A Special Announcement

Dear 4-H Friends:

Effective January 14, 2005 I will be retiring from the University of California Cooperative Extension. Since 1971 I have been involved with 4-H in many ways, mostly in the background. Recently, I have taken a more active role and became more appreciative of the dedication and time that each of you give to the 4-H program. You are the ones that make it all work.

Karisa and LisaMarie will continue to function as the primary movers and shakers of Yolo County 4-H and my replacement, whom ever it may be, will assume my role as County Director and program administrator.

I will truly miss all the wonderful and purposeful discussions we have had, always working towards the same goal. Thank you for all the support and good advice you have given me over the years.

Sincerely,

Larry
Lawrence Clement
County Director

LIVESTOCK AWARDS

The livestock show needs someone to coordinate getting the awards for the Spring Show. These areas include getting the ribbons for the show, trophies along with working with leaders in getting sponsors for the purchase of these awards. A great deal of this work is done prior to the spring show. This is an area that needs to have someone who can keep accurate records and work with people both inside and outside 4-H. The job is not just for someone in livestock because some of the awards include Creative Arts and Sciences. It is an important job within the show because in some cases it is what so many of our members look forward to receiving in reward for the work that they do with there projects. If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you
Fred Stewart
662-8789 fmstewart@ucdavis.edu

Last Adult Volunteer Orientation Training!!!
Friday, December 14, 7-9pm, Norton Hall
***Please RSVP to 4-H Office at your earliest convenience. This orientation is mandatory for all adult leaders. It is extremely important that all volunteers attend this last training. Volunteer leader cards cannot be issues to those who do not participate in the training. Please make every effort to attend.
**CLUB NEWS**

**RB**

RB has had a good year this year with our horse group. So far we’ve had three riding meetings and a book meeting. We went over chapter 1 with the new kids, since they will have to take the test soon. Our last club meeting was November 5, and we also had a riding meeting that day. We elected officers and discussed making a Thanksgiving basket and a few other things. We ate hot dogs – thank you Rainy and Paul.

Jenny and Marie Harman brought their new horses to the meeting. Jenny got a 2 ½ year old bay Thoroughbred and Marie got a yearling black and white paint/draft horse cross. They are both very pretty. Our next club meeting is December 1, 6:30pm, at Norton Hall.

Katie Harden

**ESPARTO/CAPAY VALLEY**

By Ingrid Dittmar

Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving 4-Hers! Hi 4-H had a fantastic time at the corn maze this year! It is still not too late to join Hi 4-H if you are 13 or older. We had a lot of fun planning and building a haunted house at the Guinda Grange Hall. We have many more good ideas for next year.

Our next meeting will be December 13th. We will go caroling in Esparto and have a gift exchange. Meet at the Countryside Community Church at 6:30pm. Please bring a can of food for our food drive, it is sure to make someone’s Christmas happier.

By Danielle Mathiesen

Clever Clovers 4-H Club would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Ronconroni Family in the loss of Albert Roncoroni. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. A big thank you to all adults who have stepped forward to be project leaders this year. We are very fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated parents to help support our club activities.

New adult leaders, it is very important to make sure you attend one of the two remaining Leadership Orientation Workshops and to be fingerprinted. If you have not completed either the orientation or have been fingerprinted, you must do so prior to leading a project. Please contact Neil or Erin for more information.

Thank you to all members who supported our Thanksgiving Food Basket Project. There are many people who will benefit from our donations.

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Parade Float, please contact Donna Gutierrez. Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner Potluck. It will be on December 13th. The location is to be announced in the near future.

Congratulations to all 4-H’ers who won at Achievement Night! Happy Thanksgiving!!

**NORWOOD**

Norwood November County news

October was full of 4-H events, including a trip to the Davis corn maze, a rummage sale fundraiser, and our annual harvest party. Parents attended Leader Orientation Sessions—thanks to all of you for your time and support of Norwood 4-H.

Our rummage sale was wet and wild. Due to early fall rains, we were forced to close up shop mid-morning and donate much of the merchandise to local thrift stores. However, thanks to some quick-thinking parents, we were able to continue selling doughnuts at the AYSO soccer fields and managed to bring in a total of $85.30, which will be used for club activities and service projects. Jesse Simons did a terrific job chairing the sale, including coordinating workers and making signs. And many thanks go to all who donated items, helped price and sort, and worked the sale, including the Kuivenhovens, Malloys, Dingers, Simons, Poorts, Lerners, Sangervasis, Childs, Savoias, Krochta and Baileys.

December brings us several opportunities to participate in community service activities. Be thinking of which you’d like to help with:

- **Holiday food and gift basket for STEAC.** We’ll collect items at the December meeting.
- **Cookie-baking for the Homeless Shelter and Battered Women’s Shelter.** This will be at the Sangervasis’ house on Saturday, December 11—time to be announced.
- **Caroling at the convalescent homes on Thursday, December 9.** We’ll meet at Roundtable Pizza (near Rite Aid in South Davis) for dinner at 5:30 p.m. and start our caroling around 6:30 p.m. at Sierra Healthcare, 715 Pole Line Rd. We’ll then carol at Courtyard Healthcare, 1850 E. 8th Street.

