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Madeline Holmes featured as one of RFD TV's "Ranch Raised Kids."

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Farmers turn to "YouTube" By: Ronald Vevoda

It all started one day in 2015 when I was working on a tractor and couldn't figure out how to fix it. I then called a friend for help who said, "YouTube it." So, I did. On YouTube, there were three different people who had posted a video on how to fix the problem I had. From here, I wanted to check out more. It's not like I had never heard about YouTube before, I just never thought that any agriculturists would post videos on YouTube. I was quickly informed otherwise.

So, I first started with searching *farming* and not a lot came up. What I did find was a guy who calls himself **Cotontop3**. He is very informative if you want to know and learn about logging in the southern states. Since then other farmers have joined YouTube and started posting videos about their industry. Over time I have found a few farmers in various parts of the country that I like to follow on their YouTube channels.

I follow a few corn and soybean farmers in the mid-west called **The Millennial Farmer** from Minnesota and **Brian's Farming Videos** from Ohio; both with different challenges of growing the same crops on large scale farms in the middle of the country. To me, it's the mid-west. It's all the same. But after watching and learning about these two farmers, I couldn't have been further from the truth. The farmer in Minnesota has to wait till his ground thaws before he can get his equipment out on the fields, while the other farmer in Ohio has to deal with flooding issues.

Some other farmers I follow on YouTube are the **One Lonely Farmer** who is located in New Jersey. He is a farmer who just tells you the way it is as he is making hay for mushroom growers. **Farming Fixing and Fabricating** is a dairyman in New York who has challenges of farming around a lot of people. **Welker Farms** are in Montana, along with **Fast Ag**. They both farm wheat and peas, but Fast Ag will also do alfalfa and canola. There are more in California like **Rice Farming TV** in the

Sacramento Valley and California Farmer from the Central Valley who farms almonds.

Another way that I have found some of these farmers is through Podcasts. **The Shark Farmer** is also a corn farmer in the mid-west who does Podcast interviews with YouTubers and also people in national ag politics like Sonny Perdue. On his show, The Shark Farmer also interviews people from other English-speaking countries such as Australia and New Zealand. To me, I enjoy listening to various farmers from around the world and hearing what their challenges are and how they have adapted to or overcame them.

Message from HCFB President, Johanna Rodoni :

Greeting Farm Bureau members and friends of Agriculture. I hope you all had an enjoyable Fourth of July – the day is an excellent reminder and a grand time for me to especially reflect on how fortunate we are to live in this great country. This is a very busy time of the farm production year. The weather has blessed us – my crops are growing extremely well this season – a good hay crop, my cattle are fat and my vegetable garden is bountiful!

The Farm Bureau Board of Directors took a break from having a July meeting but we are planning for the August meeting. We are looking forward to having our August meeting at the Sarvinski Family Farm in Pepperwood. All members are invited and we encourage you to attend. The day will include our normal Farm Bureau business meeting and a tour of the Corn Crib farming operation. It will all be outdoors so socially distancing will be easily attainable. We encourage you to bring a friend. Farm Bureau will provide a sack lunch.

If you plan to attend, please **R.S.V.P Friday, July 31** by calling the Farm Bureau office: (707) 443-4844 so we can get an accurate head count for lunch.

Event: Farm Bureau Meeting and Farm Tour

Date: Monday, August 3, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Corn Crib – Avenue of the Giants, Pepperwood

Bring a folding chair and dress for the weather – it can be very warm in Pepperwood

Hope you can join us!

Humboldt County Fair
Virtual Junior Livestock Auction

Starts: August 28, 2020 5:00 PM
Ends: August 30, 2020 12 NOON

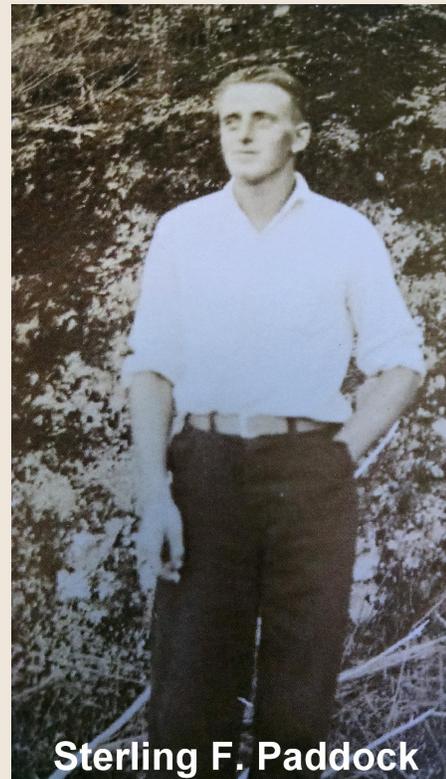
All purchases amounts over market price are tax deductible.
New this year: Donate to ALL of our sellers through the "Bids for Kids" program

Due to the mass gathering restrictions, this year's auction will be held virtually.

