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From our President.....

The month of May brings us a lot of excitement. All of your fair entries are beginning to take shape and the animals are being worked and groomed. Fair season is about to begin!

The 50th Annual ChickenQue was a huge success, thank you to all the volunteers - big and small - for a fantastic job. This one day event is so important to our County events, both financially and personally. Every year new friends are made and leadership skills bloom. To those that founded this grand event, Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Some 50 years ago, they had an idea, an idea that continues almost exactly the same today. An event designed to raise money for our youth, while building volunteerism and self confidence. .

Our Teen Council has a big event planned for May 14....A teen dance. Please join your friends, 7th grade and above, in this fun filled night.

May 28 is State Field Day at UC Davis. This one day event brings many of our individual county events all together in one location. Please don't forget to check out the State website for many scholarship opportunities. The applications are due May 31, www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships.

The County Club Council does not meet during the summer months, so we will see you again in September.

~Cheryl



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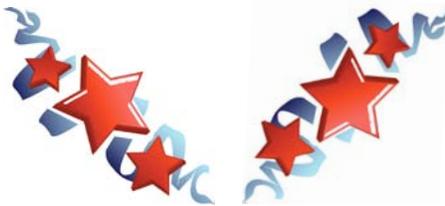
From our Sonoma County All Stars...

It's getting to be that time of year again! Record books, Fair and the end of the 4-H year. A key part of any 4-Her's project is keeping records. Completing a record book allows us to look back on our projects and make improvements according to those records. Documenting our successes as well as things that didn't work out as planned helps us to grow and develop. This growth isn't just within our projects, but in leadership, in learning how to communicate effectively and in giving back to our community. Without a record book it would be much more difficult to see where you've been and where you want to be.

Fair is the time and place where we are able to take what we have worked on all year and show the community what we've accomplished. Fair is where 4-H members from all over the county come together to share their knowledge and skills with one another. It is a time to meet up with old 4-H friends and make new ones.

The end of a 4-H year is also a time for us to be thankful to all the leaders who have helped us develop our projects and skills. We are lucky to have such dedicated leaders who willingly share their wisdom with us. They often go out of their way to make sure our questions are answered and our projects are the best they can be. From all of us, we would like to say a huge "Thank you!" to all of our 4-H leaders.

Sonoma County All Stars



BEST BOOTH PRESENTATION RECOGNIZED

The 2011 CQ committee will be presenting a perpetual trophy to recognize two 4H groups with the best Booth Presentation. There will be a livestock and a non-livestock trophy. Qualifications for the awards are as follows:

1. Neat and well organized (No Food or Trash)
2. Creativity in your presentation
3. Clear Instructions if needed for your project
4. Well Labeled
5. Club name and name of project big enough for the public to see
6. Information about your group and project
7. A representative at your booth to answer questions or help with project
8. Respectful, informative and clear communication to all visitors
9. Uniforms are an option but will show the public your 4h spirit!

Theft Alert!

Late Saturday night, after a fantastic Teen Dinner Luau event, we went out to the parking lot at the 4HC to find three of the cars had been broken into. Windows were smashed and valuables, purses, and backpacks were stolen from the cars. Police were notified and reports completed. We now urge adults and teens meeting at the center for any reason, day or night, to bring anything of value into the center or lock them in their trunks.

4-H FOUNDATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2011—Thank You!

Who would've thought that a simple pancake breakfast would bring together so many caring community members, benevolent business sponsors, and big-hearted volunteers of all ages

and walks of life?

We cooked over 425 breakfasts on that Saturday in March. The as quick as they were flipped and the bacon & sausage were a huge nothing like fresh sliced strawberries with whipped cream on your up a cold, rainy morning. Along with the food, we showed off our purpose facility, had an amazing gift raffle and were awed by the who support our unique Center!



pancakes were served hit. And there's pancakes to brighten beautiful, multi-number of people

A special 'thank you' to Phil and Toni Brooks for donating their and cooking in the rain; American Ag Credit, Clover-Stornetta County Grange Credit Union, Exchange Bank, Niman Ranch and DeGraffenreid for their sponsorship donations. Also, a big thank youth and adult volunteers, who did so much to make this event successful.

extraordinary grill Farms, Sonoma Shari & Dean you to our many

Again, many thanks to everyone who stopped by to enjoy a delicious start to their day and for supporting the Sonoma County 4-H Center. We accomplished what we set out to do - *"to support, promote and enrich the 4-H program in Sonoma County."*

A Word About The Fair – 4-H Animal Projects

As part of the 4-H program we encourage members to enroll in animal projects for the purpose of learning about animal science and the relationships between humans and animals. In addition, participating in a livestock auction can be a wonderful experience for a child but it should never be the sole reason for enrollment in a 4-H animal project. Prices received from selling Market animals are often above the public auction price. Often the community members give higher than average prices for Market animals as a way to support our program. 4-H does not guarantee prices and it is not our job to "police" the prices. If you have any further questions about the 4-H role as a liaison to the fairs, please give us a call at 565-2681.