Don’t forget—Norwood’s December 1 meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Davis High School, located at the corner of Oak Ave. and 14th Street. We’ll have our annual gift exchange, so bring a gift for a boy or girl, and no more than $5 a piece. We also hope to have participants in a talent show, organized by Joyce Pixon. You can sing, play an instrument, read a poem, do a skit, demonstrate an artistic talent or whatever you’d like to do. Your act can be performed alone or with friends, but should be no longer than 2-3 minutes.

**WINTERS**

By: Julia Millon

Thank you to the board and members for making the last club meeting a success. At the last meeting, on November 2nd, record books were handed out, and many people earned new stars, stripes, year pins and medals. Congratulations to the recipients! The next meeting will be Tuesday December 7th at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall, and after the meeting is adjourned, we’ll have the annual Christmas party. It would be much appreciated if everyone would bring cans for the canned food drive and unopened toys for the Toys for Tots drive.
LOPEZ LOPERS
Our last meeting was replaced by the Horse Orientation. We discussed the importance of wearing a helmet and watched a video on wearing a helmet. Even though we cleaned the Fair Grounds arena the Fall Horse Show was cancelled due to rain. Those who worked can get Community Service hours. Important dates: Jan 22, 2005 (Tack Swap); Mar 1, 2005 (Horse Registration due; Jun 1, 2005 (Spring Show entries due).

WESTFIELD
On Sunday, November 14, Westfield 4-H members delivered treats and activities (behavioral enrichment toys) to animals at the Folsom City Zoo and Wild Animal Sanctuary. As part of a special tour, Westfield members saw wolves playing tug-o-war with butcher paper painted with cinnamon, mint, and lavender, a bear and raccoons prying nuts and raisins from pinecones, and foxes rolling in fresh herbs. These "toys" keep captive animals, who can't be returned to the wild, healthy, curious and active.

At our next meeting on December 9, we will join the Cal Aggie Alumni Association to donate and wrap holiday gifts for Families First and the Sacramento children's Home. For more information, contact Jeanne Wilson, Westfield 4-H Community Leader, at 530-570-8009.
-- Kathryn Marable, Co-Secretary, Westfield 4-H

ZAMORA
On November 2nd, Zamora had its monthly meeting and we talked about many things. Sadly, we didn't have a Campout because of the fires up in Rumsey. Secretary Nate Dahl talked about the coat drive we're doing with News 10. If you have any old coats that are still useable please bring them in. The 4-H office has a box you can put them in.

Erin Carlson talked about the float we will be doing in the Christmas Parade on Dec. 11. The theme this year is "Miracle on Main Street". Carrie Jackson talked about the Christmas Party. It's on Dec. 19, the time will be announced at the next meeting. Afterward, we will be going caroling. We will find out about our Adopt-a-family next meeting.

During the Recreation part of the meeting, Secretary Nate and Vice President Daniel Berke did a presentation on how to do a presentation by making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Thank you, Daniel and Nate-- it was hilarious. Thank you everyone who brought food for our Thanksgiving food basket. Our next meeting is Dec. 7, at 7:00, at the Zamora Town Hall.

by Abigail Berke.

WILLOW OAK
In November the Willow Oak Club sponsored a local soldier who is serving in Iraq. SPC Brandon Huff is in the Army as an infantryman and is stationed along the Iraqi/Syrian border. Brandon graduated from Woodland High in 2000 and joined the service 3 years ago. The club members donated items such as socks, t-shirts, packaged foods, candy, cookies, magazines, paper, & pens that were mailed to him, hopefully in time for Christmas.

Many of the members also wrote letters. Next month we will be sending a package and letters to SFC Michael Mills, a dad and husband of members of our club. We hope to sponsor a soldier every month in this same manner. If any other clubs would like addresses of our soldiers and/or would like to contribute items to our care packages, please contact Gaye and Alyssa Nakken – 661-1135 or Steve and Rene Jimenez – 661-6655. In other community service news, several members of our club helped the Scouts in their annual “Scouting for Food” drive. Meridith & Morgan Lamont, Alyssa & Holly Bourke, Jared Vidales, Rene Jimenez, & Alyssa Nakken helped sort, box, and store food that was donated for the drive. All the food was given to the Woodland Food Closet for distribution to the hungry in our community. Thank you to all of them for their help!

More WILLOW OAK NEWS
BY WILL ANDERSON
Thank you to all who decorated a pumpkin. The pumpkins were delivered to the Californian by the Lamont and Stone families.

