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California Women for Agriculture



THE EARLY ALMOND BLOOM JUST WRAPPED UP BUT CHERRIES ARE BLOOMING IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY AND THIS BEE IS HARD AT WORK DOING WHAT BEES DO. PHOTO SUBMISSIONS OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE ARE WELCOME. PHOTO: CHUCK RIVARA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Staying Sane

In this episode of Leslie's Life we are going to discuss keeping it together. February is always a tough month for the Boys and I because February is the month when we lost our husband and father, Joe. We all walk on egg shells so as not to set each other off but we are human. All of us deal with stress, sadness and anxiety; there are so many labels to identify mental well-being. It is the topic that no one wants to talk about but everyone is. Someone else is dealing with it. I am the type of person that does not like sadness in my body. So, I work very hard at keeping it at bay. Disclosure: I am not an expert; I am a survivor. I am going to give some suggestions on how I keep my s*#& together. Most of this really cost little or nothing. I have paid experts to tell us this and you are getting this information at the bargain price of a CWA Membership, LOL.

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These are my Go To's.

- Music/ Singing really loud
- Vitamin D/ Sunshine and Fresh Air
- Baking or Cooking (I don't need goodies, so I give them to people randomly, that makes me and them feel loved and appreciated.)
- Exercise, Walk, Yoga, Movement. Releases good endorphins
- Gardening
- Volunteering, Mentoring, Teaching
- Driving, Road Trip
- Call/ Talk to Friends, Family, Dogs, Cats, Strangers, Whoever will listen
- Animals
- Surround yourself with positive people/energy

I have some things I avoid like the Plague.

- Disturbing TV; whatever makes you annoyed, upset, or angry
- Negative People
- Hallmark TV shows
- Alcohol (Makes me sad, and I work at a winery.)

These are just a few of my helpful suggestions on how to survive. Remember during these trying times everyone has something they are struggling with so don't be the one that adds to the issue. Be the solution. Be Kind. Be Courteous. Be Helpful. As I tell my Kids "Don't be an Ass."

Take Care of your Emotional and Physical Health.

Leslie Avansino

MARCH MEETING - MARCH 16

Our next meeting is March 16 at 6:00 at San Joaquin Farm Bureau (SJFB) office 3290 N Ad Art Way in Stockton. We look forward to hearing from Molly Watkins. Her topic will be Voter Integrity and how to make our vote count.

MARCH MEETING'S GUEST SPEAKER

Molly Watkins is a freelance event coordinator with expertise in media relations. She lives in Linden on a ranch with beef cattle and cherry, peach, almond and walnut orchards. Molly is married to Kenny and has two adult children. She is a 4-H leader, Grange officer, John Birch Society officer and Vice President of the San Joaquin-Stanislaus CattleWomen. Molly serves on a variety of agriculture committees for Farm Bureau, California Women for Agriculture and the San Joaquin Resource Conservation District.

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS

JOIN IN THE FUN AND SET A TABLE

If you have a set of dishes and an awesome theme just waiting to be shared, contact Edele Norman at robedele@msn.com or 209.986.7641 to find out how to join in. We would like to have a few more table setters to round out the roster.

AGVENTURE

We need your help at AgVenture! The final AgVenture of this school year is Thursday, April 14, in Tracy.

Please contact Krista McCoon at sjcagventure@yahoo.com or 209.402.5734.

If you can help with the hosted breakfast for volunteers, please contact Karen Cultrera at cultrerar@aol.com or 209.982.4945. See related flyer on page 4.

CWA STATEWIDE MEETING (SWM) - MARCH 26-27

Registration has opened for State CWA's next Statewide Meeting (SWM) on March 26-27, 2022, in the Imperial Valley. Sign up at www.cawomen4ag.com and enjoy a CWA visit to our southernmost district. The tour sounds really interesting, if you're looking for a travel buddy, contact me, the editor. If you are interested in going, contact Leslie for more information. Every member is welcome to attend any CWA SWM!

SAN JOAQUIN AGFEST NEWS

This year's AgFest is being held June 9-18. We heard from Stagg High School FFA Advisor, Daniel Barrett, at our January meeting that urban FFA students sometimes find it difficult to find buyers in their communities. If you are able to help out in this way, reach out to any officer to get connected. Let's get out and support our young people!

SENDING SUNSHINE



Sincere condolences to the family of Beverly Fitch McCarthy who passed away in December. She was named 2019 Stocktonian of the Year.

Get well wishes to Les Warren, husband of Connie Warren. He had surgery but is on the mend!

Welcome Giavanna Dolly! Dave and Karen Cultrera have a new granddaughter. She arrived February 11, 2022 to big brother, Antone and parents Anthony and Danielle Ratto.

Send Sunshine to Suzanne Longstreth

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Manteca (Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, & Tracy Unified) • Thurs., November 4, 2021 ✓

Stockton (Stockton & Lincoln Unified) • Wed., January 19, 2022 ✓

Lodi (Linden, Lodi, New Hope, Oak View & Stockton Unified) • Thurs., March 3, 2022 ✓

★ Tracy (Lammersville, Jefferson, Banta & New Jerusalem Unified) • Thurs., April 14, 2022

Trips will run approx 9-1 p.m.

San Joaquin County third graders will virtually attend a free, educational field trip to learn about agriculture in San Joaquin County and the benefits of making healthy eating choices.

We are in need of

60+ plant, animal, machinery and other agricultural displays and 400 volunteers to accommodate 4,000 students

BONUS** Two LIVE, virtual farm trips will be offered to students. You are welcome to view these as well. Please let me know if you'd like to host a virtual farm trip. Examples can be found [here](#).

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University of California Cooperative Extension

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Three down, one to go!

Call, text or email Krista McCoon if you can help out at the final AgVenture of the school year on Thursday, April 14 in Tracy.

Tracy area members:

This is right in your neighborhood, contact Krista to help out for about 5 hours, you get a complimentary breakfast hosted by SJ CWA and complimentary lunch hosted by SJFB!

CELEBRATIONS IN THE COUNTRY

While the date of our Annual Table Setting Luncheon was changed to **May 6-7**, we are striving to have a most successful event. If you have a working relationship with a business that might consider offering their financial support, please contact Roxann Fugazi at 209.471.7699. She can provide you with a form letter with all the pertinent information. Roxann would appreciate if you let her know which business you are contacting, we would like to avoid duplications.

If you missed getting on the list earlier but are now interested in setting a table, contact Edele Norman at 209.986.7641. Also, if you would like to attend the luncheon, call Edele or Leslie to get on the waiting list. Busy on Saturday? **Friday night** viewing with appetizers is a fun option. You will get to see all the tables at their finest for only \$10.

Contact Karen Cultrera at 209.982.4945 if you are planning on bringing an appetizer for Friday evening's festivities.

Table Setters Corner

Call Lynn at 209.481.9247 to reserve a time and date to set a table:

M/W 9am - noon

T/Th 1pm - 4pm

F 9am - noon

OR

Call Leslie at 209.609.4789 to reserve a time and date to set a table:

Su noon - 4pm

T 4:30pm - 8pm

Th 4:30pm - 8pm (if needed)

All tables to be set by noon on Friday, May 6.

Get Ready, Get Set, Create!

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How do you wish the card signed: _____

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A tribute gift is a special way to honor or remember a loved one. Upon receipt of your contribution, an acknowledgement card will be sent to the person designated stating that a donation has been received. When you honor the memory of a loved one, you help further the education of SJ CWA members' children and grandchildren. Please send to: SJ CWA
PO Box 31334
Stockton CA 95213

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SAVE THE DATE: MAY 6-7, 2022

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