Fair Appreciation Day

A big "THANK YOU" to all of the clubs who showed up for our first annual, *Fair Appreciation Day*- Independence, Kenwood, Liberty, Sea Squids, Canfield, Madrone, Stueben, Golden Hills, Live Oak, Gold Ridge. Did I miss any club? If so, please email me right away.

The weather was beautiful, spirits were high, volunteers and members worked hard—and the picnic lawn was packed! Approximately 50 adults and youth were able to come. Tawny Tesconi, the Fair director, welcomed everyone and told us that growing up, she had been a Steuben 4-H'er. In the afternoon, members of the fair Board of Directors came, set up the barbeque and cooked lunch for all of the hungry helpers.

It felt great to give back and let the fair know just how much the 4-H program appreciates all that they have done for us over the years. It was a busy weekend so if your club was not able to participate, you will have another chance next year!

.4-H FOUNDATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST 2011—Thank You!



EMERSON HOGUE/PAT GROVERMAN 4-H DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATION FORM-- DO NOT add more pages

Due June 10, 2011

Name of Applicant _____
First Middle Last

Local Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Birthdate _____ SS# _____

High School Attended _____ Yr of Graduation _____

Years in 4-H _____ #Replacement Heifers _____ Year Sold _____

College/Trade School plan to attend/attending _____

If awarded a scholarship, are you prepared to enroll in a College/Trade School within the next school year?

Major field of study: _____

To what extent are you responsible for your support as a student?

List other scholarships applied for:

List any scholarships you have been awarded:

List activities you are engaged in outside the classroom. Include campus and community involvement

Are you currently involved in a livestock or agricultural project? If yes, explain.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Completed application includes: Application form—DO NOT add more pages

Three letters of recommendation

High school/college transcripts

Return to: 4-H Replacement Heifer Committee
3422 Gravenstein Hwy. S.
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Applicant must be available for interview at a date set by the Replacement Heifer Committee.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JUNE 10, 2011. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Diamond Jubilee Celebration to Feature Old Fashioned Fun Fair Looking for Memorabilia for 75th Celebration

(Santa Rosa) Old-fashioned fun tops the schedule for this summer's Sonoma County Fair Diamond Jubilee, which runs July 27 through August 14. The Fair is celebrating its 75th anniversary with another great year of wine country racing, headline entertainment, spectacular carnival rides, livestock shows and so much more. This year's Hall of Flowers will be a tribute to the 'best of the best' Flower Shows from past years.

This year's Fair will be a time to look back at the past 75 years. Fair staff is looking for old photographs, memorabilia, and especially, memories of past fairs. Part of the Diamond Jubilee celebration will be an all-new Fair museum display. If you have anything you would like to donate or loan, please get contact the Fair office as soon as possible. You can stop by the fairgrounds to drop off donations or have your photos scanned. Older trophies and ribbons (earlier than 1985) and any other memorabilia are particularly welcome. If you'd like to email your photos, send them to

specialevents@sonomacountyfair.com.

4-H FOUNDATION SPRING 2011 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The 4-H Foundation is very pleased to announce the recipients of the 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County grants for Spring 2011:

SPRING 2011

- \$2,000.00 – **Sonoma County 4-H Club Council** – 4-H Achievement Night
- \$1,000.00 – **Sonoma County 4-H Club Council** – Annual Leader Training
- \$ 500.00 – **Sonoma County 4-H Club Council** – Summer Lunch Program
- \$ 316.00 – **Healdsburg 4-H Clothing Project** – Sewing machine parts & maintenance
- \$ 210.20 – **Sequoia 4-H Poultry Project** – Incubator
- \$ 125.00 – **County Dairy Goat Project** –DVD on ruminant digestive system
- \$ 105.00 – **Sequoia 4-H Arts & Crafts Project** – Tie Dye kits
- \$ 45.00 – **Forestville 4-H Poultry Project** – Preparation material for Avian Bowl

News From Wilson 4-H

I am Emma Briggs, the community service teen leader for Wilson 4-H. In February, I coordinated a community service project donating items to the US military overseas. The 2011 Cloverdale Citrus Fair invited all who wanted to participate to bring in donated items from an approved list. The United States of America stations approximately 290,000 of its 1.3 million active duty servicemen and servicewomen abroad. The club used money that was earned by its members to buy the donated items. All items will be collected and sent to troops that need them. The items the club donated were: 2,000 sugar packets, 48 bags of sunflower seeds, 35 instant coffee packets, 10 pairs of socks, 22 chap sticks, 80 packs of gum, 146 packs of candy, and 144 coffee creamers.