We received a lot of canned food for our Thanksgiving family. A turkey dinner and canned food will be given to the family the week of Thanksgiving. Thank you Stone and Huckins families for chairing this even. Our members did a great job of collecting tickets to the duck hunt. It was a huge success. Rick Harrison received the hunt. Rene did an outstanding job of chairing this committee. The Christmas party chair is Tori Morgan, thank you Tori for helping out the club. Tori will be getting the Christmas tree for the meeting. We will need ornaments for the tree. Please bring some to the next meeting.

Pedro Card Party will be held in January on Saturday. More information will be given out at the next meeting. Parents who would like to learn to play Pedro please come to the meeting at 6:00 so you can practice.

Remember community service: gift booth at County Fair Mall. Any questions call Gay.

What to bring to the next meeting: Things for the soldiers, canned foods, ornaments for the tree, come early to learn how to play Pedro!

Christmas Party for Dog Care and Training
Over the past several years the Willow Oak 4-H Dog Care and Training group has had a Christmas Party for the members and their dogs. We all bring in goodies and hot chocolate. We usually play several games with the dogs and have a great time. We bring in prizes for the winners and their dogs. One of the dog games we play is hiding a milk bone under a paper cup and letting the dogs find it. Some of the prizes for the dogs are milk bones stuffed in ice cream cones and assorted chew toys. We have had positive results, lots of fun and hope to have another successful year. Rene Jimenez, Teen Leader
Dog Care and Training Leader

Hand raised baby Cockatiels
available. Call Chelsea for details
(530) 750-3037
Creative Arts & Crafts: Pumpkin Carving Meeting
On Thursday October 28th we had a pumpkin carving meeting. We brought hollowed out pumpkins to my house and picked a pattern for our spooky pumpkins. Once we had the pattern, we taped the pattern to the pumpkin and poked holes on the lines. When we were finished, we took the pattern off and carved on the dotted lines.
I made a spooky cat and so did Rebecca Schuster. William Young and Celine both made a Howling Wolf. Andrew Lee made a grim reaper with 4 heads. We had fun at the carving party.
-Amy Platenkamp

HI 4H EVENTS!!!

Our next event will be a holiday scavenger hunt and dinner. It will be held on Sat, Dec 11th at 5pm. Location is TBA. Drivers wanted. Please contact Katie at (530)908-5008 or Kim at (530)867-3081 with any questions. Hope to see you all there!!

ALL STAR NEWS!!!! ALL STAR NEWS!!!!

If you are 15 years old and will be doing some form of county leadership this year we want you!!!! Applications will be available January 1st.

Strike It Rich in California at the Western Regional Leaders Forum
WRLF 2005: Exploring the 4 H’s - Head, Heart, Hands, and Health by Mignonne Pollard, Volunteer and Staff Development

Only once every 13 years, California’s 4-H volunteer leaders host the Western Regional Leaders Forum – affectionately known as WRLF. Eureka! We’ve struck it rich in 2005! This year’s WRLF will be held in Sacramento, California, on February 23-27, 2005. The Early Bird registration price of $265.00 is available if you register before or on December 3, 2004. The price is $295.00 until January, 12, 2005. Registration and detailed information can be found online at: http://www.ca4h.org/WRLF2005.

The Forum provides an opportunity for 4-H volunteer leaders and staff to share their expertise and love for the 4-H program: their ideas and resources, skills to sharpen mentoring and teaching skills, and activities to engage youth in all aspects of the 4-H program. Engage your head, heart, and hands while learning to keep the 4-H program healthy!

HEAD: Conference speakers David Henderson of National 4-H Council and Desmond Jolly, Ph.D. of the Small Farms Center will share experiences and humor while engaging our minds. Two days of workshops led by volunteers and staff will range from new skills in crafts to helping youth cope in troubling times.

HEART: Our hearts will be touched by Papa Joe, the Doctor of Common Sense. Papa Joe hails from Texas and tells tall tales to help us make it through the coming years. We will honor amazing volunteers from each state for their service to their club and communities. Make connections with fellow delegates to last throughout the years!

HANDS: A special feature planned for WRLF 2005 is a Community Action Day will explore the ideals of youth-adult partnerships and service-learning while raising public awareness of 4-H. Participate “hands-on” in a service-oriented activity such as preparing care packages for our troops or helping to restore an urban school site with other youth and adults. Conference delegates can also view 4-H service-learning projects from around the Golden State.

HEALTH: Improve your 4-H program health with pre-conference workshops focusing on the “Marketing of 4-H” led by National 4-H Council’s David Henderson, and the “Elements of Positive Youth Development” shared by Stephen Russell of University of Arizona and Mignonne Pollard of University of California. Carole MacNeil, California State Program Leader and National Director of the 4-H Youth in Governance Initiative, will also provide training on youth voice in decision-making.

