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Agribusiness luncheon in Ceres

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The Ceres Chamber of Commerce will hold its 26th annual Agribusiness Luncheon on May 24, honoring a leader in the field and students seeking farm-related careers. The guest speakers will be from the FFA chapter at Central Valley High School. The event will start at noon in Harvest Hall at the Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, off Crows Landing Road. The \$12.50 tickets must be reserved by May 14. For more information, call the Ceres Chamber of Commerce at 537-2601.

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Kline Organic Produce, formerly operated out of Waterford, has merged with Bob and Margo Cushing of Oakdale to form Kline-Cushing Organic Farms near La Grange. Kline has been owned and operated by Brian and Tracey Kline since 1998, supplying produce to local restaurants, farmers markets, wholesale markets and subscribers who pay for delivery. The Cushings have owned and operated Cushing Almond Ranch in Oakdale since 1998. They joined with Kline in the 150-acre operation on Lake Road as a way of diversifying.

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July 8 is the deadline to nominate people for the 2011 Leopold Conservation Award, which recognizes farmers and ranchers for practices that enhance the environment. The \$10,000 award is named for the late Aldo Leopold, author of "A Sand County Almanac" and a leader in the early conservation movement. The award will be presented by the Sand County Foundation, the California Farm Bureau Federation and Sustainable Conservation. For more information, call (415) 977-0380 or visit www.leopoldconservationaward.org.

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