4-H State Leadership Conference is Coming

This year's SLC is being held July 28 to July 31, 2011 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available now at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/SLCInfo/>.

Once again this year, the state is offering online conference registration– pick your educational sessions; register yourself online; send in the medical form, code of conduct, attendance agreement and \$50 deposit to hold your spot!

DUE June 17, 2011

Financial Aid for 4-H State Leadership Conference

Through a grant from Wells Fargo and assistance from the California 4-H Foundation, financial aid is available to delegates wishing to attend the 2011 4-H State Leadership Conference. For information see: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/53496.doc>

Deadline: May 13, 2011

Healthy Living

Recipes for Healthy Kids

Deadline: May 15, 2011

Last September, First Lady Michelle Obama launched the “Recipes for Healthy Kids” competition to bring together chefs, school nutrition professionals, students and parents who work in teams to develop nutritious, delicious, kid-approved recipes. Teams across the country submitted 340 recipes! From that outpouring of culinary creativity, 15 recipes were recently chosen to advance toward a national cook-off set for this summer. To find out more about Recipes for Healthy Kids or to cast your vote for the recipe you like best, visit www.recipesforkidschallenge.com.



Access for Young People with Disabilities Grants

Deadline: June 1, 2011

The Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation is providing funding to programs that promote full inclusion of young people with disabilities in society, enabling young people with disabilities to have full access to educational, vocational and recreational opportunities and to participate alongside their non-disabled peers. Preference is given to organizations and projects that reflect collaboration among groups and actively involve individuals with disabilities in program planning and implementation. To apply for funding, visit <http://www.meaf.org/grants.php>.



Launched in 1995 by the Garden Writers Association, Plant A Row for the Hungry is a people-helping-people program that encourages gardeners to grow a little extra and donate the produce to local soup kitchens and food pantries serving the homeless and hungry in their local communities. Local food agencies are often the only hope some people have to put food on the table for themselves and their children. By donating produce directly to the food agencies, gardeners help organizations and their patrons stretch their meager resources. Visit www.gardenwriters.org for more information.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification for Archery

A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline will be held in Red Bluff, CA on Saturday, May 21
9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, May 22 8 AM – 3 PM

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs. Attendance at both days is required. NEW! Attendees will also learn about and participate in the youth only tournament scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd.

The course will be held at the Tehama County Search & Rescue Building, Park Avenue & Baker Road, Red Bluff, and at the Ishi Archery Club Range, Hwy 36 East, Red Bluff. Cost for the course will be \$40 and includes morning refreshments, Saturday lunch and class materials. Dry camping is available at the range.

For more information, contact Leland George, State 4-H Archery Instructor, at 530-527-4200 or e-mail: ljgeorge@clearwire.net. Please send "Training Request & Registration Form" and fees to Leland George, 21075 Hwy 36 West, Red Bluff, CA 96080. Make checks payable to "Tehama County 4-H Council". Pre-registration is due Monday, May 16th. For the "Training Request & Registration Form" go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp> or contact your county 4-H office.

SONOMA COUNTY 4-H TEEN COUNCIL PRESENTS

TEEN DANCE

May 14, 2011

Sonoma County 4-H Center, Rohnert Park

Check In: 7:00 pm

Dress Appropriately

7th Grade & up

May bring 1 non-4-H friend

Semi Formal

Will Have Snacks & Drinks

Adult Chaperones Needed

Cost \$5.00 (Pre-order Deadline 5/12/11), \$8.00 at the door

Make Checks Payable to: Sonoma County 4-H Council

Mail entries to: UCCE/4-H, 133 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

For More Information: eableibaum@yahoo.com (Erin Bleibaum) benhampton1@mac.com (Ben Hampton)

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

PH# _____ Adult Chaperone: yes ____ Club _____

How many tickets? _____ Amount enclosed _____



It's time to plan for 4-H Camp at Las Posadas!