Come to WRLF 2005 to discover Sacramento’s historic Old Town or ride the Napa Valley Wine Train on one of the many day trips offered as part of the festivities! Join enthusiastic youth and adults for dynamic presentations, great prizes, and “golden” ideas to take back home and use in your club or program. Strike It Rich in California – we’ll see you soon!
**Project News**

**Countywide 4-H Goat Group**

The County Wide Goat Group met at Janet Berry’s house on the seventh of November. We discussed the different parasites that goats can have and how to prevent them. We also talked about the way you are suppose to worm your goats. The next meeting will be on December fifth, I hope to see you there,

Tori Morgan

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**Shooting Sports**

**4-H Shooting Sports Workshop**

Location: Modesto, CA  
Dates: Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12, 2004 (Participants must attend both days to complete the course.)  
Times: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. each day  
Disciplines offered: Black Powder & Rifle (Participants may only take one discipline.)  
Upon successful completion of either course, the participant will be certified to be a shooting sports leader and trainer for her/his county/region. For more information contact John Borba at 661-868-6216 (jaborba@ucdavis.edu) or Jim Atherstone at 209-993-7971 (jpatherstone@ucdavis.edu).

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**Horse News**

Reminders:

- Those that did not attend Horse Orientation your Horse Green Books were put in your club boxes, please check with your community club leaders.
- All Horse Project groups are to have a representative at Horse Steering Committee meetings as outlined in the Horse Green Book.

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**County Wide Sheep Educational Project**

No December meeting! But there are 2 meetings coming in January: County Wide Skills day (see separate announcement in Newsletter) and County Wide Sheep Educational Meeting @ Norton Hall, Tuesday January 25, 2005 at 7pm. Any questions please call Lara Vannucci at 661-0735.

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**Yolo County annual 4-H sheep educational day**

When: Saturday, January 15, 2005  
Where: Garrett/Yeager Sheep Ranch  
County Road 97D, Davis CA  
Time: 10:00am  
Agenda: Judging Contest/Field Trip  
Learn how to measure the finish of your lamb. A market lamb judge and a representative of Superior Packing Plant will show you how to check for the correct fat finish on your lamb, so that you will make the market ready grade. In the afternoon we will travel to Superior Packing Plant to see lamb carcasses, and visually see the amount of fat on various qualities of lamb.

This will be an excellent opportunity for members and parents to observe lamb carcasses, and to see Superior Packing Plant. We will also have the sheep knowledge test given on this day.

Contact: Jim Yeager 530-756-2423  
Erin Vanucci 530-661-0735  
Neil Mathiessen 530-668-5840

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**Knowledge Skills Test III**

Will be held on December 12, 2004 at 1pm at the Garrett/Yeager Ranch. Call Jim Yeager for reservations at 530-756-2423. Requirements: passed level II. Also note that merit skills test will be given at the Sheep Education Day on January 15, 2005 (see separate announcement).

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**Project Materials and Supplies: Who Pays?**

At the beginning of the project year, the Project Leader should make a plan to figure the overall cost of the project (manual fees, duplicating fees, project material costs, etc.). The members should be charged accordingly to cover these costs.

Can a project leader charge for their services, lessons, or rental? Absolutely NOT! 4-H is a volunteer organization. Any circumstances, where an adult charges a fee for services, lessons, rental, or any related type of charge, even once, is NOT a 4-H project and the adult is NOT covered by the UC Liability insurance. Also, the youth is NOT covered by the 4-H Accident Insurance in this situation.
Hi all! This month I will be going over 8 more areas on the PDR. Sections F,G,H,I,J,K,L, & M. I hope you are keeping these articles for when you get ready to do your record book.

F: Attended 4-H Event: Here you list all of the 4-H events you attended during the 4-H year. Club and project meetings don’t count but field trips do. If you attend an event put on by another county’s 4-H (Sacramento, Solano, etc) you list it here. Examples are Spring Show, Swine ear tagging, Presentation day, Merit knowledge day, Achievement night, Club executive meetings. These are all events put on by 4-H or sponsored by 4-H. If you go somewhere and see other 4-H’ers with just a booth set up, ask yourself-“Did 4-H put on this event?” If the answer is no-then it doesn’t count.

G: 4-H Camp: This one is simple-did you attend 4-H camp?-BUT you can’t count it in “F”-if you count it here! It’s the camp that is an exhibit. If you show at Dog shows, poultry shows, etc) that is an exhibit. If you show at Dog shows, poultry shows, etc, each one of those times count as a project exhibit.

H: Regional Field Days: This is attendance too, but for more broad reaching or “regional” events. Calif State Fair, Yolo County Fair, Dixon May Fair, Regional Presentation Day. This is usually where more than one county is involved in putting the event on or more than one county is in attendance. Remember-if you count it here Don’t count it in “F”!

1. Style Revue and/ or showmanship: This is where you are the participant! For showmanship it is a judged event, practices and demonstrations don’t count. Doing a demonstration in showmanship counts in “D”-Presentations!

