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President's Message: The 1st Annual Santa Cruz County Cleanup Day!



Dennis Webb, President

In previous editions we have mentioned Farm Bureau's involvement with Trash Talkers. This group, organized by Sally-Christine Rodgers, brings attention and solutions to the illegal dumping of trash on our county roads, agricultural fields and in creeks. Through Sally-Christine's efforts many governmental agencies are now involved, volunteer cleanup projects have occurred, and the public is becoming aware of the goal to make Santa Cruz the "cleanest county in California". The Board of Supervisors have now designated the second Saturday of May County Cleanup Day. This first one is May 11th. Please see below for more information. We hope you will participate. ■

1ST ANNUAL SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

CLEANUP DAY
SATURDAY, MAY 11

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Zach Friend (C) is awarded the 2024 AI Smith Friend of Agriculture by the 2023 winners of the award, Randy Repass (L) and Sally-Christine Rodgers (R)

Over 225 tickets were sold for the National Agriculture Day Spring Luncheon held Wednesday March 20, 2024 in the Heritage Hall at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville. The annual event is coordinated by the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau and the educational organization, Agri-Culture.

At the luncheon, the 2024 AI Smith Friend of Agriculture was presented to **Zach Friend** for his strong support of local agriculture.

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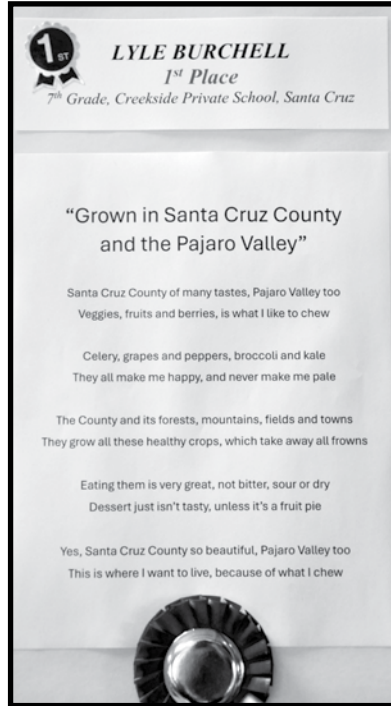
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NATIONAL AG DAY



Poster Contest Winner, Evelyn Brown, with her mother, Lindsay Brown



Top left is the winning poem from the 2024 Poetry Contest won by Lyle Burchell, 7th Grade, Creekside Private School in Santa Cruz. He is pictured above with Cynthia Mathiesen. Top Right is the winning poster from the 2024 Poster Contest won by Evelyn Brown, 5th grade, Delaveaga Elementary School in Santa Cruz. She is pictured on the left with her mother, Lindsay Brown. Each winner took home a \$250 prize. Congratulations!

Pictured below are the scholarship winners from Watsonville High School: (L-R)



Jonathan Zarate-Gutierrez - Frank Prevedelli Memorial Scholarship

Liz Torres - Lou & Carol Calcagno Memorial Scholarship;

Bianka Pena - Laura Brown Scholarship;

Juliana Lopez-Solis - Jimmie Cox Memorial Scholarship.

Not pictured is Dulce Ramirez Rivera who won the J. J. Crosetti, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, a senior at Pajaro Valley High School.

THE WATER NANNY

Magic

Way back when TV was young, and black and white, the *Jetsons* fashioned an idealized life where talking robots cleaned our homes, we flew in cars and the biggest stress of work, still a man's job, was an overused button pushing finger. In 1962 our homes still had dial phones, so the *Jetsons* were magic. Now 60 years later we don't even have self-driving cars, although we have Roomba vacuums, far different. What technology has brought is also far different.

I still believe in magic. Penn and Teller amaze me with their feats of prestidigitation in Las Vegas. Who can top Harry Houdini's escape from a submerged coffin, with his hands handcuffed. Magicians and illusionists provide great entertainment through tricks of deception. It is a skill, which most cannot master. In our modern age we are leery of magic, and instead feast for our entertainment on X and TikTok, guilty of self deception. Instead of illusionist magic we have mandated magic.

Mandated magic is when regulatory imagination of the future should occur now, through ministerial edicts. While we should reduce our use of diesel trucks and tractors as a long term objective to reduce global warming, mandating us to switch to battery tractors out in our fields without electricity, recharging stations, or any engineering to create such a device, could be magic. Electric tractors are the flying cars of our time. This is not a short list of mandated magic, which includes a belief that housing will be quickly constructed for our population, yet limit all construction due to objections to the noise and dust, along with a belief that more housing should not cause more traffic. Traffic should not occur as we should all take public transit, which does not exist, to our jobs next to the bus station. But I digress.