The teen staffers began holding their planning meetings in September. The Directors were chosen and themes have been decided on. Now all we need are YOU, the campers!

Applications are online at http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H_Events_and_Activities/4-H_Camp/ Just scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Camper Application. **4-H Members' applications must be postmarked after February 28, 2011.** Non 4-H Members' must be postmarked after March 31, 2011.

What will you do at 4-H Camp? Swim, hike, hang out with friends, learn about nature, sleep under the stars, eat wonderful Camp food, perform in skits, sing Camp songs, play kickball, learn or improve archery skills, dress up in silly costumes, dance, make lanyards and other crafts, relax, HAVE FUN! You can do any or all of the above when you come to Sonoma County's 4-H Camp.

For 2011, Camp I is Monday, June 27 to Saturday, July 2
Camp II is Sunday, July 3 to Friday, July 8

Transportation is by bus from, and to, either the 4-H Center in Rohnert Park or the 4-H Office in Santa Rosa. You must be 9 years old as of Jan 1, 2011 OR be 5-8 years old by the same date AND bring a chaperone.

If you have questions about 4-H Camp, please contact Jolene Coon 824-8211 or Patti Camgros 778-8781 or email campsteering@gmail.com.

CALLING FOR CAMP CHAPERONES!!

We would like to encourage all **parents** sending children to 4-H Camp and **young adults 23 or older** to take advantage of a fabulous opportunity to become a full- or part-time camp chaperone. Come for one day, a couple of days or come for the whole week! Camp I is Monday, June 27 to Saturday, July 2 and Camp II is Sunday July 3 to Saturday, July 8.

We often hear that parents are discouraged from attending camp by their own children, who want to have this time on their own. The truth is that while your children are at camp, they are directly supervised by the teen staff. Chaperones have less direct involvement with campers. It is easy to be fully involved as a chaperone while giving your child plenty of independence. And what will you be doing? A chaperone's main role is to watch for safety. We need at least two adults anyplace there are staffers and campers and sometimes they are pretty spread out. Hikes, Adventure Time sessions, Boys' Camp, Girls' Camp, Craft Shack, the pool, the ball field and the dining hall are a few of the places you may visit. Also, chaperones may bring younger children if they are at least 5 years old. If you have any questions about being a Camp chaperone, please call Jolene Coon 824-8211 or Patti Camgros 778-8781.

We also want to encourage young adults, 23 or older to join us at camp. This means all you past campers who have been missing the camp experience can return to camp and enjoy all your favorite activities while watching current campers grow and experience camp. **Don't miss out on a week of hiking, pool, skits and really great camp food!**

Parents who have come to camp treasure the memories of seeing their children grow, take risks, problem solve, make new friends, and act as silly as possible. As a bonus, you will also be enthusiastically welcomed as a member of an incredibly friendly, giving, hard-working, and, often, silly group of chaperones.

STATE NEWS UPDATE

4-H Scholarships for Higher Education

Deadline: May 31, 2011

Have you considered pursuing a career in nutrition, fitness, or other health-related fields? The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance for youth pursuing college after high school. Scholarships are available for graduating high school seniors and college-attending students between the ages of 16 and 25. If candidates were 4-H members in high school they may apply for funds to cover tuition, books, and room and board. For more information, visit www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships.

State 4-H Field Day May 28, 2011 at UC Davis

Since 2002, the State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. Between 1,000 and 1,400 people attend the event. The event has a 'picnic' feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth.

During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event.

Events held at the State 4-H Field Day: **Presentation Day, State Fashion Revue, Plant Science Contest, Judging Contest, Photography contest, Film Festival, Interview Contest, logo design Contest and festival of science.**

Exhibits and Displays

In addition to the structured activities, educational displays constitute a unique aspect of the State 4-H Field Day. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities. The types of exhibits include:

- Community service activities
- New 4-H projects, curricula, and programs
- Affiliated University programs
- Activities for younger youth (5-8 years old)

Be sure to mark your calendars. It is a fun filled day for the whole family!

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<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

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Upcoming 4-H Events . . .



MAY

- 01 Chickenque Event!
- 14 Teen Dance 4HC 7pm
- 28 State Field Day
- 31 State Scholarship Applications due to state
<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships>

JUNE

- 22-26 Sonoma Marin Fair
- 27-J2 Camp 1

JULY

- 3-8 Camp 2
- 14-31 State Fair
- 27-A14 Sonoma County Fair
- 28-31 State Leadership Conference

**Articles for the June Reporter
are due by May 6th
Please email articles to jeludovise@ucdavis.edu**