J: Judging Events: Many people get this one confused. It is not when you are being judged, but when you judge something. Many times it will be a competition and you will be competing against others. Whether you win or not, isn’t important, it’s that you learned how to judge something.

K: Project Exhibits: This is the events (not projects) that you exhibit at. If you have rabbits, art and bread at Spring Show it only counts as one (1) event, i.e:Spring Show. If you have your project on display somewhere,(school, library, etc) that is an exhibit. If you show at Dog shows, poultry shows, etc, each one of those times count as a project exhibit.

L: County Winner: This is when you are the TOP winner in any county event and there is no higher award you can receive. Best of Division at Spring Show in the Creative Arts and Sciences, Best of Show in the animals divisions, Gold at presentation day, Become an All Star, etc. Merit knowledge awards can count here, as long as it is the highest test available that you pass. Some merit knowledge test have only a bronze test, in that case you would count it here. If there is a silver or gold, only the highest test YOU PASS can be counted. Record Book County Winners go in M.

M: National Awards Program, county winner or medallist: This is where record book county winners and medallist go. Style or fashion review gold medallist go here too.

Next month: N to Z!
events

Workshop proposals are being sought for the South Section “Teen Involvement Conference” scheduled for January 21 – 23, 2005 at Pathfinder Ranch. The conference is designed for high-school aged 4-H members learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. Proposals may be obtained at http://ca4h.org/conference/seccion/

National 4-H Headquarters is seeking 4-H Programs of Distinction that reflect the high quality of 4-H Youth Development Programs. More information may be obtained at http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/ProgramsofDistinction.doc

VERBTM Anytime Doubletime is a two-week promotional program for community organizations designed to increase the number of hours kids (ages 9 – 13) participate in physical activity. Implement the program at your convenience during the months of December or January. More information is available at http://www.cdc.gov/youthcampaign/

2005 California Focus will take place on June 17 – 21, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza in downtown Sacramento. Four Washington Focus Programs are available to California 4-H members and leaders: “Road to Democracy” on June 25 – July 4; “Heritage Trail I” on June 18 – 25; “Global Journey” on July 9 – 20; and “Heritage Trail II” on July 9 – 16. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit, are due in the State 4-H Office on January 10, 2005 for Washington Focus and January 31, 2005 for California Focus. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/4hinfo/calendar/

The 4-H Citizenship Program is searching for college-age young adults to serve in a leadership role as District Leaders at California Focus. This internship affords an opportunity for young adults to plan and deliver an educational program centered on California government and history. Applicants need to have graduated from high school by 2004 and have a minimum of one year of college study completed or full-time work experience. Application deadline is January 18, 2005. For more information, visit: http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/districleaderinfo.asp

The 2005 4-H Horse Leadership Conference is scheduled for February 12 and 13, 2005 to be held at California State University, Fresno in the Livestock Pavilion. Registration information will be available November 1, 2004. For more information please visit http://www.ca4hhorse.com/ or contact Jazz Stables at 530-754-5809 or jstables@ucdavis.edu

The 2005 Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum is rapidly approaching! The conference is set for February 23-27, 2005 to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento, California. The Forum is open to volunteers in all 13 western regional states. Early Bird registration is due December 3, 2004. Conference details and registration materials are on the web at http://wrlf2005.org/ For further information, contact Jazz Stables at (530) 754-5809 or jstables@ucdavis.edu

2005-2006 4-H State Ambassador Applications are now available on-line. Ambassadors are selected to plan the State Leadership Conference, complete a service project, and represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Applications are due March 31, 2005. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/


The State 4-H Office announces a new exchange opportunity this year: Ambassadors to Australia. This is an outbound exchange only that places 4-H members (ages 16-18), staff, or leaders on working farms in a Victoria province in Australia from June 20-July 20, 2005. Contact Pat English for more information at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

The 2005 4-H Japanese Exchange Program is actively looking for potential host families for Japanese teens ages 12-16. The delegation of Japanese teens and their chaperones will be visiting the state for one month this summer from July 23-August 20, 2005. Applications are available in your county 4-H office or online at: http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/2005/index.asp For more information, contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu

Junior Livestock Hands-On Workshops
When: January 8-9, 2005, 8am
Where:CSU, Chico Farm, 311 Nicholas C. Schouten Lane, Chico, CA (Off Hegan lane)
Workshops will include Quality Assurance, Fitting, Showmanship, and Nutrition. Youth can register for one specie per day at $50/specie. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. There is limited enrollment on a first come, first served basis, and you must RSVP by December 17, 2004. You can register by contacting the ATRC Farm Office at 530-898-6343. For more information contact the Farm Office at 530-898-6343. Directions to the event are at www.csuchicoag.org.
NEW!!! Check it out!
You can support 4-H while you shop! Thanks to the Albertson’s Community partner program, all you have to do is link your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card to a local 4-H club and/or to the California 4-H Foundation for statewide 4-H support. Register online by going to www.albertsons.com/abs_inthecommunity and follow the Community Partners link at the bottom of the page. Log in using your zip code, then enter your Albertsons Preferred Savings Card number and phone number. Click on “find a Partner” from the menu. Enter 4-H as the Name and enter which city and state to search for. Then select your local 4-H club and/or The California 4-H Foundation to support. You will need to renew this link once a year in order to continue supporting 4-H.

