



## **Farm Bureau wins extension on diesel pump rule!**

At the request of Farm Bureau, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District approved a new flexible rule regarding diesel emission reductions and engine replacement. Current law requires stationary diesel engines greater than 15 years old and greater than 100 HP to meet reduced emission standards by 12/31/2010, and 50-100 HP engines to comply by 12/31/11.

Given the minimal impact of low-use frost pumps, the Air District adopted an alternate compliance plan that extends the deadline for engine replacement for Tier 0 & Tier 1 engines (those with highest emissions) that are used on average less than 100 hours per year, to 12/31/2020. Compliance for low-use Tier 2 engines was extended to 12/31/2025. Additional hours of use are allowed in extreme frost years. Engines used less than 20 hours per year are fully exempt.

The deferred compliance timeline allows further recovery of useful engine life. By 2020, Tier 4 engines, utilizing the lowest -emitting technology, will be available and required. In the interim period, farmers are eligible to apply for Ag Assistance Program funding to offset up to 85% of the engine replacement cost. For more info about the grant program go to: <http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Strategic-Incentives/Funding-Sources/Carl-Moyer-Program.aspx>

Napa County Supervisor Brad Wagenknecht serves on the Air District Board and we thank him for assisting with this reasonable approach to improving air quality and sustaining our ag businesses!

## **Last chance! for Annual Ag Business Directory listing!**

Upgrade your membership to Business and have your name listed in the 2011-2012 Napa County Ag Directory & Resource guide distributed to 1500 Ag industry leaders.

Please contact NCFB at 224-5403 by June 15<sup>th</sup> to find out how your business can be listed for free in both the Grower Advocate and Ag Directory and Resource Guide. Additional ad options also available.

## **Sign up now for the Forklift Certification workshop on July 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Improve workplace safety and offer valuable training for your employees!**

Spanish and English at the Napa City-County Library Forklift Certification Program

OSHA's standard 29 CFR 1910.178 require employers to establish and implement a forklift training and certification program. Employers must ensure that all designated forklift operators are trained and certified prior to operating any powered industrial truck in the workplace. Additionally, employers are required to review each operator's performance and provide refresher training at least every three years.

This class will provide each employee with the written certification and will prepare them for the forklift operating check-off which must be done on their own forklift in front of their supervisors. Call 707.224.5403 or visit [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org) to register

## **The world's oldest and most powerful motorsport comes to Napa! Wine Country Tractor & Truck Pull**

Grab your kids and neighbors and join in the rip roaring fun at Napa's first annual **Wine Country Tractor & Truck Pull, Saturday, June 25**, at the Napa Valley Expo Fairgrounds.

Tractor pulling is not a farm event, nor is it a new extreme sport. Tractor pulling—*power pulling*—is, in fact, the world's most powerful motorsport. Tractor pulling dates back to the 1800's when contests were created to prove who had the strongest horse. In the late 1920's, horses were replaced by motorized vehicles and audiences grew to international scope.

Today, competitions pit modified pulling tractors and trucks in four different weight classes - each pulling up to 60,000 pounds (30 tons). In elephant weight, the big tractors can pull about six elephants and the minis can pull two.

Its rip roaring fun with modified pulling tractors performing full throttle forward wheelies and leaping front tires as some of the state's most skilled and daring tractor drivers compete to pull the heaviest and farthest. With a nod to new sustainable technologies, an electric tractor will also be featured, and locals are invited to bring their own 4x4 stock trucks for the Truck Pull Competition.

There will also be rockin' live music by Napa's own Hall 1, plus food, wine, beer and earplugs served up by local 4-H groups, Young Farmers & Ranchers, and Napa and St. Helena FFA. Bring the whole family—kids seven and under are free!

