community that this legislation is overreaching and unnecessary in the Eel River Delta of Humboldt County. The area included stretches from Carlotta on the Van Duzen to Scotia on the Eel to the Ocean.

Because our unique climate and rainfall patterns are different from the rest of California, it is the recommendation of our local SGMA Working Group that the Eel River Delta should qualify into the lowest category called "Alternative" designation. This plan would still require extensive local monitoring of groundwater to ensure that the Eel River Basin is operated in a sustainable fashion for the future.

Unfortunately, the Department of Water Resources did not agree to the request for an Alternative Designation and they assigned the Eel River Basin the "Low Priority" status. The bureaucracy and overhead costs to establish a new Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be an expense that every water user in the Eel River Basin shares into the future. This cost will be shared by landowners, homeowners businesses and cities. The Farm Bureau has been working on this issue for the past five years and we continue to be engaged to provide the Department of Water Resources more information for reconsider of their position.



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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.
- **Discounts** are available from Grainger products, Choice Hotels, Wyndham Hotels Ford \$500 Discounts, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Avis, Budget and Hertz Rental Cars and Case IH equipment, John Deere and Caterpillar.
- **Business Services:** Farm Employers Labor Service: Farm Bureau members receive \$100 off enrollment with FELS. Flyers Energy– discount on fuel. O'Riley 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 for information on Nationwide Insurance.

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Ginger Sarvinski	2nd Vice President
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Mary Ann Renner	Office Manager

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