Way back in September, your Nanny teased all of you well educated farmers about the new method of fertilizing our fields brought to us by the Regional Water Board. Recent history for agriculture has been to maximize production, an ever increasing world

population would out strip our ability to grow food, and hunger should be avoided. US farmers were very good at this, securing greater yields in every crop with a generous application of, typically inexpensive, chemical fertilizer.

Now we have a new twin objective, grow more, yet be parsimonious in our application of fertilizer. The Regional Water Board has created a formula, really an algorithm, to give us direction, and through functional magic, achieve their goals of fertilizer free crops. All that is necessary:

- Add the nitrogen fertilizer applied per acre with the compost discount factor times the amount of compost applied plus the organic discount factor times organic fertilizer plus nitrogen in irrigation water applied minus nitrogen removed from the field through harvest, all in pounds per acre. There are two permutations which can be applied as an alternative.



Today's target is 400 pounds per acre, which will decline until we can only apply 50 pounds of N/acre in 2051, which is about when we will see flying cars. The real magic trick is not only tracking all this on your multi-crop farm, but reporting it by crop to the Water Board.

If you liked the *Jetsons*, check out the new cartoons, in color, on the Water Board website (ILP Tutorials & Instructions) explaining how to track your TNA and INMP nitrogen applied and file your timely records. While this is serious stuff, the results may merely seem like magic. Regarding functional magic Will Rogers was spot on: *"When a party can't think of anything else they always fall back on Lower Taxes. It has a magic sound to a voter, just like Fairyland is spoken of and dreamed of by all children. But no child has ever seen it; neither has any voter ever lived to see the day when his taxes were lowered."* ■





FAVORITE RECIPES

Broccoli Salad

On a recent trip to Northern Texas, we went out to a well-known BBQ restaurant. There was the usual fare available, such as ribs, brisket, chicken and stuffed jalapenos. What I didn't expect to find along with the sides of beans, fried okra, mac & cheese, etc., was broccoli salad. It was a refreshing addition to a heavy dinner and something we often enjoyed at home. Just thought I'd share this recipe submitted by Deanne Hart in the *Recipes of Yesteryear* cookbook from the California Grey Bears 30th Anniversary Edition.

6 cups raw broccoli, chopped 1/4 inch

1/3 cup dry roasted peanuts, unsalted

8 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

1 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup raisins or dried cranberries

1/4 cup sugar

3 to 4 green onions, chopped

2 Tablespoons vinegar

Combine broccoli, raisins and onions in a bowl. Blend mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar and add to broccoli mix. Chill one to eight hours. Before serving add crumbled bacon and peanuts. You may use red onion instead of green. You may also use toasted sunflower seeds or cashews instead of peanuts.

Note: There are many different versions of this recipe. Other ingredients you can add are chopped celery or sliced and drained water chestnuts. You decide, but be sure you enjoy!

2024 Poster Contest Winners

1st Place - **Evelyn Brown**, 5th Grade, Delaveaga Elementary School, Santa Cruz

2nd Place - **Juan Carlos Calzetta IV**, 4th Grade, Santa Cruz Montessori School, Aptos

3rd Place - **Sienna Smith**, Kindergarten, Moreland Notre Dame, Watsonville

Honorable Mention: **Margaret Arden**, 4th grade, Delaveaga Elementary School, Santa Cruz; **Claire Momomi Batterson**, 5th grade, Santa Cruz Montessori School, Aptos; **Briselda Perez Castaneda**, 5th grade, H. A. Hyde Elementary School, Watsonville; **Charlotte Renee Clark**, 5th grade, St. Abraham's Classical Christian Academy, Aptos;

Violet Gianelli, 3rd grade, Moreland Notre Dame, Watsonville; **Melina Lieby**, 5th grade, Delaveaga Elementary School, Santa Cruz; **Estella Parr**, 4th grade, Delaveaga Elementary School, Santa Cruz

2024 Poetry Contest Winners

1st Place & Overall Winner - **Lyle Burchell**, 7th Grade, Creekside Private School, Watsonville

"Grown in Santa Cruz and the Pajaro Valley"

2nd Place - **Ivan Villagram**, 11th Grade, Watsonville High School, Watsonville - *"Golden Bounty"*

3rd Place - **Joshua Anaya**, 11th Grade, Watsonville High School, Watsonville - *"Fades of Memories"*

Honorable Mention:

Gwen Dobler, 7th grade, Holy Cross Catholic School, Santa Cruz - *"A Farmer's Day"*

Eli Romero Ortigosa, 12th grade, Watsonville High School, Watsonville - *"Growing Love"*

Nathaniel Terrazas, 8th grade, Holy Cross Catholic School, Santa Cruz - *"Poetry Contest"*

"Agriculture, the Original Green"

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Thank you for the Special Recognition!



