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The California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors adopted the following recommendations on statewide ballot measures that will be before California voters in the Nov. 3 general election.

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New reservoir in Stanislaus County could move forward with approval of final study

By: Ken Carlson, The Modesto Bee

The Del Puerto Water District board is set to vote Wednesday on approving a final environmental impact study for a much-disputed storage reservoir in western Stanislaus County.

The proposed 800-acre reservoir just west of Patterson stirred debate among vocal opponents and supporters at public meetings before the COVID-19 crisis deflected attention away from the project.

The board is scheduled for a regular meeting on Zoom. It’s not holding meetings in public because of the coronavirus outbreak, but the online meeting will provide opportunity for public comments. The public can watch the Zoom meeting live, starting at 8:30 a.m. Instructions for joining are on the agenda at the district’s website, www.delpuertowd.org.

Anthea Hansen, general manager of Del Puerto, said approval of the EIR would clear the way for project partners to complete designs for the

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Greetings Merced County Farm Bureau members! It is time to take a stand and vote. The new trend in California is to raise taxes in any way that they can. We really need to get the word out about Proposition 15 as it will be crippling for the ag community.

If passed, Prop 15 will begin to unravel Prop 13 which was passed in 1978. Prop 15 will raise taxes to farms and the facilities that process our commodities. List of examples that would be taxed would be barns, shops, processing plants, fruit trees, wineries, vineyards, irrigation systems and solar stations that power them. Prop 15 will increase tax on commercial and industrial properties along with ranches and farms. Prop 15 requires them to be taxed at market value instead of purchase price.

It is estimated to bring in $11.5 billion dollars in additional revenue. The California Assessors Association is also in opposition to Prop 15 as the information to how to assess properties is too vague. In fact, it will increase their own costs including on staffing. Prop 15 is just the beginning of our tax increases that will be passed on to you and your family. California, by far, has the highest cost of living in the nation and is why the real conversation on Prop 15 needs to occur. We as a whole need to educate each other, our neighbors, friends, and family. Our farmers and community cannot afford this tax increase. We need to take a stand and say “NO on Prop 15.”

If you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to contact the office and the girls would be more than happy to help out.

The California Assessors Association has also opposed the proposition. In their white paper issued last year, they state, “The cost to complete the annual assessment roll would increase between $380 million to $470 million annually, statewide, during the first five to ten years. This does not include the cost to upgrade existing technology systems to accommodate the split roll assessment.”

Even more troubling, the non-partisan Legislative Analyst’s Office projects that some rural counties could even lose tax revenue while getting hit with higher property taxes. A cash flow estimate analysis has been done with two scenarios – one assuming $12.5 billion in additional revenues and the other assuming the low end of $8 billion. Los Angeles County would receive $1.4 billion on the low end and $2.3 billion on the high. Monterey County would receive $59 million to $93 million. In contrast, net revenues to our county, cities and special districts would be approximately $8.7 million for the high and $1.6 million on the low. Funding will first go to assessors for their costs, then on to local governments and finally to education.

This proposition does not impact homeowners, yet the Yes on Prop 15 has showed signs of this in the future. If approved, this will begin the process of entirely rewriting Prop 13 for all.

Agriculture organizations are not the only groups opposing the proposition as the California State Conference of the NAACP, California Chamber of Commerce, California Black Chamber of Commerce and the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce are all opposed.

This funding will not come from large, corporate Bay Area interests, but our local small businesses who have been impacted by the pandemic. Locally, I am proud to say that the Merced Boosters and Merced County NAACP are standing with Merced County Farm Bureau in opposing Proposition 15.”

The cash flow estimates referenced in my comments is based on “existing property tax allocation formulas, the fund allocations and timing in
Request for Board of Director Nominations

The East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (ESJWQC) has open seats on the Board of Directors. If interested in nominating yourself/others or want more information, please contact ESJWQC by calling 209-846-6112 or emailing contactesj@esjcoalition.org.

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**Member Spotlight**

**Fluetsch & Busby Insurance**

By: Donelle Flake, Farm News Editor

As you stroll through Downtown Merced, you may notice planters getting a fresh new look. Fluetsch & Busby Insurance has made it their objective to beautify Merced. The business has deep roots in Merced dating back to 1912 when they began operating in the Shaffer building downtown. Five generations later, Fluetsch & Busby is still thriving in Downtown Merced and is dedicated to giving back to their local community.

