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FCFB elects new board for 2009-2010

Fresno County Farm Bureau elected its new board of directors and officers for the 2009-10 year at its Annual Meeting of Members on Oct. 1. The new officers and board will be installed on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Re-elected to serve as the organization's president is Dan Errotabere, a diversified farmer in the Riverdale and west side areas. Errotabere is completing his second term as president. Also re-elected to serve as officers are: First Vice President Brian Pacheco, of Kerman; Second Vice President Ken Tatami, of Reedley; and Secretary-Treasurer Mark Sorensen, of Caruthers.

FCFB members also elected the Board of Directors for 2009-10, which remained largely unchanged. New to the Board are: Karl Lehman, of Biola, Grape Commodity Chair; and Jon Baloian, of Fresno, Vegetables Commodity Chair; and Todd Hirasuna, of Selma, Golden Corridor Center Co-chair. For a complete list of 2009-10 Board of Directors, see the October issue of *Agriculture Today*.

Big Fresno Fair is underway

To see the best in Fresno County agriculture, visit the Big Fresno Fair occurring now through Oct. 18.

Opening ceremonies were held on Wednesday, featuring several Fresno County residents who were recognized for special contributions to the communities. Honored this year as recipients of the 2009 Community Champions Awards were Caz Ashjian – Community Champion, Youth; Francine Vindiola – Community Champion, Volunteer; Paul Rodriguez and Ray Appleton – Community Champions, Humanitarian; Mike Jarman – Community Champion, Educator; and "Reno" the Fresno County Sheriff K9 Officer – Community Champion, Special Award.

The Fair also honored 2009 Hall of Fame inductees Christopher Korby, Nick Bowles and Walter "Fritz" Lauritzen for their unwavering support of The Big Fresno Fair.

The Fresno Fair offers one of the largest displays of agricultural products in the nation. The Agricultural Building displays the more than 350 commercial crops grown in the County, showcased by colorful

community booths include Clovis, Coalinga, Easton, Fowler, Kerman, Kingsburg, Laton, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger and Selma.

In addition, on Saturday, Oct. 10 and 17, 4-H and Future Farmers of America students will aim to take home the top prize and price for their animals at auctions. Animal purchases and top-off bids are encouraged to help support our agricultural youth. For details, contact the fair at: (559) 650-3247.

For fair hours and event schedules, visit the Web site at: www.fresnofair.com.

Young Cattlemen's to host fundraiser on Oct. 24

The California Young Cattlemen's Committee is hosting a fundraiser barbecue on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the California State University, Fresno Agriculture Pavilion, 2708 E. Barstow Ave.

The event includes a steak dinner, silent and live auction, and a weight-guessing contest. In addition, an industry representative will provide an update on the beef industry. The Young Cattlemen's organization is comprised of college students who seek a variety of educational goals related to enhancing and perpetuating the field of beef cattle production.

Tickets for the event cost \$20 and can be reserved by calling Committee Chair Brie Witt at (209) 327-7546 or email: briennewitt@comcast.net.

Agriculture is seen as one of the fastest growing industries

A United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization report says the planet will have an additional 2.3 billion people by 2050, making agriculture one of the fastest growing industries.

The report, "World Will Need 70% More Food In 2050," points out that while the demand for food will increase dramatically, the number of people who understand agriculture and can identify with it also will be decreasing. The report estimates that 70 percent of the World's population will live in cities by 2050, compared to 49 percent who do so today. The bulk of the population growth is also expected to be in developing countries, which raises additional issues about how the food will be paid for and distributed.

The report also says the demand for food is expected to rise and global incomes increase; 72 percent of food will be consumed by developing countries which compares to 58 percent today. For more information, see the article in *Beef Magazine* at: www.beefmagazine.com

Grower Private Applicator continuing education classes planned

There are several opportunities scheduled this fall for growers to earn the continuing education hours for their private applicator license. The Kerman Lions Club will be hosting the Eleventh Annual Kerman Ag Expo. Both Fresno County Farm Bureau and FCFB Business Support Member Gar Tootelian Inc. have scheduled classes beginning in late-October.