"Agriculture is at the heart of Santa Cruz County and the generations of people that have cultivated the land are key to our history. To be recognized as part of this continuum is a great honor and hopefully I have been able to contribute in a small way to the betterment of the lives of all those living and working in the greater Pajaro Valley."

Zach Friend
2024 Friend of Agriculture Recipient
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors,
2nd District

Save the Date

Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau

SCCFB 107th Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 15, 2024
Big Creek Lumber Property, Swanton

31st Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, July 12, 2024
Pajaro Valley Golf Club

California State Fair

Friday, July 12, 2024 to Sunday, July 28, 2024
Cal Expo, Sacramento

Santa Cruz County Fair

Wednesday, September 11 to Sunday, September 15, 2024
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds

Annual Directors' Dinner

Thursday, November 7, 2024
Location to be determined

CFBF Annual Meeting

Saturday, December 1 to Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Monterey

Agri-Culture

16th Annual Down to Earth Women Luncheon

Thursday, May 9, 2024
Driscoll's Rancho Corralitos

16th Annual Testicle Festival

Saturday, August 24, 2024
Estrada Deer Camp

28th Annual Farm Dinner

Saturday, October 18, 2024
Land Trust Little Bee Barn

Training Fieldworkers, Forepersons and Field Supervisors for the Season

(Note: A version of this article originally ran in April 2018)



David Sanford

As you prepare to manage your agricultural operations for the season ahead, it is important that you place training of your field crews at the top of your priority list. These individuals not only include fieldworkers but also field supervisors and forepersons.

Training is limited not only to subjects such as food safety, heat stress and harassment in the workplace, but also by providing a thorough understanding of pesticide safety and what to do in case of a pesticide related emergency. Fieldworkers must have been trained within the last 12 months in a manner they can understand, and training must be provided before they can work in a field that has received a pesticide treatment or had a restricted entry interval in effect within the last 30 days. The training must be documented and conducted by a qualified individual holding specific qualifications such as a Certified Private Applicator or Licensed Pest Control Advisor. Training must cover various critical topics including where and in what forms pesticides can be encountered in the field, routes of pesticide exposure, signs and symptoms of exposure, and proper decontamination procedures. It is essential that as part of the training fieldworkers are aware of the location of the Hazard Communication information also known as the Pesticide Safety Information Series leaflet A-9, the location of the Application Specific Information, and the name and location of a local medical facility or physician in case of emergencies. A fieldworker has the right to receive information about pesticides to which he or she may be exposed, and forepersons and field supervisors should be prepared to provide this information when requested by an employee.

Forepersons and field supervisors should know, understand, and participate in fieldworker training, and as crew leaders have additional responsibilities to ensure the safety of the employees they oversee. These responsibilities include:

- Being aware of pesticide application activities on surrounding fields.
- Knowing who the neighboring growers are and how to contact them, and consistently communicating with

them regarding planned agricultural activities.

- Stopping work and moving employees away from areas where there is potential for fieldworker pesticide exposure by drift or odor exposure that could lead to employee illnesses.
- Immediately responding to employee complaints of illness when pesticide exposure has occurred or is suspected.
- Ensuring that ill employees or employees that have been exposed to a pesticide and can reasonably be expected to become ill as a result are taken to a physician immediately.
- Finding out what pesticides have been used and obtaining pesticide labels, Safety Data Sheets and information on how the pesticides were being handled to provide to the physician.
- Contacting the County Agricultural Commissioner as soon as possible. Agricultural Commissioner staff can help you obtain valuable information regarding an exposure in the field and can stop any ongoing pesticide application that has the potential to create a health hazard.