*Presented by the Napa County Farm Bureau in association with the Pacific Tractor Pullers Association.*

Gates open: 3:30pm | First pull: 5:30pm

Scales open at 1:00pm for the Local Truck Pull Competition (4x4 stock trucks; \$30/truck)

### **ADMISSION**

\$20 in advance | \$22 at the gate

\$16 Youth | \$18 Youth at the gate (14 and under, or high school students with ID)

Children 7 and under are FREE

Box Seats (limited)/pit passes \$40

**PURCHASE TICKETS** online: [www.napafarmbureau.org](http://www.napafarmbureau.org) | by phone: 707-224-5403

### First Annual Wine Country **Tractor & Truck Pull**



## New date! Farm Supervisor Boot Camp in Spanish

**June 16, 2011**, 9am-4pm, lunch included. Napa Valley Expo, Cabernet Hall, 575 Third St, Napa

Presented by "Farm Employers Labor Service"

Supervisor Boot Camp is designed to help both new and experienced managers to better understand:

- The roles and responsibilities of a supervisor.
- Understanding the basic legal requirements associated with employment and the supervisor's role in compliance
- Upward and downward communication.
- Important relationships within and outside the company, and how to manage them effectively.
- Effective use of time. Effective and active listening.
- Coaching and counseling employees.
- Providing effective feedback to workers,
- Motivating employees.

Each participant will receive a certificate at the end of the day. Register now: 224-5403 or [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org)

## Memory Bank: A Discovery of Old Hands, Old Faces and the Way It Was

**Free, personalized exhibit tour - June 13<sup>th</sup> 7 pm**

Preservation Napa Valley offers NCFB Members a free personalized tour of the stunning new exhibit, *Memory Bank: A Discovery of Old Hands, Old Faces and the Way It Was*. PNV Executive Director Wendy Ward will guide us through the gallery and cover the back story to this engaging project.

This unprecedented photographic and film documentation of Napa Valley Old Timers presents the work of six local, professional photographers and a filmmaker who captured sixteen unsung Napa Valley Old Timers. From Pope Valley to Angwin, Rutherford, Napa, Calistoga, American Canyon and beyond, each of these Old Timers played a part in a once quieter, smaller Valley... a time that preceded the glamour and reign of Napa Cabernet. Please RSVP to the NCFB office at 224-5403 or [info@napafarmbureau.org](mailto:info@napafarmbureau.org)

If you can't make this private showing, The **Memory Bank Gallery** will be open from May 20th-June 30th, at 1400 First Street, (next to the John Anthony Tasting Lounge). Hours are Thursday -Saturdays 3-7 pm and Sundays 11-3pm. A limited edition, commemorative book with a DVD has also been produced.



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## NAPA COUNTY FARM BUREAU UPCOMING EVENTS

Visit [napafarmbureau.org](http://napafarmbureau.org) for a complete list and more information

### June

- 1 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 6pm 224-5403
- 2-5 Auction Napa Valley
- 10 Organic Group meeting, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 14 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 15 Board of Directors meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 16 Farm Supervisor Boot Camp, RSVP 224-5403
- 25 Tractor Pull at the NV Expo, 224-5403
- 28 Immigration & I-9 Workshop [www.agpersonnel.org](http://www.agpersonnel.org)

### July

- 6 Natural Resources meeting, 4pm at FB 224-5403
- 6 Young Farmers & Ranchers meeting, 6pm 224-5403
- 11 Forklift Certification, RSVP 224-5403
- 11 Tax, Land Use meeting, 3pm at FB 224-5403
- 12 Community & Member Outreach, 12pm at FB 224-5403
- 13 Campaign Management Seminar, [www.cfbf.com/campaign](http://www.cfbf.com/campaign)
- 15 Annual Dinner Meeting RSVP 224-5403

## Campaign Management Seminar 2011

In preparation for the 2012 election cycle, Farm Bureau will be hosting a Campaign Management Seminar for those interested in running for elected office.

This two day seminar was developed by the American Farm Bureau Federation with input from political consultants on both sides of the aisle. The seminar involves hands-on activities, where the candidate's spouse and/or campaign manager are also invited to attend. [www.cfbf.com/campaign](http://www.cfbf.com/campaign)

## Join the Organic Group Brown Bag Meeting on June 10th

Pam Strayer, Founder, Wine Country Geographic will be the guest speaker.

The topic of discussion will be setting up an organic wine trail. June 10<sup>th</sup> noon at NCFB's office, RSVP 224-5403

## Annual Dinner Meeting July 15<sup>th</sup>

Save the date for the NCFB Annual Meeting on **July 15<sup>th</sup>** at **Raymond Vineyards!** Many thanks to the following companies for sponsoring our 98th Annual Dinner Meeting:

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Invitations will be mailed this month. Contact us at 707.224.5403 to RSVP. \$65 per person.