Four years ago, Doug Fluetsch, President of Fluetsch & Busby, was unhappy with the conditions of the Bob Hart Square planter. Bob Hart was a longtime friend of Pete Fluetsch and Ralph Busby, so Doug felt obligated to make a difference to the memoriam’s appearance. He contacted the City of Merced and asked if he could clean up and revive the planter box. The city allowed Fluetsch & Busby to adopt the planter as a beautification project.

The city has been very supportive of their efforts and continues to set up one to two locations per year for them to beautify! Doug Fluetsch stated, “We make the commitment to the city to not only beautify the planters, but to maintain them as well.” You may see Doug out watering at Bob Hart Square during the hot summer months or see the team out rebarking the planters each year. Doug chuckled, “We are not landscapers, but we love to help!”

While their efforts started at the Bob Hart Square, they have not stopped there.

On Saturday, October 10th, the team along with help from friends, beautified the planters on N Street between 18th and 19th Street. The City of Merced helps prepare the ground beforehand and then the team spends a day adding plants and barking the planters. Beautification days provide an opportunity for the community to come together. On October 10th, Fluetsch & Busby was joined by friends from Restore Merced, The Tioga, El Capitan Hotel, Mainzer and more. Fluetsch & Busby employees also bring their children allowing youth to learn the importance of giving back to their community. Fluetsch & Busby worked with Merced Gardens & Nursery to acquire drought tolerant, native plants for the project and Sierra Materials and Trucking Co. for bark.

As a locally owned business, Fluetsch & Busby Insurance sees their beautification efforts as a way to help the community. “If every business looked outside their door and cleaned up their planters along with picking up the trash, Downtown Merced would be beautiful.” Doug encouraged.

The team strives to make Downtown Merced a place people want to visit. Next time you are driving through Downtown Merced, be sure to enjoy the continuous hard work they have put into beautifying Merced!

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**2021 MCFB Scholarship**

Application period now open!

**Applications due Friday, December 18, 2020**

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the measure, and a study published by the measure’s proponents, USC Dornsife, Getting Real about Reform II: Estimating Revenue Gains from Changes to California’s System of Assessing Commercial Real Estate, February 2020” from the No on Prop 15 Campaign.

If small businesses are to survive in California, Prop 15 must be defeated by voters in November. If not, I envision a dim outlook for our business landscape. I am incredibly proud to say that we are joining with organizations that we have not worked with in the past but Prop 15 has provided us the opportunity to get to know one another.

If you are one that does not want to mail your ballot, there are a number of sanctioned locations throughout the county and can be dropped off during regular business hours.

- City of Atwater, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater
- City of Dos Palos, 2174 Blossom Street, Dos Palos
- City of Gustine, 352 Fifth Street, Gustine
- City of Livingston, 1416 C Street, Livingston
- City of Los Banos, 520 J Street, Los Banos
- City of Merced, 678 West 18th, Merced
- *County Administration Building, 2222 M Street, Merced*
- **Los Banos Community Center, 645 7th Street, Los Banos**

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Delta-Mendota Subbasin News

Delta-Mendota SGMA

The Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Committee continues to meet monthly. This quarter, representatives from each GSP Group discussed implementation efforts, monitoring processes, current and upcoming grant opportunities, and initial discussions of the Water Year 2020 Annual Report.

The Subbasin’s groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) collected water quality samples for representative monitoring sites this summer and early fall. GSAs are currently collecting seasonal low groundwater level readings for the representative monitoring network. This window is September 1 – October 31. Once these data are collected, each GSP Group will prepare this information to upload to the Subbasin’s data management system and DWR’s SGMA Monitoring Network Module. Water quality and water level data will also be incorporated into the Water Year 2020 Annual Report.

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Delta-Mendota Subbasin News

Valley Water Collaborative Formed to Address Nitrates in Drinking Water

By: Valley Water Collaborative

Modesto, CA – New water regulations focusing on ensuring safe drinking water for all Central Valley residents while protecting the economic viability of agriculture and other business have prompted the formation of a new organization encompassing the Modesto and Turlock groundwater basins.

Valley Water Collaborative (VWC) is a non-profit organization set up to organize and operate local Management Zones, an option in the Nitrate Control Program (NCP) adopted in 2019 by the State Water Resources Control Board. The NCP regulates agriculture, dairies, publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities and businesses including food processors, wineries and others.

