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Hello Everyone!

My name is Rosemary Giannini and I am the chairperson for the Gold Country Young Farmers and Ranchers committee. The Gold Country Young Farmers and Ranchers are a group of young professionals in Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Amador who are passionate about agriculture and our community.

The Young Farmers and Ranchers program is geared toward Farm Bureau members between the ages of 18 and 35 who are involved in everything from banking to production. This program is structured by county, state, and national levels. Our YF&R committee meets every other month to discuss issues affecting agriculture and how that relates to the local agriculture industry. Additionally, our executive committee meets each month to ensure the success of the committee.

The executive committee members are as follows:

Chair – Rosemary Giannini

Co-Chair – Amanda Berry

Secretary – Rebecca Fischer

Treasurer – Jenica Reagan

Committee Members - Kasey Musachia, Nick Musachia, and Amelia Tower.

We want to network with our peers in the area to promote our local interests at a state and national level. Just recently we were invited to attend a farm tour with the Sonoma-Marin Young Farmers and Ranchers. During this tour, Rebecca Fischer and I were able to meet other young Farm Bureau members while learning about how a different region operates. We came away inspired with ideas we'd like to try and implement here in the foothills.

There are also opportunities for members to participate in discussion meet competitions at a state and national level. The Young Farmers and Ranchers program has various open and collegiate competitions

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where members can demonstrate their knowledge and build leadership skills while representing our community.

Additionally, Young Farmer and Rancher members meet at state and national conferences each year. The American Young Farmers and Ranchers conference is set to be held February 16-19, 2018 in Reno, Nevada. This is a great occasion for the interests of our region to be heard in a larger

capacity. It's also a chance for young people in our region to meet with likeminded individuals from across the country and make connections.

We will also be hosting various events locally. Our first social mixer is set to be held on October 12. This first event will be a barbeque where we will be getting to know everyone and discussing our exciting plans for the future! We hope you can join us.

If the Gold Country is going to remain an agricultural based region, it is up to the next generation to step up and take an active part in ensuring our future. That's the goal of the Gold Country Young Farmers and Ranchers.

We are actively pursuing interested members to join us. If you'd like to receive more information about Gold Country YFR please contact us at (209) 768-8702 or email goldcountry.yfr@gmail.com.

What YF&R Can Do for You:

- Agriculture Information
- Leadership Development
- Networking
- Legislative Awareness
- Competition Opportunities



Clockwise from top left: Rebecca Fischer and Rosemary Giannini on the tour bus; Beer sampling at Bear Republic Distillery; Guide showing YF&R Food Bank Kitchen.

To see more photos of the GCYF&R's trip to the Sonoma Tour, check out our [Facebook page!](#)

Harvest for All Program

“The Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Program is working with Feeding America to help feed the millions of Americans who face hunger in what we call a Harvest for All. Since Harvest for All began in 2003, Farm Bureau members have gathered nearly 65 million pounds of food, logged more than 30,000 volunteer hours and raised more than \$778,000 in donations to local food banks.

Throughout the year, farmers across the nation will be donating food, funds and people power to create a hunger-free America. And whether the contribution is a bushel, a dollar, or an hour, Farm Bureau and Feeding America will be working together to finish an important job—making sure every American can enjoy the bounty produced on our farms and ranches.” - *California Farm Bureau Federation*

Want to know more about the Harvest for All program? Check out these links:

<http://www.cfbf.com/young-farmers-ranchers#harvestforall>

<http://www.feedingamerica.org/>

Announcements

CCFB 2017 Scholarship Recipients



LEFT: Madelynn Walraven and Grace Garcia, Bret Harte Union High School. ABOVE: Victoria Fischer, Calaveras High School, with Amanda Berry.

Three bright young women were chosen as this year's CCFB 2017 Scholarship recipients: Maddie Walraven and Grace Garcia of Bret Harte Union High School, and Victoria Fischer of Calaveras High School. Each were awarded \$500.

Maddie Walraven will study Agriculture Business at Oregon State University.

Grace Garcia will fulfill her general education at Columbia College, then transfer to Fresno or Chico to study Pre-Vet Animal Science.

Victoria Fischer will study Agriculture Science at Modesto Junior College, with a plan to transfer to Texas A&M.

For more information about our scholarships, visit:

www.calaverasfarmbureau.org/scholarship-program

We have hats for sale!
\$20
Red, Green, Purple, or Pink
768-8702 or goldcountry.yfr@gmail.com

A photograph of four baseball caps arranged on a wooden surface. The caps are in four colors: green, purple, pink, and red. Each cap has the Calaveras County logo on the front, which includes the word "CALAVERAS" above a stylized "C" and "COUNTY" below it.

We've elected new officers and directors!

