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International Agri-Center® & World Ag Expo® Volunteer Newsletter



INTERNATIONAL AGRI-CENTER® FARM CREDIT DAIRY CENTER RENAMED TO INCLUDE LIVESTOCK

Tulare, CA – The Farm Credit Dairy Center, a long-standing venue at the International Agri-Center®, will now be known as the Farm Credit Dairy and Livestock Center. The name change reflects the facility's growing role as a year-round event facility for a variety of equestrian and livestock events, in addition to its use during the annual World Ag Expo®.

The new name reflects the International Agri-Center's dedication to serving the broader agricultural community. From equestrian to major dairy and livestock shows such as the California Youth Ag Expo, where over 500 young participants from across the state come together, the venue has become a premier facility for livestock events in the region.

To read the full release, [click here](#).



IAC UPDATES

AGVENTURES! LUAU

Join us for our first-ever AgVentures!® Luau for Learning — a festive, island-inspired fundraiser benefiting the AgVentures!® Learning Center and Museum. Enjoy tropical food, live entertainment, and traditional luau dancing and fire knife performances by the Polynesian Club of Fresno!



*Scan for the fun!
See entertainment
& more details*



Blake Garcia
Bookkeeper

WELCOME BLAKE!

Blake is back, and he's ready to crunch some numbers! Meet Blake Garcia, IAC's newest bookkeeper. Originally from Tulare, Blake grew up in a farming community and first joined the IAC family in 2018 as an intern.

Blake graduated with a bachelor's degree in Ag Business from Fresno State in December 2019. When he's not balancing the books, you'll find Blake soaking up the sun at the beach, traveling to new destinations, or spending time with friends and family.

With his passion for finance and positive energy, we're beyond excited to have him back and can't wait to see the great things he'll do here!

Welcoming

Melody Nameni, DO – Family Medicine



Now welcoming new patients at:

Adventist Health Physicians Network –
Tulare Multispecialty
975 E. Merritt Ave., Tulare
559-605-2160

Adventist Health Medical Office –
Same-Day
1025 N. Douty St., 1st Floor, Hanford
559-537-0170

AdventistHealth.org/MNameni

Compassionate, whole-person care for the whole family
Adventist Health is proud to welcome Melody Nameni, DO, a board-certified Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine specializing in family medicine. Dr. Nameni brings a whole-person approach to care, focusing on the body, mind, and spirit. She treats patients of all ages and emphasizes preventive care, patient education, and lasting provider-patient relationships. Dr. Nameni was named the Tulare Hospital Foundation's 2023 Physician of the Year in recognition of her excellence in patient care. Discover compassionate, comprehensive care close to home.



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WORLD AG EXPO®



WORLD AG EXPO® DONATES OVER \$91,000 TO VALLEY CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE FROM TOYOTA TUNDRA GIVEAWAY

Madera, CA – The International Agri-Center®, World Ag Expo®, and the Central Valley Toyota Dealers presented a check in the amount of \$91,442.32 to Valley Children's Healthcare during the All Guild Picnic held on May 28th, in Madera, California. The donation marks another impactful milestone in the partnership, which began in 2015. Since then, over \$875,000 has been raised to support Valley Children's Healthcare.

The check represented the total funds raised by the Guilds of Valley Children's Healthcare through their participation in the World Ag Expo Toyota Tundra Giveaway by selling tickets for a chance to win a new 2025 Tundra. The proceeds from the giveaway will go directly to support the Central California hospital.

"The Guilds of Valley Children's are grateful for 11 years of partnership with World Ag Expo and Central Valley Toyota Dealers to help fulfill our mission," said Marla McClaskey, Chair of the Guild Coordinating Council. "These partnerships, along with the amazing generosity of our community, make possible the continued success of the Toyota Tundra Giveaway benefitting Valley Children's and the patients and families it cares for."

To read the full release [click here.](#)





IN REMEMBRANCE

Albert Lemus Jr.

Ticket Gate Committee

Albert Lemus Jr., a devoted World Ag Expo® volunteer with the Ticket Gate Committee since 2009, passed away on March 30, 2025.

Bruce Livingston

Finance Committee

Bruce Livingston, a dedicated World Ag Expo® volunteer that worked in the Finance Committee, passed away on May 31, 2025.

Cedric Kleinhans

Past CAFES Chairman

Cedric Kleinhans, a dedicated CAFES volunteer and former CAFES Chairman (1997), passed away on May 17, 2025.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Richard Boucher

Information Booth Committee

Richard Boucher, a devoted member of the World Ag Expo® Information Booth Committee since 2009, passed away on March 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Sherwin Westra

South Office and Pavilions Committee

Sherwin Westra, a longtime World Ag Expo® volunteer who supported both the South Office and the Pavilions, passed away on May 6, 2025.