The new organization will combine the resources and expertise of its member organizations to ensure that all residents in the Modesto and Turlock basins whose wells are impacted by nitrate have access to safe drinking water.

VWC’s 12-member board of directors represents agriculture, including dairies and poultry facilities, cities, wineries and food processors.

The NCP requires that local Management Zones submit an “Early Action Plan” by March 2021. Initial public workshops will be scheduled beginning in October to seek input from local communities and other stakeholders as the plan is being developed. Local outreach will continue after the plan is approved to ensure program awareness among impacted communities.

The VWC Board of Directors are: Alan Reynolds, Chair (Gallo Vineyards/ East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition); David Brush, Secretary (Grower/Mid-Valley Agricultural Services/East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition); Ray Prock, Treasurer (Ray-Lin Dairy); David Belt (California Poultry Federation); Jeremy Damas (City of Ceres); Justin Gioletti (Robert Gioletti and Sons Dairy); Paul Huckaba (Bronco Wine Company); Ben Koehler (City of Modesto); Art Riddick (Darling Ingredients); Tom Roduner (Grower/ East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition); Antonio Tovar (Salida Sanitary District); Michael Wood (Hilmar Cheese Company).

The mission of Valley Water Collaborative is to maintain and improve the quality of life in the northern San Joaquin Valley by implementing programs that provide access to safe drinking water for affected residents, such as bottled-water delivery or neighborhood bottle-filling stations.

“This is an enormous effort we are undertaking,” said Alan Reynolds, VWC chairman. “The board and the industries and municipalities it represents are committed to collaboration to ensure access to safe drinking water for impacted communities, and that the new regulatory requirements are met as cost effectively as possible.”

Funding VWC programs comes from water quality permit holders. Reynolds says he expects the organization will eventually seek grants to supplement its efforts.

VWC is already ramping up activities as it works to complete and submit its Early Action Plan to the Regional Water Board by March 8, 2021. Initial public workshops will be scheduled beginning in October to seek input from local communities and other stakeholders as the plan is being developed. Local outreach will continue after the plan is approved to ensure program awareness among impacted communities.

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The mission of Valley Water Collaborative is to maintain and improve the quality of life in the northern San Joaquin Valley by implementing programs that provide access to safe drinking water for affected residents, and by engaging in activities with the goal of protecting or enhancing the quality of groundwater drinking water supplies for residents in the region. For more information, visit the VWC website at www.valleywaterc.org or contact Parry Klassen, VWC Executive Director at 559-288-8125.
“Le Grand FFA “EngAGes” in Agriculture for the 2020-2021 School Year”

By: Riley Lopez, Le Grand FFA Chapter Reporter

Yearly themes have long been an integral part of the FFA organization, from the local chapter level to the National FFA Organization, with each year a new theme and with it possibilities. Themes help FFA members, officers, and advisors to bring into focus the current year. Goals are set, strengths identified, weaknesses targeted, and new activities and community service projects are developed.

The Le Grand FFA Chapter has used their yearly theme to inspire involvement amongst their members and challenge them to grow in the areas of leadership, career development, and agriculture education. This year has, and will be a very different, and challenging one for us all. COVID-19 has canceled many aspects of our normal lives, and with that, in-person gatherings and extracurricular activities. When it comes to this year’s theme, the Le Grand FFA Officer Team hopes members will use it to inspire them to find some sense of normalcy and strive to connect with the chapter, National FFA Organization, and agriculture industry. Le Grand’s Officer Team is proud to announce that its chapter theme for the 2020-2021 school year is: EngAGe. Chapter President Roxanna Gonzalez said, “We believe this theme will inspire and encourage members to engage with each other in order to stay connected and involved during this time of distance learning. We hope everyone will take this theme, interpret it, and use it to work towards their goals despite the challenging circumstances.”

In order to “EngAGe” their members, the officer team will be streaming FFA meetings on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter and hosting interactive virtual events for members including trivia games, talent shows, and other events promoting student interaction and connectivity.

Along with their theme for the 2020-2021, Le Grand FFA is proud to announce the officer team for the 2020-2021 school year. Leading their chapter this year as President is Roxanna Gonzalez. Proud to serve as Le Grand FFA’s Vice President for the upcoming year is Alejandra Guardado. Serving as chapter Secretary this school year is Lily Sapien. Chapter Treasurer for the upcoming year is Marisa Ochoa. Proud to serve as chapter Reporter this school year is Riley Lopez. Exciting to be serving as chapter Sentinel this year is Valentin Aguilar. And finally, serving as Le Grand FFA’s chapter Historian is Cecilia Aguilar.