Go nuts for 4-H! The California 4-H Youth Development Office has developed a partnership with OC Roasters Gourmet Roasted Nuts. Simply entering our Partner Code (4HYDP) into the “Special Instructions” box when confirming your order on-line and a portion of the sales will be donated to 4-H. Visit their web site and go nuts for 4-H!

www.ocroasters.com/partners.shtml

Donate on-line through Network for Good. Go to www.networkforgood.org, enter the key word 4-H and select California in the Quick Search to find the California 4-H Foundation listed as 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations. Click on that link to make your donation today!

Going…going…gone! Do you have anything that you are thinking of selling? Register as a seller on E-Bay and participate in E-Bay’s Giving Works program, which offers sellers the option of donating a percentage of the earnings from an item to support a favorite charity – we hope you will choose the California 4-H Foundation! www.ebay.com

LIVESTOCK LEADERS AND EDUCATORS SYMPOSIUM
Saturday, December 4, 2004
San Joaquin Fairgrounds, 1658 S Airport Way,
Stockton, CA
This HANDS ON event will provide FFA, 4-H and Grange members and leaders, educators, fair staff, and others information that is essential to a successful youth livestock program.
Advanced admission is $30 for adults and $10 for youth. Registration begins at 8am, program begins at 9am. For more information contact: 209-466-5041 or fun@sanjoaquinfair.com

2005 SACRAMENTO COUNTY 4-H HORSE SYMPOSIUM
DATE: Saturday, February 12, 2005
LOCATION: Rancho Murieta Equine Complex in Sacramento, CA
CONTACT: www.rangeview4h.com
The Range View 4-H Horse Project would like to invite your county’s horse projects/members to attend our 2005 Sacramento County Horse Symposium that we are hosting this year. The Symposium is a knowledge-based event featuring some prominent world-class clinicians in a wide variety of disciplines. Featured clinics will be held in Showmanship, Horsemanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Trail, Western Pleasure, Hunter Hack, Halter, and Gymkhana. Tentative featured talks will include equine acupuncture/chiropractic, equine dentistry, West Nile virus, colic, and the Sacramento Sheriff’s Search and Rescue team. Tentative featured demonstrations will include Western Riding, Dressage, and the nationally known California Cowgirls drill team. Tentative featured clinicians include: Blaine Nicholls – APHA, AQHA, APHC World Show Trail Course Designer, Dana Hokana - AQHA World Champion Western Pleasure, Roger Deromedi - Multiple APHA World Champion, and many more!
We encourage horse members from all over California to come watch these clinics, talks, and demonstrations in the hopes they will take away new knowledge about the horses they love. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see clinics put on by nationally known World-class clinicians. It is also a great opportunity to meet horse members from all over the state. Pre-sale admission tickets are $5 per person if purchased prior to the day of the event; or $10 per person if purchased the day of the event. Children 8 and under are free. Parking is free. Admission tickets are valid for all the clinics/talks/demonstrations throughout the entire day. A snack bar will be available on the grounds.

We are currently in the process of finalizing our list of clinicians, speakers, and demonstrations. Until then please consider our schedule of events tentative. For the most current and up-to-date information on the Symposium and to contact us about purchasing your tickets, please visit our website at www.rangeview4h.com. The Symposium will be held at the Rancho Murieta Equine Complex (a covered facility and Northern California’s Premier Equestrian Facility) in Sacramento, CA. The date is set for Saturday, February 12, 2005. Come join the fun, meet new people, and go home with new knowledge about your horse!
Please pass the word along and please extend our invitation to the clubs, horse projects, and horse members in your county. Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event! The 2005 Sacramento County 4-H Horse Symposium brought to you by Range View 4-H.
$Funding Opportunities$

FamilyFun Magazine has announced the launch of FamilyFun Volunteers, a program designed to encourage families to volunteer together. FamilyFun will donate $5,000 to the charity choices of five families and $1,000 to the charity choices of 25 families, for a total of $50,000. Application deadline is January 3, 2005. More information is available at http://familyfun.com/volunteers

Reminder For Groups: Do you need ideas for your local fundraising efforts? In September, The California 4-H Foundation mailed out a County Fundraising Kit to each county office with ideas to help 4-H groups strengthen or jumpstart their fundraising program. Each county office has one copy of the Fundraising Kit with sample brochures from vendors, or you can view the major components of the County Fundraising Kit online at http://ca4h.org/foundation/county/