**We extend our heartfelt
condolences to the friends
and families of our beloved
volunteers. Sincerely,
IAC Staff**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Jerome Allen
 Bobbi Jo Amaral
 Denise Athy
 Julie Belt
 Brendan Black
 Richard Borders
 Lynnda Boswell
 Mike Brazil
 Danny Brown
 Kelley Cabello
 Gary Carter
 Richard Celaya
 Alice Cesena
 Linda Chapin
 Hai-Rou Chu
 Drew Clark
 Jamie Clark
 Alejandra Coburn
 Garland Collins
 Joey Costamagna
 Ingrid Cuffe
 Renato DeAquino
 Julia Dix
 John Dominges
 Jane du Plessis
 Judi Ellebracht
 Nestor Espinoza
 Toni Marie Faria
 Pat Ferre
 Kathy Finn
 Alicia Flores
 Stormy Fralick
 Chris Fusano
 Lisa Garcia
 Larry Gilson
 Ashlyn Gomez
 Sara Gonzales
 Anna Gonzalez
 Linda Grabowski
 Mary Graham

Michael Green
 Renee Hamilton
 Laura Hanson
 Mike Harris
 Ronald Harris
 Karolyn Healon
 Jeannine Hinman
 Cynthia "CC" Hodges
 Woody Hogan
 Sue Howarth
 Greg Hughan
 Allen Ishida
 Breann Janes
 Bob Jesus
 Robert Jesus
 Dane Jones
 Michelle Khal
 Melissa Klassen
 Gordon Labelle
 Bruce Livingston
 Jessica Lozano-Delgado
 Diego Lucatero
 Brenda Martin
 Michelle Martin
 Judy Mason
 Peter McManus
 Shirley Mello
 Garrett Miller
 Marshall Munoz
 Puteri Nabila Marfa
 Steve Nelson
 Maria "Mary" Nieto
 Kerry Nimitz
 Jim O'Donohoe
 Amy Olivera
 Rosemary Orosco
 Mike Pace
 Victor Pacheco
 Alan Parker
 Darryl Patterson

Tonya Pedro
 Alfonso Perez
 Pat Phillips
 Nancy Pitigliano
 Scott Ritchie
 Jerry Robertson
 Scott Rogers
 Fernando Roman
 Bobette Rosa
 Deborah Sa
 Socorro Sandoval
 Dhruv Sharma
 Kathleen Sims
 Robert Smith
 Zachary Smith
 Tina Sparlin
 Debra Stadler
 John Stewart
 Marilyn Stewart
 Larry Stoneburner M.D.
 Richard Stouffer
 Rich Stover
 Joyce Suey
 Madina Tleubayeva
 Joseph Torrez
 Carleen Triesch
 Alicia unknown
 Marco Vaca
 Rosemary Valero
 Sara Zanini
 Paulo Zuirta

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Tommy Akins
Deanna Alderete
Rufus Alford
Frank Alva
Joanne Anderson
Vince Arias
Alicia Aroche
Joan Ayers
John Banana
Eric Batti
Diana Benedetti
Dan Boggs
Jessica Bonilla
Greg Borba
Beronica Borja
Kylee Boyd
Kimberly Brooks
Connor Cabello
Marlene Cardoza
Gina Castaneda
Sharon Celaya
Jim Cheney Jr
Emilio Cisneros
Ronald Clark
Karin Clarkson
Barbara Cooper
Norberto Cortez
Crystal Costa
Roy A. Cox
Stephen Cunha
James Del Rio
Mike Demetriff
Larry Dias
Anthony Enriquez
Penny Evans
Anne Marie Faria
Armando Flores
Robert Forbes
Kent Foreman
Brack Fralick

David Freitas
Maria Galante
Elizabeth Galvan
Ernest R GerardoSr.
Dwayne Gerlach
Maria Gilson
David Gosvener
James Gowin
D Myles Graham
Sherry Griffin
Jenny Guerrero
Shauna Guerrero
Ray Hamilton
Janet Hartman
Helen Hirabayashi
Ty Holscher
Evelyn Hyatt
Wayne Johnson
Gina Joven
Carla Khal
Noah Khal
Belle Kope-Hancock
Gary Kunkel
Dennis Laux
Fred LeMasters
Emma Limon
Jesse Lopez Jr
Craig MacDonald
Frank Martinez
Richard Meraz
James Miller
Rosemary Minjarez
Michele Ann Moritz
Debbie Nelson
Ray Noland
Evan Orgeron
Al Orosco
Christy Owen
Renee Pratt
Steve Rodgers