Le Grand FFA is also excited to welcome new agriculture mechanics instructor, Mr. Corey Mesa and student teacher from Fresno State, Ms. Brenda Petersen. “Positive attitudes and creative thinking have been the overall theme during Officer Meetings, said FFA Advisor Amanda Galan, our students continue to surprise us every day by coming up with new and inventive ways to connect with each other”.

For more information about Le Grand FFA or the Le Grand Agriculture Department, please visit www.legrandffa.org, or follow “lghsffa” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

El Capitan FFA Holds First FFA Member Showcase

By Annika Cook, El Capitan FFA Chapter Reporter

This year the FFA Officer Team and Ag Leadership class decided to hold the first ever FFA Member Showcase. Students submitted pictures and videos to show off unique things about them. The contest categories included: Art, Graphic Design, Singing, Photography, Cooking/Baking, Music, Athletic Abilities, Cutest and Most Unique Pets, Handmade Creations, Performing Arts. We are excited to announce that we had 254 entries from our students. The overall winner was Dinah Lua with a painting she created. Other winners included Natalie VanPelt, Nicholas Rodriguez, Bella DeHaro, Autumn Miller, Luis Enrique Lopez, Nathaniel Helms, Jeremiah Schwesinger, Nathaniel Correa, Jacob Schesinger, Andres Cuevas, Emma Dickson, Brody Collins & Ashlyn Blair

It was a great opportunity to see what makes each of our FFA members special! We learned that everyone in this chapter has something amazing to offer, and they should be extremely proud of who they are. We would like to thank everyone who participated. We are excited for an even greater turn out next year.
Merced FFA Continues to Adjust

By: Genevie Villanueva, Merced FFA Chapter Reporter

One month down of virtual learning, and talks of returning to campus is already out. The Merced FFA chapter has been keeping busy by creating new ways to connect with members through virtual meetings, weekly events, Instagram challenges, and more to keep students excited. With school returning soon, there will be new ideas and events, so be on the lookout on our social media, @ThemeredFFA, on all platforms.

Virtual learning isn’t the easiest thing to do so our officer team brainstormed ideas to get students to stay on their Chromebook for just a little longer to socialize and remain united even when we feel distant. Our first meeting of the year attracted both past and new members; they were able to get to know our officer and advisor team with a game of “Guess Who.” Through a slide presentation with random facts, members had to guess who they thought it was. Some interesting facts, such as having a fear of ladybugs, definitely had members questioning which officer/advisor it could be. After wrapping up our meeting, we held a drive-thru style slushie, merchandise, and tri-tip dinner ticket pick up. This allowed the students and advisors to see each other while still following social distancing rules. These bits of interactions are what we need to help us feel “normal” at this time.

The Merced FFA chapter has created “Fun Friday” to entice members to play a game, getting them hooked into becoming an active member. Every week there is a new theme and a new host. It is a friendly competition between students and advisors while allowing participants to have some fun outside of class, laugh, and interact. At the end of the game, the winning team earns bragging rights. Currently, the students are in the lead with a score of 4-0, but the advisors are ready for a comeback. What started as a small group has grown over the last month, even intriguing non-agriculture students to join in on the challenge.

Our chapter officers were excited to attend the sectional COLC, chapter officer leadership conference held annually, but this year it had a virtual twist. The conference is composed of workshops that are beneficial to our chapter; these workshops train the officers in a variety of techniques and help them to continue to grow as leaders. Experiences gathered from the conference can be brought back to the chapter and utilized for our members.

Even through distance learning our members are still finding ways to get involved and do what they love. This past weekend our cotton judging team, composed of Sarah Sanchez, Cody Martinez, Julia Walker, and Dylan Hair competed in the first cotton contest of the season and took home 5th place with Cody Martinez placing as the 10th high individual. We are extremely proud of them and cannot wait to see how they continue the season.

This year our chapter has two American Degree recipients. Less than one percent of FFA members receive this degree so we are honored that two of our members will be receiving theirs at the end of October. Congratulations to Katelyn Hui and Jared Campos for earning your American Degree. We hope everyone continues to stay safe and tuned in for upcoming events. Things may seem different from the past, but Merced FFA continues to “be the future”.