For Youth: The 2005 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest rules and guidelines are now available. The contest is conducted by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees, Inc. and provides monetary rewards for 4-H members. Essays are due February 11, 2005 and available at http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/

For Youth: The Christopher Columbus Awards program challenges middle school students to explore opportunities for positive change in their communities. To participate in the program, teams of up to four students and a coach must identify a community issue and use the scientific process to solve it. Applications are due February 14, 2005 and available at http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/

The Citizenship/Service-Learning Advisory Council would like to announce that financial assistance for Washington Focus or California Focus is available for both youth and adults through the support of The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation. Seeking teens with strong leadership and community service skills, this program places special emphasis on reaching youth from a broad cross-section of 4-H delivery modes with the intent to support low-income youth and adults who would not otherwise be able to attend. Applications are due December 3, 2004 and available online at http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp

For Youth: The Young Civic Leaders Award will be available again this year through the efforts of The California 4-H Foundation and the generosity of Hilton Hotels Corporation. Ten full scholarships for California Focus 2005 will be awarded to teens (8th grade or above) who have shown outstanding leadership skills and a strong commitment to community service and service-learning. Applications are due December 3, 2004 and available through county offices or on-line at http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/index.asp

Youth Service America has announced the availability of the DisneyHand Minnie Grant to help youth, teachers, and organizations implement service projects for National Youth Service Day, April 15-17, 2005. Grants of $500 each will be awarded to help youth ages 5-14 work with adults to develop a service project that responds to a need in their community. Applications are due December 20, 2004. For complete program guidelines and an application form, visit http://ysa.org/awards/award_grant.cfm

For Youth: The National Christmas Tree Association is hosting a photo contest for youth to submit pictures of their perfect Christmas tree and why it is special to them. Prizes include $5,000-$10,000 scholarships, an all-expense paid trip for four to Orlando, FL, and an all-expense paid trip for four to Pigeon Forge, TN. Deadline for entry is December 31, 2004. For complete details and registration, visit http://www.realchristmastrees.org/santacontest.html

Knowledge Field Day
by Jan Johansen
Don’t forget January 8th is the date for Knowledge Field Day. It is scheduled at Norton Hall from 8:30 AM to 12:00 AM. It is open to all 4-H members. Come to this county event to have fun and test your knowledge in a project area even if you are not enrolled in that area. The projects that are targeted for the field day include:
• Creative Arts and Sciences: Aerospace and Rocketry, Archery, Baking, Breads, Clothing, Cooking, Entomology, Fisheries, Food Preservation, Leather craft, Petroleum Power, Photography, and Woodworking
• Small Animals: Cavies, Dog care, Poultry, Rabbits, Service dogs, and Small Pets and Animals
• Large Animals: Beef, Goats, Horse, and Swine Dairy Cattle evaluations will be held upon request. Contact Rick Plocher to schedule. Project leaders it’s not too late to add projects. This list of projects is not final. Project leaders who created evaluations are asked to review their materials, add evaluations for levels that have not been available and work with the Knowledge Field Day committee to insure that someone is available to administer the evaluations at the Knowledge Field Day. 4-H members if you want to focus on specific projects, ask your project leaders for more information on the information covered at the field day. Project Leaders can contact Jan Johansen at janjohansen@sbcglobal.net for more information on evaluation content.

Reminders:
• Newsletter articles are due the 15th of each month at 5pm in the 4-H Office. Remember to proofread!!!
• We want your stories! Got a 4-H memory you would like to share? We would like to print it as a 4-H Story!
4-H RESIDENT CAMP
July 10-15, 2005
4-H Office, 530-666-8703

MARK YOU CALENDARS! Fee is $145.
STAFF FEES: (includes $8.00 Insurance)

YOUTH DIRECTORS & RECREATION LEADERS
Apps Due: November 3, 2004
by 4:00 p.m. @ Sacramento Office
Interviews: by appointment

OTHER 4-H CAMP STAFF
Apps Due: January 5, 2005
by 4:00 p.m. @ Sacramento Office
Interviews: January 7-8, 2005
You must be 8th Grade or above to be on Camp Staff.

CAMP STAFF TRAINING
4th Wednesday
7:00-9:00 p.m. CE Auditorium
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
Please mark your calendars with these dates. It is very important you do not miss any!
January 26
February 23
March 23
April TBA – in Los Posadas Staff Training & Work weekend
May 25
June 25 – All Day Saturday Staff Training

CAMP CHAPERONES
Due: February 2, 2004 @ Sacramento Office
The Board must have a commitment from the adults interested in being chaperones or they will discontinue further planning of Camp. We need a minimum of 14 to meet required ratio of one per 10 youth. Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age and MUST be Certified (Taken Orientation and been fingerprinted), before attending Camp. Call the 4-H Office if you are interested in being a Camp Chaperone. There is NO FEE for Chaperones, they are free.