The Kerman Ag Expo will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at the Kerman Community Center, 15100 W. Kearney Plaza. The Expo will begin with registration at 7 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Five hours of continuing education hours will be offered.

For more information, contact Gary Douglas or Ed Hoffknecht with the Kerman Lions Club at (559) 842-4601 or (559) 289-4384.

The free classes organized by Gar Tootelian Inc. are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, Oct. 28, Kerman Community Teen Center, 15101 W Kearney Ave.
- Thursday, Oct. 29, Reedley Community Center, 100 N East Ave.
- Friday, Nov. 20, Easton Portuguese Hall, 172 W Jefferson Ave.

The classes begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. and will conclude by noon. Four hours of continuing education hours will be offered.

Speakers include Louie Guerra, of Fresno County Department of Agriculture: "Laws and Regulations update/refreshers and Problems in Use Reporting;" Luis Angulo, of Agrian: "Electronic Reporting of Regulatory Forms;" and David Horner, of Gar Tootelian Inc. PCA: "Drought Centered Changes in Water Quality and Their Impact on Chemigation Practices In the San Joaquin Valley." Growers are asked to bring their private applicator card.

Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Vicki, of Gar Tootelian Inc., at (800) 696-6108 or (559) 638-6311.

FCFB and the Fresno County Department of Agriculture will hold Continuing Education Applicator Classes on:

- Friday, Nov. 13, FCFB, 1274 W. Hedges Ave., 8 a.m. to noon
- Friday, Dec. 4, FCFB, 1274 W. Hedges Ave., 8 a.m. to noon

The program is free for FCFB members, and a nominal fee for non-members. Each class will provide three hours of continuing education hours toward the Private Applicator license. To register, contact FCFB at (559) 237-0263 or via email at info@fcfb.org.

Wheat Commissioner is looking for director to represent Fresno County

The California Wheat Commission is looking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors to represent Fresno County. In addition to the board position to represent District 9, there is an alternate position available to represent the area. Fresno County is the fourth largest wheat producing county in the state.

The Wheat Commission's primary objectives are research funding and marketing of California wheat. The board meets three times a year, usually in Sacramento.

To be eligible, farmers must have produced wheat for market and be able to show proof of commodity sale within the previous three years. Interested wheat growers can call the Commission at (530) 661-1292 for more information.

Junk/scrap metal transfer form is available at CFBF Web site

With more attention and tougher laws pertaining to scrap metal and wire thefts, farmers and others who recycle and dispose of scrap metal will need verification when they legitimately transport scrap metal.

Under the law, proof of ownership of the materials is required when transporting and recycling the scrap metal and other materials. California Farm Bureau Federation has created a "Junk/Scrap Metal Transfer Document," which identifies the person and entity hauling or handling the materials, the type and quantity of materials, and provides contact information for follow-up questions. The one-page document is available on-line at www.cfbf.com, click on the "Special Focus – Preventing Metal Theft" page. It also is recommended to include a photo of the materials being transported along with the document.

In 2006, more than \$6 million worth of metal was reported stolen in the eight Central Valley counties alone.

Words to live by

An aphorism is a short, pointed sentence expressing a wise or clever observation or a general truth. In other words, they are words to lie by. Here are a few to ponder...

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
 2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
 3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
 4. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
 5. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
 6. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
 7. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
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Calendar of Upcoming Events & Meetings

Oct. 9

Fair Ed presentations, 8:30 a.m. to noon, fairgrounds;

Fresno Chamber Ag and Land Use Committee meeting, noon, Chamber office downtown

Oct. 12

FCFB's FAACT Class Session 1, 8 a.m., FCFB office, 1274 W. Hedges Ave.

Oct. 14, 15 & 16

Fair Ed presentations, 8:30 a.m. to noon, fairgrounds

Oct 14

State Board of Food and Ag Board drought hearing, 10 a.m., FCFB Conference room;

Fresno Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee, noon, Chamber office