Golden Valley FFA Named California’s Top FFA Program

By: Golden Valley FFA

Golden Valley FFA was recently recognized and named the California Top FFA program of the year out of the over 360 California Chapters released by the California FFA Association recently. The top Chapter award ranking is composed of multiple facets of the FFA program which includes American Degree recipients, State Degree recipients, State Proficiency winners, State Championships, and State Executive Committee members.

This was the first time an area high school was named as the top program in California which highlights student achievement and success. “This is a culmination of hard work and dedication of our 800 plus students. It is a testament to students that have put forth many hours of effort within their projects, leadership abilities, and focus to achieve personal and team success”, stated FFA Advisor, Cody Jacobsen.

Golden Valley had 22 American Degree recipients which is a California record in the 92 years of FFA. In order for a student to earn their American Degree, students have to earn at least $10,000 within their time in the FFA and work at least 2250 hours. Additionally, the Chapter had 34 State Degree recipients, which was an all time record for the program. State Degree recipients must earn at least $1000 and work at least 500 hours, respectively.

In addition to the Degree successes, Golden Valley FFA had 4 students named State Proficiency Winners which highlights the best student SAE projects in the State. Hunter Aue was named the winner in Beef Production Entrepreneurship, Spencer Stephens was named the winner in Environmental and Natural Resources, Peter Bliss was named the winner in Fiber and Oil Production, and Josh Heupel was named the winner in Fruit Production. Additionally, all 4 students were named National Proficiency Finalists.

The Golden Valley FFA program has over 800 students and 6 Agriculture Instructors. To learn more about the Golden Valley FFA program, visit our website at www.goldenvalleyffa.com, or by visiting our social media pages including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
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dam and seek permits from a host of state and federal agencies.

Rep. Josh Harder, D-Turlock, secured funding for feasibility studies on the reservoir and sponsored legislation that will help it qualify for future federal infrastructure loans.

A coalition of groups including Save Del Puerto Canyon, Friends of the River, Sierra Club Mother Lode Chapter and others, said the risk of landslides was understated in the draft environmental study. At least seven landslides are mapped in the portion of Del Puerto Canyon that would be inundated by the dam, plus additional slides could form as the reservoir water saturates the canyon slopes, the group contends.

The group said landslides threaten to create a tsunami that could overtop the dam. Residents who have opposed the project fear a dam failure would unleash serious flooding in Patterson, which has 23,000 residents.

David Keller, a former mayor of Patterson, said the project would put the entire city in a dam inundation zone, requiring homeowners to disclose that to buyers. He said a map provided by the water district shows a catastrophic failure of the dam flooding the city with 10 to 15 feet of water.

Keller, who is running for mayor in the current election, said one of his main concerns is the city was not named the responsible agency for the environmental review.

STUDY RESPONDS TO LANDSLIDE THREAT

In regard to landslide threat, the final environmental study says the landslides are slow moving and likely range from active to dormant. It says the closest landslide on maps is about three-quarters of a mile from the foot of the dam embankment.

According to the study, landslides are typical issues for reservoirs and can be stabilized with subdrains, retaining walls and other mitigations.

The review also responds to comments and concerns raised about impacts on wildlife, natural features and Native American artifacts in Del Puerto Canyon.

Hansen said the final EIR responds to the issues raised at public meetings and provides a lot of information on dam safety. The district posted a video discussing the safety of dams.

“The work we have done so far strongly indicates that we have a very good project that could change things in the Central Valley in terms of improving local storage and improving our water supply situation,” Hansen said.

According to proponents, the reservoir storing up to 82,000 acre feet of water will provide for more reliable water deliveries to farmers south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta, increase water supplies for when crops need it the most and improve management of groundwater.

Water pumped from the nearby Delta-Mendota Canal would be stored behind the dam.

“We have worked hard to address the concerns in the community and plan a safe, reliable water storage reservoir,” Chris White, executive director of the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Authority, said in a news release. “This project will also help stabilize groundwater supplies for many of the communities on the west side.”

Del Puerto Water District and the Exchange Contractors funded the environmental review and planning for the reservoir, while additional support for design and studies came from the 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.

Construction on the dam next to Interstate 5 could begin within two years and be completed in 2028.

What is Happening in Gustine FFA

By: Austin Bell, Gustine FFA Reporter

It has been a great start to the school year for Gustine FFA. Holding many different activities, the chapter has learned to overcome all the obstacles faced amidst the pandemic. With a strong officer team to guide the members through this FFA year, we are confident that we will continue to sustain a chapter with active, participating students. Gustine FFA has held zoom activities along with a drive-through Ice Cream Social. Our chapter also has a student competing nationally in the proficiency contest.