For more information, follow the **Humboldt County Fair Junior Livestock Auction** Facebook Page or contact the fair office at 707-786-9511

Farm Bureau Awards over \$91,000 in Scholarships:

Over \$91,000 was awarded to 53 graduating seniors and continuing college students by the Humboldt County Farm Bureau. These Scholarships were awarded to students that major or minor in Agriculture, Science, Education, or Vocational Education and are attending an accredited Jr. College, four-year College, or Vocational School. The scholarships awarded are the ***Henri and Lanette Rousseau Memorial Scholarship, Sterling F. Paddock Memorial Scholarship, Ike Moxon Memorial Scholarship, Gene Whitney Production Forestry Scholarship, Humboldt County Wool Growers Scholarship, Harry & Nadine McWhorter Memorial Scholarship and Humboldt County FARM FUND Scholarship.*** Students may reapply for the Farm Bureau scholarships for a total of four years.



Sterling F. Paddock

STERLING F PADDOCK Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009. Mr. Paddock grew up in Kneeland, CA. and most of his life was spent as a caretaker /cowboy on ranches in Humboldt. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors and returning college students of members of Humboldt County Farm Bureau. Scholarship may be reapplied for annually for up to four scholarship awards.

Over \$33,000 was awarded through the Paddock scholarship. Recipients were:

Abigail Albin, Hannah Alto, Haley Benbow, Brianna Brazil, Brandon Brazil, Katherine Carroll, Tayler Chamberlain, Mary Beth Dale, Theron Dale, Angelina Giraud, Isabella Giraud, Nathan Hansen, Madeline Holmes, Jace Hunt, Kassidee Kemp, Abigail Miller, Sydney Miller, Grace

Miller, Halee Nickols, Dominic Regli, Genevieve Regli, Rachael Russ, Makenna Schoenhofer, Kylie Van Vleck, Brody Van Vleck, and Forrest Wilcox.

Gardening is Booming & Blooming during the Pandemic :



There is still time to start planting a garden in July.

Nurseries have been

busy trying to keep up with the unexpected demand of gardening items ranging from starter plants and seeds to patio pots and planter boxes.

You can get creative and look around your own home for items to use as planters---an old tub, wine barrels or maybe even a scrapped out piece of equipment that can be cleaned to serve as a planter.

Plant a variety of vegetables that you can graze through in the remaining summer months or add some flowers for a little color and fragrance.

There are many choices for our coastal climate that will do well clear into late fall. For Humboldt County, vegetables that do well (to name a few) are green beans, peas, onions, potatoes, cucumber, spinach, summer squash, cauliflower, artichokes, beets, broccoli, carrots swiss chard and lettuce of every kind. When in doubt, check with you local nurseries for expert advice.

Happy Gardening!

2020 CFBF PHOTO CONTEST

2020 VISIONS

TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT

Capture your vision of California's agricultural bounty with photos such as:

- Fresh food—plated or in the field
- Rural scenery
- Animals, crops and harvests
- Life, work and family on the farm or ranch

Any amateur photographer who is a member of a county Farm Bureau in California or a current contributing member of the California Bountiful Foundation can participate. Join Farm Bureau at www.cfbf.com/join.

To enter: Submit up to five print or high-resolution digital photos. Enter online or postmark by Sept. 30. Go to www.cfbf.com/photocontest to find rules and forms, enter or see past winners. Or email photocontest@cfbf.com for rules and entry forms.

\$2,500
in prizes!

PRIZES

All ages

\$1,000 Grand Prize
\$500 First Place
\$250 Second Place
\$100 Third Place
\$50 Honorable Mention
(six winners)

Budding Artists (ages 13 and younger)

\$250 First Place
\$100 Second Place

[Photo Contest Rules](#)

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