Please welcome:

CALAVERAS

New CCFB Officers

President: Mindy Rasmussen

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COMMUNITY

CCFB Annual BBQ Fundraiser 2017

By Rebecca Fischer

“Hey, could you meet me at the fairgrounds to help me clean? I just want to get it done before it gets too hot,” Amanda Berry texted me at 10:30 in the morning. I didn’t read the text until about an hour later, because I was so busy at my sewing machine, hurrying to finish the center pieces I had promised to make. I also still had to run out to find a frame for my 11x14 picture I was donating to the auction that night. I apologized to Amanda, and headed over later that afternoon. I was right behind Rosie Giannini on her way into the fairgrounds to the Ranch House.

As members of the Gold Country Young Farmers and Ranchers, we had been designated by CCFB to be the decoration committee.

We managed to get all the tables set up, cloths spread out, center pieces laid, and flowers put in mason jars. CCFB board members came, too, and helped set up and organize donated auction items. Then, right around 5 o’clock, more people began to stream in. Notable guests were Bill and Patti Spence of Spence Feed, Tuolumne County Farm Bureau President Shaun Crook, and Sherriff Rick DiBasilio and Sergeant Greg Stark. And their families.

Dinner was prepared by Mike Quinones and consisted of rolls, a fruit salad, a pasta salad, a green salad, and steak. The bar served fresh, cold drinks, and was sponsored by the Cattlemen’s Livestock Market in Galt. We thanked Pattie and Bill Spence for their support of the agricultural community of Calaveras toward the beginning of dinner. Board Member Mark Fischer, who would also serve as the auctioneer, led the invocation.

After dinner, the live auction began. Victoria Fischer and Maddie Walraven, two of the three CCFB scholarship recipients who attended the dinner, as well as myself were recruited to play “Vana”; that is, we each took turns holding up donated auction items while Mark did his thing. I even got to hold up my own auction item, the photo I had managed to get framed just in the nick of time.

The auction raised funds for Calaveras County Farm Bureau programs, like our scholarships and other educational endeavors, like Ag Day. Thank to all who generously donated items, and those who bought them.

We were also able to raise money for our new Gold Country Young Farmers and Ranchers programs through brand-new CCFB hats. They came in a variety of colors: green, pink, purple, and red. We have more for sale, if you missed your chance and would like to buy one, let us know by giving us a call at 772-2830 or email us at calcofb@aol.com

We ended the night with Shaun Crook a few words. He gave an update on TCFB’s successful “Log it, Graze it, or Watch it Burn” message, and let us know he is running for the California Farm Bureau Federation Second Vice President position. Good luck, Shaun!

Once the fun was over and guests began to file out, the CCFB Board and GCYF&R decorating committee (and a few other helpful people--thanks!) folded up the green table clothes and chairs, rounded up all the empty water bottle and napkins, cleaned up the bar, and called it a night. All in all, it was another successful night. Can’t wait for next year!

Thank you to our sponsors!

**Cattlemen’s Livestock Market
Matt Fischer**

Eloise Fischer-Spence and family

Michael David Fischer and family

Sender’s Market

Spence Ranch Feed



We have more photos on Facebook!

Calaveras County Sheriff's Department Rural Crimes Prevention Task Force

A Message from Sergeant Greg Stark

In an ongoing effort to better serve Calaveras citizens, Sheriff Dibasilio has assigned a tenured Sergeant to Rural Crimes Prevention Task Force. The mission of the task force is to develop solutions to the unique crimes afflicting the public in Calaveras County's rural areas while protecting both people and property. The Task Force is committed to making our individuals and businesses and their property safer.

The Rural Crime Prevention Task Force will work closely with community groups such as the Calaveras County Farm Bureau, the Cattlemen's Association, and Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the county. Its wide ranging focus will be on investigations involving livestock, heavy equipment theft, food and agricultural crimes, Fish and Game Laws, animal fighting, bees and hives, CA trespassing laws, and metal theft.



Information gathering, as always, will be a key component of the program. Citizens are encouraged to report any and all suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office. Far too often, citizens dismiss minor rural criminal activity by assuming that the Department should not be bothered with trivial issues. Those issues may be very relevant. The Task Force depends on you as a partner in our community orientated policing concept.

Please contact Sgt. Greg Stark (Rural Crime Prevention Task Force Supervisor) if you have any questions. 209-754-6500 or 209-754-6783.

For more information go to: <http://sheriff.calaverasgov.us/>
Or: <https://friendsofthecalaverassheriffsoffice.org/>

"The California Farm Bureau Federation and the Ford Motor Company have partnered to offer California members a new benefit, which offers \$500 Bonus Cash toward the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2017/2018 Ford vehicle, and \$750 toward the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2017/2018 Lincoln vehicle."
-Announcement from CFBF

Go to our website to find more information! Under the "Member Services", click "Member Benefits"

If you have our online version, click the images below!



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