Once again, Madison Woods is seeing great success with her sheep project. Maddie bought her first breeding ewe when she was 12 years old and since then, has really taken off within the sheep industry. Madison has been involved in the livestock industry since she was 9, but it wasn't until her freshman year that she really started to see it as a business opportunity. Madison’s sheep production project consists of 30 lambs. The offspring of her ewes are sold to 4-H and FFA members that are looking to have a project at their state or county fairs. As an FFA member you are required to keep a record book of expenses, goals, and responsibilities. Madison’s competitive nature kept her striving to always be better when it came to her flock. Because of this, Maddie has built up quite an impressive record book which made her want to compete at the national level. At nationals, the judges decide if the applicant receives a gold, silver, or bronze on their application. Out of the golds, the judges decide the top 4 applicants to compete for first place. The finalists are judged on their application, along with an introduction video of themselves, and their answers to 3 questions regarding their projects. It is a great accomplishment to get to the national level proficiency, and Gustine FFA is very proud of Madison. “I am so happy to showcase the project that I have been building for years, and I am honored to be representing Gustine FFA at a national level”-Madison Woods.

The officers have also been working very hard to better the club amidst this pandemic. On Tuesday, September 15th the Gustine FFA officers attended the Chapter Officer Leadership Conference. Normally it would be held at Merced College with different workshops to attend. This year it was held virtually on Zoom, and breakout rooms were used to hold different workshops. The sectional FFA Officer team did a great job organizing the meeting and had an agenda that was packed with information and activities. As most people have realized, Zoom is not the ideal platform for holding effective workshops but they did a great job amidst this pandemic.
Advocating for Agriculture While Vying for a National Title

By: Alissa Kuhr, 2021 California Little Miss United States Agriculture

My name is Alissa Kuhr and I am so excited to represent California as I was recently named the 2021 California Little Miss United States Agriculture. The Miss United States Agriculture Program is an organization for women of all ages who have a passion for agriculture and who have an interest in educating and advocating for the agricultural industry. The world needs to know that chocolate milk does not come from brown cows!

I am currently 9 years old and live in Atwater, California. I am in the fourth grade and have been an active member in Alview-Dairyland 4-H since the age of 7. Agriculture has been a huge part of my family for many generations and I am glad to continue the legacy. I currently raise and show Pygmy and Boer goats but I have a love for all animals. As a Miss United States Agriculture Queen, I have had the opportunity to not only be an ambassador for my county and state but an advocate for the agriculture industry. I have been fortunate enough to go on several different industry tours and I am thankful for the farmers, ranchers, and local agricultural business owners who have spent time sharing their passion for agriculture with me.

I have also planned and participated in several community service events to better my community. These events include delivering appreciation gifts to local police and firefighter units, collected clothing for those in need, as well as collected over 40,000 pull tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House at participating Children’s hospitals.

In June of 2021, I am planning on attending the national competition in Orlando, Florida to represent California agriculture and compete for the National Little Miss title! In the meantime, I am looking forward to my year of service and hope to spread positivity in my community while being able to teach the youth and the public more about the agriculture industry.

If you would like to help me on my journey and you have the time, I would love the opportunity to go on an industry related tour of your operation and facility. To contact me for more information or to follow my journey during my reign, follow me on Facebook and Instagram @alissajkuhr or email me at AlissaJKuhr@gmail.com.
Virtual FARM2U Day

By: Denelle Flake, Farm News Editor

This year has been a challenge for a lot of us trying to find accommodations for our typical in-person events. Back in May, MCFB elected to take our FARM2U Day virtually for the sake of not knowing what the future guidelines would behold. What was supposed to be our 9th Annual FARM2U Day turned into the beginning of our Virtual FARM2U program. In June, we started our journey of creating a virtual agriculture education program for our Merced County third-graders. Over the last four months, we have been visiting agriculture industry members and operations to film content for our educational videos. After gathering feedback from educators and continuously finetuning our product, we have finally released the first part of our Virtual FARM2U Day! The first part covers six different areas of agriculture: honey bees, dairy, nutrition, logging, chickens and almonds. Each area has a set of videos accompanied by interactive Google Slides to ensure the students stay engaged and are able to show what they have learned. We plan to release a second part of the program in January of 2021 that covers six additional areas of agriculture.

