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From Our President...

Happy spring! April is a very busy and important month. Sonoma County will have new 4-H All Stars, CCC and 4-H Foundation Scholarships will be granted, and our biggest event, The Sonoma County 4-H Chickenque, will be on April 27. Let's not forget the many countywide project meetings, Fashion Revue and Money Matters.

The Chickenque this year is going to be great. Let's hope for warm weather and great attendance. Don't forget your volunteer shift times and, most importantly, your delicious cake. A great way of sharing the Chickenque with others, and saying thank you, is to send tickets to your livestock buyers or other companies and non profits that have supported your 4-H club or the county.

ChickenQue: Good Clean Fun for Volunteers too

PARENTS -Are you signed up to help at Chicken-Que on April 27th? We will be feeding 7000 people! This is the one large fundraiser conducted by the county 4-H program. The funds raised go directly to the 4-H program to benefit your children. We ask that all parents and members come to the fairgrounds and work for a shift. Please see your club leader today to sign up. WE NEED



4-H Camp dates are set and the deadline for registration is May 31. Both camps fill up fast, so register early. Camp is currently accepting applications for both 4-H and non 4-H youth. The dates are June 29-July 4 and July 6-July 11. This is an outstanding experience, that's well planned and organized. Your week will be full of fun activities, great food and awesome camp staffers.

Sonoma Marin Fair Exhibit books are available and are online. The theme this year is, "Home Grown, Home Known." Sonoma County Fair Exhibit book will be available online May 1 and at the May CCC meeting on May 6.

~Cheryl

YOU!!! If you are already signed up-thank you!

When you get to the event, the first thing you should do is wash your hands! And, if you are cooking or serving food, please: no jewelry, have your hair tied back, and any cuts should be covered.

Observing these few simple rules will ensure a safe day for all.

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Attention Leaders:
once again, the 4-H Foundation has given us the first chance to book the 4-H Center for next year. Please call or email Kati at the 4-H office with your dates!

New Category for Small Animal Showmanship at the So. County Fair!

Do you know any kids in your club or who won't join 4-H because they have special needs and feel excluded from showmanship due to their inability to show without assistance? No longer will this be an issue because kids with intellectual and/or physical challenges will now be able to show small animals at the Sonoma County Fair!



Thanks to Sheila Quince and her support of our challenged youth, 4-H'ers with special needs will be able to show a dog, goat, rabbit, cavy or poultry at the Sonoma County Fair. The fair has agreed to add a new division called "Small Animal Special Needs Showmanship" allowing kids who can't show on their own to show with a "buddy" to help them. This eliminates the anxiety and pressure of regular showmanship which can sometimes prohibit our youth from showing in a mainstream showmanship category.

If you know of someone in your club who fits into this showmanship category and you'd like more info, please contact Cindy Schalich of Forestville 4-H at 546-3645.

Last year we only had one showman in poultry but I anticipate the category will grow over the years and I really hope once the word gets out and we welcome challenged kids into our clubs the showmanship group will grow. I want to see all of our kids included and succeeding and this new opportunity will help open that door.

State Leadership Conference Registration Materials are Out!

This year's conference is being held July 31 to August 3, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available after April 1st and are due June 13, 2008. More information about the Conference is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/index.asp>



PARENTS: Come Chaperone at Camp!

We would like to encourage all parents sending children to camp to take advantage of a fabulous opportunity to become a full- or part-time camp chaperone. We are required to have 15 adults at each camp session and we would hate to have to cancel this event for lack of adult participation.

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.



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.

Please look for chaperone applications online. Chaperones do need to enroll as 4-H Leaders and the fingerprint requirement should be completed at least a few weeks ahead of time.

If, sadly, you are not able to spend time at camp, about 4 volunteers are needed each session to help with check-in and supervision of bus arrivals and/or departures. We also need at least one large stock trailer to carry luggage for each bus trip to and from camp.

We look forward to seeing many old and new friends at Camp this year.

It's Parade Season in Sonoma County!

Come out to the Apple Blossom Parade on April 26th and cheer on Sebastopol Area 4-H clubs that will represent all the youth of Sonoma County 4-H. The parade begins at 10:00 am. We are really



excited about the theme, "Wild West Blossoms". We look forward to seeing our community come together for this fun and exciting event.

Shelley Redding, Goldridge 4-H

Sonoma County Grange Scholarship: Bigger and Better!

For the first time ever, the top three winners of the Sonoma County Grange Scholarship will receive \$2,500, \$2,000 and \$1,500 to help finance their education. The applications are now available at the 4-H office or from your 4-H community leader. All applications and other materials are due by 4 PM on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

Who can apply? Any 4-H member or alumni (no older than 23 years of age) can apply. Applicants must be currently attending or going to attend any post high school accredited university, college

or education system with an emphasis in the area of agriculture.

What do you need? A current scholarship application plus two letters of recommendation and an official copy of your school transcript. Top applicants must also attend an interview to be scheduled the last week of April (student will be contacted).

If you need an application or help completing your application, please call or email Susan Nystrom, 695-6401 or snystrom@sbcglobal.net.



County Fashion Revue is April 12th– show your Flower Power

THIS YEAR'S THEME: "FLOWER POWER"

Check-in will start at **8:30am**, Judging orientation is at 9:15am, Judging will begin at **9:30am**
4-H Center in Rohnert Park

I'd like to encourage everyone who can thread a needle to sew something and enter. This event is a lot of fun and you get to see what other members have made.