There will be a Chaperone Training on Saturday, June 25, 2005, in the CE Conference Room to meet the Staff and other Chaperones and learn your assignments.

Camper Applications will be available in April.

Announcements!
Horse
Rachel Hutches will be in Winters Saturday, November 6 to give a clinic for beginning and intermediate English riders! Focusing on position, balance, precision, and seat, Ms. Hutches provides a solid base for beginners and a great reminder to intermediate riders about the necessities of riding. She has been riding for eleven years and successfully shown at the A level. Clinic positions are now available from 8am to 3pm, and times can be extended if there is a large response. Horses are not provided. Parents and spouses are welcome to accompany their riders to watch. Call 510-677-6999 or e-mail at FlyLightFarms@comcast.net.

Coat Drive
Nathan Dahl and Zamora 4-H would like to invite all of the Yolo County 4-H Clubs and families to join him and his Club in collecting “Coats for Kids & Families” this year. Beginning November 1st there will be a box in the 4-H Office on Cottonwood St. for members and their families to donate up through 12/27/04. We will accept coats for children and adults, new and used. If you have any questions Nathan and Sherrie Dahl (Zamora Community Leader) may be reached at (530) 476-3955 or email: jnsndahl@colusanet.com.

Enrollment
Everyone is welcome to join 4-H at anytime of the year. However, in order to be judged in Spring Show, 4-H members need to be enrolled by Jan 1st 2005. Please remember that Yolo County will be closed for Furlough 12/20-12/31, and will reopen at 8:00am on Jan 3rd, 2005. You are welcome to put completed enrollment forms through the door slot during this period. If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Karisa at 530-666-8703.

California 4-H Citizenship Focus Program
Come and develop your citizenship and leadership skills. Get involved with the 4-H Citizenship Focus Program. Participate in one of the five programs that are available to 4-H members and leaders across the state.
Check for more information on the web site: http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp
County delegations work through the program year to prepare for these special opportunities. Besides participating in a educational study/travel program, teams work to impact their own communities and live-out their citizenship experience through a plan of action. The application packet will be in the county 4-H office in October. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit, are due in the California 4-H Youth state office on January 10, 2005 for Washington Focus and January 31 for California Focus. Information about financial assistance and the Young Civic Leader merit scholarships will be included in the county mailing.
December 2004

1 CAL Conference Applications Due
12 Countywide Poultry Meeting 2-4pm
15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
16 Horse Steering Committee Meeting 7pm
18 Countywide Rabbit Meeting 10-12pm
20-31 Countywide Furlough 4-H Office Closed
- No 4-H Leaders Council Meeting for December

January 2005

1 Enrollment Deadline to Show in Spring Show
1 All Star Handbooks Available at 4-H Office
2 Market Beef Ownership, Ear Tagging & Entries Due, 10-12pm @ Yolo County Fairgrounds
8 Knowledge Field Day – Jan Johansen
9 Countywide Poultry Meeting 2-4pm
10 Discover Card Tribute Scholarship App Due
12 Central Valley B.S. FREE Dinner on Animal Health
14 Leader Orientation 6-8pm, Norton Hall
15 Newsletter Articles Deadline
15 Countywide Rabbit Meeting 10-12pm
15 UC Davis Dairy Goat Day
17 Martin Luther King Day Holiday (office closed)
18 County Presentation Day Applications Due to 4-H Office
19 National Peace Essay Due
20 Horse Steering Committee Meeting 7pm
22 Horse Project Tack Swap, Norton Hall
22 Yolo County Presentation Day – Karen Chestnut
25 Countywide Sheep Meeting 7-8:30pm
26 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, 7pm
28-30 CAL Conference

Got the winter blues? Hopefully not! But just in case, here is something to think about for next summer:

4-H Camp by Amy Paterkamp

1. We played lots of games
2. We had swimming breaks
3. We played poker chip games during meals
4. The food was terrific
5. We got to sleep outdoors and look up at the stars
6. During campfire we sang songs
7. We did skits as well
8. In the craft shack we made lanyards and clay animals
9. The counselors were funny
10. The campers were friendly

Next year, I’m going back to 4-H camp! Why don’t you?

4-H member
California 4-H Photo Database
Collection 1900-1909

Conaway Ranch fund-raiser...

The Willow Oak 4-H Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Mike Hall, Wildlife Manager of the Conaway Ranch, for providing a fund-raising event for the club. We did very well this year and the club will benefit greatly. Mr. Rick Harrison was the lucky recipient this year of a guided duck hunt for two. This year the club will use some of the money gained to sponsor some of our soldiers in Iraq. We will be sending packages of hard to find items, like socks, T-Shirts, candy, jerky, snack food, magazines and other assorted items.

Rene Jimenez, Chairperson for the Conaway Duck Hunt
**Club Meeting Dates**

All meetings are open to the public! Please come and join the fun!

If there are any questions or problems, please contact the 4-H office at 530-666-8703.

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