With the program being virtual we lose the in-person interaction, but by filming on-farm material, the students are truly able to visualize where their food comes from. From watching a processing head cut down a tree in a matter of seconds to seeing a baby bee hatch in the hive, we have been able to accurately capture what agriculture is. We hope this provides the students an experience they would not get in a typical year. Teachers have access to the program all year, so it allows them the opportunity to incorporate agriculture into their curriculum throughout the year rather than a single day.

We would like to thank all of our amazing presenters, generous supporters (pg. 11) and Stanislaus County Farm Bureau for making this program possible! With their help we are able to ensure our third-graders do not miss out on the opportunity to learn the importance of agriculture. We have more exciting plans and ideas for the future of this virtual platform and will continue to share them as they develop.

MCFB was selected as one of three finalists for the California Farm Bureau Innovator’s Award for our Virtual FARM2U program and will be showcased during the CFBF Annual Meeting. The winner is voted by the CFBF membership during the Annual Meeting, so look out for more details on how to join us for the CFBF Annual Meeting soon!
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**SGMA & its Impacts on Agriculture**

Hi, I'm Vicky Espinoza. I am a PhD Candidate at UC Merced. My research analyzes the impacts of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) on agricultural land, and how these land-use changes could impact farmers and communities, like yours, in the San Joaquin Valley.

The land-use decisions that are made to meet SGMA will impact YOUR water, YOUR jobs, and YOUR community's landscape.

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**Los Banos Community Center is available for drop off starting October 31 through November 3. To track your ballot you can sign up online at https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/

I expect all our members to do their civic duty. I would kindly ask that you reach out to your family and friends and encourage them to get out and vote! If you have the conversation, encourage a No on Prop 15 while you are at it! There are several large votes on the ballot, but for Merced County agriculture, Prop 15 is the largest.

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same as being in person, but Gustine FFA Secretary Savanna Barcellos says “it was a different atmosphere for everyone, yet very engaging”. The officer team was able to learn about so many different things in the workshops from being a leader, to how to properly advocate for your organization on social media. Something that a lot of emphasis was put on was using social media during the pandemic. Our members need to have the opportunity to see what is happening within the FFA and stay engaged. The Gustine FFA Officer team learned a lot of great ideas from the conference about how to keep members active in the FFA and interested in our activities.

Gustine FFA is back in business kicking the FFA year off with the first chapter meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 3:00 p.m.. The meeting was held on Zoom and according to the officer team, was a great success. Tyler Borba says “it was a great experience for the whole officer team as well as the members.”. The meeting was held as usual, with the opening and closing ceremonies. Many different things were brought up during the meeting in regards to old and new business. As many of us have come to realize, it is very hard to stay engaged on zoom. Normally, the officers would hold an activity after the meeting to keep the members interested and active. For this particular meeting there was a Kahoot quiz afterwards about the FFA officers and advisors. Once the meeting was concluded and the activity was over, members were invited to come to the high school for a drive through ice cream social. All in all, this was a great experience for the whole chapter and something that will be remembered. We look forward to hosting our next meeting in October.

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James entered the dairy business with his Dad at age of 18 until he joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1952. He returned to Los Banos and the dairy business in January 1956 with his brothers John, Jess & Larry. In 1960 he moved his family and dairy business to 13621 W. Henry Miller Rd. where he was a member of Los Banos Dairyman’s for 30 years until he retired to the life with his horses & buggy. This was his great joy.

Jim was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Society & president for 8 years, he was a past president of Native Sons and a member for over 70 years. A member of I.C.F. Los Banos, Madonna del Carmine, K.C.’s, a driver for cancer patients for many years and a volunteer at New Bethany for 20 years.

He was proceeded in death by his parents Jess & Genevieve Areias, Brothers Frank, Jess, Jr., Larry & John, Sisters Mayme Souza, Lena Cassinerio, Son in law-Bruce Eads and his Aunt & Uncle who raised him for 10 years A.F. & Guilhemino Mello.

He is survived by his wife Dolores of 68 years, his children James Areias Jr (Janice), Cynthia Arambel (Daniel), Dennis Areias (Kirsten) & Julie Areias. 12 Grandchildren & 20 Great Grandchildren, 2 Sisters Irene Mello and Florence Bon and many very loving nieces & nephews

We especially want to Thank All the amazing caretakers that made his last few months bearable by their Love, Kindness & Dedication.