While agricultural regulations require employers to provide employee training at least once every 12 months, reviewing key pesticide safety information throughout the season can help keep the information clear and relevant for fieldworkers. Good communication and proactivity by forepersons and field supervisors are essential elements in keeping agricultural fieldworkers safe. ■



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Training Fieldworkers, Forepersons and Field Supervisors for the Season

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An easement is a legal right to use someone else's property for a specific purpose. For example, an easement may allow someone to cut across another person's property to get to a ranch, a well, a drainage channel, a pipeline, or a building. Easements may be created in many ways: by

grant in a deed, by reservation in a deed, by recording a map, by open and adverse use for at least five continuous years or by a lawsuit. So, an "equitable easement" is just another such way to establish an easement.

Unlike an easement created by deed or adversely acquired through an open and uninterrupted unpermitted use, an equitable easement is a judgement by a court after balancing each party's interests, called balancing relative hardships. Such a judgement could be affirmatively argued by someone trying to establish an equitable easement in court or by a refusal to prevent a trespass.

An equitable easement can be requested in court to legally excuse what would otherwise be a trespass. Buildings that extend across boundary lines might also be authorized by an equitable easement.

The courts look at the "relative hardship" test, that is, whether the potential hardship to the trespasser is greatly

disproportionate to that of the property owner. One case example was where one party owned a landlocked parcel and so had to trespass across a neighbor's property to get in and out. The court found that the property owner would suffer very little or no harm from a trespass, since never used the portion of land on which the neighbor trespassed. Nor could the property owner show evidence of reduced property value^[1] or invasion of privacy. The trespasser, in contrast, would be irreparably harmed because without access, their property would be unusable.

Another case explained more what the courts would consider in determining whether an equitable easement should be established: (a) whether the trespasser was innocent, (b) whether the property owner would suffer irreparable injury; and (c) whether the hardship suffered by the trespasser was greatly disproportionate to that of the property owner. In another case, the court said that because the trespasser knew from the date of purchase that they lacked access, there could be no equitable easement.

A claim for equitable easement can be brought by a property owner, such as in a lawsuit to stop the trespass, or by a trespass asking the court to declare whether there is or is not an equitable easement.

Regardless, it is extremely important to seek the advice of an experienced attorney who can advise you and advocate on your behalf. ■

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The award was presented by **Randy Repass** and **Sally-Christine Rodgers**, who received the award in 2023. This award is named after Al Smith who was the founder of Orchard Supply Hardware and donated 3,000 acres (Swanton Pacific Ranch) on our north coast to Cal Poly. The ranch has row crops, timber and even a one-third-scale railroad, which was Al's hobby. The award is on a piece of redwood with a train depicted on it. It is presented annually to an individual, business or organization not involved in production agriculture but has done much for the industry.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was **Peter Navarro** and **Brendan Miele**, Santa Cruz County Board of Directors. The featured speaker was **Sarah Hulick**, Faculty & Department

Chair, Horticulture, Cabrillo College, who spoke on "We Grow College Graduates".

Also presented at the luncheon were the winners of the Poster and Poetry Contests and the 2024 Agri-Culture scholarships. See page 3 for coverage of those events.

Other notables in attendance were **Ted Burke**, Shadowbrook Restaurant; **Yvette Brooks**, Capitola City Council; **Casey Kraig Clark**, Watsonville City Council; **Felipe Hernandez**, Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors; **David Sanford**, Santa Cruz County Agricultural Commissioner; **Susan True**, CEO, Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County. ■

Down to Earth Women Luncheon

Get Your Reservations Early!

16th Annual
Down to Earth Women Luncheon

Thursday, May 9, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Driscoll's Rancho Corralitos

Featured Speaker:

Janet Webb, President
Big Creek Lumber

This event is coordinated by and Agri-Culture and the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau
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Strange But Impossibly True!

The U.S. government saved every public tweet from 2006 to 2017. But starting in 2018, the Library of Congress decided to keep tweets only on certain subjects and on "a very selective basis," such as those about elections, dealing with public policy, and of overall national interest. If you want to check out the government's comprehensive tweet collection, you are out of luck. The entire thing is embargoed "until access issues can be resolved in a cost-effective and sustainable manner."

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Please RSVP by June 5, 2024



Tickets: \$100 per person

Reception: 5:00 p.m. • Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program also includes:

- ◆ Silent Auction & Raffle
- ◆ Election of Officers



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FRIDAY - APRIL 12
Focus Agriculture, Class 33
Session 2

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 17
Agri-Culture Board of
Directors' meeting

THURSDAY - APRIL 25
Board of Directors' meeting

THURSDAY - MAY 2
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WEDNESDAY - MAY 9
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