

Mid Valley Cowbelles

Upcoming Events

March

29: La Grange Rodeo Booth

April

2: Hughson Ag Day
11: Oakdale Mounted Parade
15: Westside Ranchers meeting
(Frank Raines Park)
19: MVC Meeting
MCFB Office - 2pm

May

1: St. Anthony School Ag Day
(Manteca)
1: Magnolia School Ag Day
(Oakdale)
8: Turlock Ag Ventures
(Stanislaus Fairgrounds)
9: Mother Lode Parade (Sonora)

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Leadership Farm Bureau *By Breanne Ramos*

I have been blessed this year as I have been selected as one of the ten individuals to participate in the Class of 2015 Leadership Farm Bureau Program. Our group is made up of individuals in all areas of the agriculture sector including cattle, potatoes, and avocados from as far north as Glenn County and as south as Santa Barbara County. To date, we have completed two sessions with five more to follow including lobbying on a national level at our nation's capital.

Our most recent session was held in Sacramento during the CFBF Leadership Conference. If you have yet to attend this yearly conference, you would be interested to know that each person has the opportunity to lobby our elected officials from throughout the state and tell "our story." This being my first time, I was able to traverse the halls of Sacramento with CFBF's Environmental Affairs lobbyist, Cynthia Cory learning the ropes from an expert definitely has been an eye opener. We were able to meet with staff from both Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake) and Assemblymen Adam Gray's offices. Our third meeting consisted of meeting with Assemblyman Jim Patterson (R-Fresno) and his Legislative Director, Calvin Rusch. All in all, I was able to gain a lot of insight in the proper way to conduct an effective meeting with legislative officials while beginning the phases of building a relationship with staff that can be useful down the road.

John Muir Read-In *By Andrea Reynolds*

Monday March 2, 2015 eight of our Mid Valley Cowbelles, one "Yosemite Sam", one little doggie, and the little red hen all headed down to John Muir Elementary to help them celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. It was a great morning spent sharing some of the ladies favorite cowboy stories we had raised our children on; and the kids loved gaining some knowledge on just what it is WE Cowbelles are all about!



During the February MVC Meeting, Cowbelles listened to speaker Adam Kathrein talk on his experience as a cowboy in Russia.



CCW Spring Meeting held at Harris Ranch. Left to right, seated: Pat Shephard, Judy Elam, Candy Cook-Peterson, and Millie Krause; Standing: Andrea Reynolds.



Kristile Borba educates children during the Henry Miller Elementary School Ag Day in Los Banos on March 13.

General Meeting Announcements for April

Meeting will be held at Merced County Farm Bureau located at 646 S. Hwy 59, Merced on **APRIL 19th**. Please be aware that the addresses skip in numbers.

From 99 South: Exit Martin Luther King/Hwy 59, Take right onto MLK which turns into Hwy 59 S; You will pass: Merced Fairgrounds, cemetery, Kellogg's Supply and Shannon Pump. MCFB will sit on the left between N&S Tractor and Stanislaus Farm Supply.

From 99 North: Exit Martin Luther King/Hwy 59, Take left onto MLK which turns into Hwy 59 S; You will pass: Merced Fairgrounds, cemetery, Kellogg's Supply and Shannon Pump. MCFB will sit on the left between N&S Tractor and Stanislaus Farm Supply.

From Hwy 152: Take Hwy 59 N towards Merced. MCFB will sit on your right in between N&S Tractor and Stanislaus Farm Supply.

Should you need more direction, please do not hesitate to call Bre at (209)617-9445.

For lunch: Please bring \$5 for pizza and RSVP for our headcount.

Like Mid Valley Cowbelles on Facebook! Send working ranch photos to Judy Elam to share on the group page.

To add an item to the agenda, please contact Mid Valley Cowbelles President Candy Peterson