Visitation & Rosary will be held at Whitehurst Chapel Tuesday, October 6th from 5pm to 7pm with Rosary at 7pm., Mass at St Joseph Catholic Church October 7th at 10:30am. (please bring your own chairs as this will be an outside service) and Burial at Los Banos Cemetery.

Donations to New Bethany at 1441 Berkeley Dr. Los Banos, O.L.F. School, 1625 Center Ave. Los Banos, St. Joseph Catholic Church 1621 Center Ave, Los Banos, or charity of your choice. Services under the direction of Whitehurst Funeral Chapel-Los Banos.

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Occupational October Educational Activity

By Denise Skidmore, Director of Education & Public Relations, Hilmar Cheese Company

The Hilmar Cheese Company Visitor Center tour program is excited to offer another incentive to encourage students to think creatively and write. October is occupations month.

“In September, we had more than 100 students receive a free tub of squeakers when they turned in their Squeaker September worksheets. We really enjoyed seeing all the creative responses from students about why squeakers squeak,” explained Kody Stevens, communications and tour specialist for Hilmar Cheese Company. “Just for the record, there are no mice involved! So, this month, we are focusing on the career opportunities in agriculture.”

Hilmar Cheese Company encourages students to write and draw for Occupational October.

Occupational October focuses on the careers related to the dairy industry. This year most people learned about the term “essential worker.” All of the employees involved in milk production and processing are essential to produce our food supply. There are so many people part of the process to get foods from the farm to nutritional dairy products on our supermarket shelves.

“We want students to respond to the writing prompt: what jobs do you think help make milk and cheese and draw a photo of the worker,” explained Stevens. “The Hilmar Cheese Company website and Facebook page will have a worksheet available to download or a student can use any sheet of paper they have at home.”

Each student who turns in their illustration and writing in October will receive a FREE Hilmar Cheese Company wristband. The visitor center café is only open for curbside service, so parents can call the number on the door when they arrive and we will deliver to the parent’s car. The Hilmar Cheese Company visitor center is located at 9001 Lander Ave. in Hilmar, CA and open Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm.

If the student wants to be entered into the drawing for a special prize at the end of the month, the student can write their name, age and phone number on the back of the sheet.

The answer of what jobs are related to the dairy industry will be featured on a video posted to Hilmar Cheese Company social media sites. Follow @hilmarcheese on Instagram and hilmarcheesecompany on Facebook to stay up-to-date with updates, specials, merchandise offerings and more!

Stay tuned for another fun educational prompt and prize November to encourage students to write.

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For the last couple of months, I have felt like I’ve been living in some strange, alternate universe. The chaos and unrest (to put it very mildly) has put me on edge and given me the feeling that I’m watching America transform into a 3rd world country and I’m helpless in stopping the insanity. A number of Mayors and Governors across the country are acting as if they are the stars in a bad science fiction/apocalypse movie and they are playing the role of villain. The cry to defund the police, arrest and release criminals, allow rioting and looting and beatings, is worse than any nightmare I’ve ever had.

I’ve taken solace in the fact that I can simply turn off the television and remove myself from the turbulence of the cities. I’m immeasurably blessed to live in the hills away from the chaos and urban destruction. But, with everything in life, there is always a tradeoff. For the last couple of months, the thick, smothering smoke from the wildfires has made it miserable to even step foot outside. As we all know, staying inside with the air conditioner on is not possible living an agricultural lifestyle. My heart goes out to anyone with respiratory conditions, the air quality has been atrocious! CalFire has reported that since the beginning of the year, there have been over 8,500 wildfires that have burned well over 4.1 million acres in California. To date, the total number of fatalities statewide is 31 and more than 9,200 structures have been destroyed. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected by this devastation.

As I take a deep breath or five, I realize once again that I’m not helpless in this situation. There is an election coming up very soon and I can make my voice heard with my ballot. I concur with CFBF and I’m vehemently opposed to Proposition 15 which would destroy many family farms and ranches. I can also commit to becoming even more involved with my community, and agricultural education. I can encourage others to think of the big picture, our future, and the future of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren when choosing a President and his administration. No, I’m not helpless, just breathless at times and I can remedy that quite easily.

As always, I encourage farmers and ranchers to invite friends, neighbors and family members to join the collective voice of the Farm Bureau. Together, we can make our organization stronger than ever, one member at a time.
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