David Rodriguez
Lupe Rojas
Roderick Rollins
Sharon Rutter
Francisco Javier Ruvalcaba
Sigala
Brianna Santos
Rebecca Schach
Ethel Searcy
Luis Sepulveda
Geneva Shannon-Orlopp
Bonnie Simoes
Nick Simoni
Jeremy Slocum
Jimmy Smith
Rose Ann Souza
Dan Sozinho
Trysten Spears
John Stevens
R.L. Sumruld
Serena Swall
Paul Swarat
Tony Taylor
Larry Teves
Ruth Teves
Natalie Tilley
Rose Torres
Thomas Townsend
Melva Tupper
Wade Van Hooser
Craig Vejvoda
Phen Vue
Robin Walters
Brenda Warren
Alfred Williams
Nate Wingert
Darlene Wladyka

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Allison-Crook
 Elaine Anderson
 Timothy Atmajian
 Joan Becker
 Thomas Benedict
 Agustin Benitez Jr.
 Allison Bettencourt
 Socorro Biglieri
 Michelle Boesch
 Mary Bovetti
 Shirley Bridges
 Briane Brisson
 Ruth Burcham
 Hugh Callison
 Kayleen Chabrouillaud
 Allan Clark
 Mary Jane Codorniz
 Patty Colson
 Ninfa Conde
 Stephen Corl
 Denise Creelman
 Tammie Cabbage
 Linda Donley
 Arlene Ealy
 Rick Elkins
 Kathy Ellis
 Nicholas Erling
 Ted Fallert
 Eric Ferguson
 Maurice Fernandes
 Ben Filiponi
 Greg Fletcher
 Nancy Gable
 Harold Gallagher
 Shelley Gallagher
 John Garay
 Zakary Gilbert
 Claude E. Gilreath III
 Nichole Golding

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 Terri Harlow
 Jesse Haro
 William Harper
 Patty Hartman
 Morgan Hatton
 Jack Hefflefinger
 Susan Henard
 Rob Hunt
 Tiffany Jesus
 Kimberly Johnson
 Jackie Jones
 Jim Kellogg
 Alda Lawrence
 Brenda Leal
 Christina Leal
 Deborah Ledbetter
 Sam Logan
 Lisa Lopez
 Michael Machado
 Lewis Marcelino
 Sandra Martinez
 Paula Massey
 Reanne McPhetridge
 Tina McWells
 Mike Medeiros
 Doug Mederos
 Jonah Mejia
 Tiffany Miller
 Steve Molrooney
 Sean Nicholson
 Chris Noland
 Darla Nunes
 Ty Nunes
 Destinee Pacheco
 Nancy Padilla
 Joe Parriera
 Cathy Paul
 Tony Pereira

John Perez
 Karon Pigg
 Tiffany Pilkenton
 Daniel Pires
 Larry Quilici
 David Ritter
 Diana Rivera
 Debi Rosa
 Kayden Russel
 Refugio Sanchez
 Maria Santos-Silva
 Adrianna Santos
 Ronald Schock
 Patti Schotanus
 Guadalupe Schubert
 Katie Scott
 Dee Sebert
 Nikkie See
 Norman Shields
 Nana Shurghia
 Dee Simon
 Sarbjit Singh
 Lyndi Smith-Graham
 Leonard Smith
 Sophia Smith
 Les Sousa
 Ed Stewart
 Micaela Swall
 Aaron Vargas
 Josephine Vierra
 Richard Warren
 George Wilson
 Walter Yamamoto

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!

Dolores Alarcon
Dustin Allen
Elliot Allen
Neil Anderson
Brittany Atchison
Janice Avila
Doug Barnhart
Kyle Basti
Mike Batten
Pamela Bennett
Esther Bermejo
Jennifer Bettencourt
Robert Bontrager
Rick Borges
Sheila Brown
Dave Broyles
Brian Calemмо
Cindy Calemмо
Jorge J. Calva
Kathleen Campbell
Bethany Christenson
Myron Colby
Giovanni Cortez
Garrett Costa
Everett Crook
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Lucille Demetriff
Ken Dodson
Richard Dunkin
Brent Duxbury
Rhea Ann Enas
Joe Escobedo Jr
Kristen Evans
Tom Finn
Eric Fjeldsted
Kathy Fletcher
Kimberly Flora
Ray Frasquillo
Benje Garcia
Peggy Sue Gilreath

Sally Hansen
Loretta Harper
Kyle Hartman
William Hatzman Jr
Carol Hendon
Alyse Hernandez
Cody Hipp
Dillon Hott
Don Hott
Renee Ivey-Tucker
Ken Jennings
Marsha Jeter
Joe Jones
Michelle Jump
Robert Keeley
Russell Keeley
Carolee Kellogg
Keith Kizziar
Sue Koontz
Marc Limas
Earl Limon
Vincent Limon
Noreen Livingston
Jim Marcom
Ron Marks
Jose Marquez
Ed Mayo
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Frank Mello
David Mendonca
Mark Merzoian
Elaine Mings
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Larry K. Moore
Justin Mynatt
Kyle Nelson
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Barbara Springer
Andrew Stanley
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Grady Thurman
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