If your sewing project has flowers on it, or you use flowers as an accessory, you will receive a small reward for following the theme of the event. Entry forms can be downloaded from the county website, or by calling the 4-H office.

Lunch will be available to purchase.

So bring your family and friends and come celebrate sewing and springtime.

- Chenoa Van Gerpen



You See Davis Days are April 17th—19th

The Collegiate 4-H at UC Davis invites high school 4-H members to their annual "**You See Davis Days.**" The event will take place April 17 - 19, 2008 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm>. Please contact Vanessa Renwick (vmrenwick@ucdavis.edu or 559-977-0108) with any questions. Space is limited, so get applications returned as soon as possible!

Chickenque is Just Around the Corner...

Question from a volunteer: Why is Chickenque so important? Isn't it just another fundraiser?

Answer: Chickenque isn't just another fundraiser! It is our ONLY fundraiser. Our goal is to raise enough money at this one-day event, to fund our Program for the entire year.

Proceeds used for:

Achievement Night, Officers Training, Presentation Day, Spring Fling, 4-H Summer Camp, All Star Program, Delegates to State Leadership Conference, Delegates to State All Star Conference, International Exchange Programs, County Project Activities, Delegates to Washington D.C. Citizenship Focus, Livestock Judging Day, Leaders to attend training conferences, Jr/Teen Leader Training, Chaperon for out-of-



county events, Sonoma County Council 4-H Scholarships and more!

We Need Your Help! Please don't let us down, because it is the youth that suffer the consequences. Volunteer to help and then **PLEASE SHOW UP!** Last year we had volunteers who signed up to help and then never showed up.

Many other counties must ask their volunteers to conduct multiple fundraisers throughout the year to fund their countywide program. We are fortunate to have our well-established Chickenque one-day event. But it only works if we ALL pitch in. You are needed! Whether you are new to 4-H, or have been around for a while, we have a place for you. Come join us as we work together to make the best better!

News from the 4-H Foundation!

The 4-H Center is available for rent by the general public for day or evening. The 4-H Foundation is asking leaders, volunteers and parents to talk to friends, neighbors and co-workers about renting the Center. Renting out the Center is a win-win



situation: the Foundation defrays the cost of maintaining the building and your friends get a GREAT place to hold meeting or event.

For more information on Foundation topics, visit the Foundation online at www.4hfoundationofsoco.org.

4-H FOUNDATION SPRING 2008 GRANT RECIPIENTS

The 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of 4-H Foundation grants for Spring 2008:

Teen Outdoor Adventure Event: \$250.50 – Site fees, wristbands, snacks & printing

Golden Hills, Sheep Project: \$529.34 – Sheep shears

Healdsburg, Wood Working Project: \$440 – Tools

Penngrove & Co. Dairy Cattle Project: \$890 – Dairy cattle fitting clinic expenses

Healdsburg, Sheep/Meat Goat Projects: \$301.32 – Pitting stand, tables & carpet

Canfield, Rabbit Project: \$277 – Scale, tattoo kit,

grooming

Sonoma County 4-H Camp: \$540 – Half of cost to send youths & adults to National 4-H Camp conference

Poultry Judging Team: \$2,000 – Half of the cost to attend Poultry & Egg Conference as State Representatives

Sonoma Co. Rabbit Raisers: \$100 – Materials for State Rabbit Orientation Day

Wild Oak, Sheep project: \$345 – Sheep stand

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED FOR SPRING 2008:
\$5,673.16

Updates and Info from the State 4-H Office

Higher Education Statewide 4-H Scholarships

The California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. Statewide scholarships are available, with help from donors, for graduating high school and college-attending students.

- Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2008.
- Eligibility: Candidates must be high school seniors or high school graduates between the ages of 16 and 25 as of April 30, 2008, who were in the California 4-H Youth Development Program at the time of their high school graduation.
- Awards: 17 Scholarships will be awarded. Criteria vary for each scholarship.
- Application: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/2008-StatewideScholarships.pdf>

4-H Golden Clover Awards

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, groups, and 4-H staff within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Recognition is available in various categories, such as innovative ideas, collaboration, citizenship, service dogs, science, and others.

- Deadline: Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2008.
- Eligibility: 4-H members, volunteers, groups, and 4-H program staff
- Awards: Up to 19 awards.
- Application: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/2008GoldenCloverAwards.pdf>

Citizenship Challenge

The Citizenship Service-Learning Advisory Council has issued a **Citizenship Challenge** to all 4-H clubs in California. Take up the challenge and carry out a service-learning project as part of your club's year plan. Then let us know what you've done, so we can share your work on the web site. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship>



Three Sonoma County Youth to Represent California at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference!



On Saturday, February 23rd at the Greater California Poultry Show in Fresno, the state-wide competition for Senior Poultry Judging took place. The winning team was the Judicators with members Michaella Patt, Zachary Thode, and Chenoa Van Gerpen from Sonoma County, and Katelyn Beckman from Ventura County. They will be representing the state of California in the 4-H Poultry Judging contest at the National Poultry and Egg Conference this November in Louisville, Kentucky.

Michaella Patt won High Point Senior Individual as well as highest scoring individual in the Past Production Judging and Ready-to-cook Carcasses categories. Way to go Michaella!

Poultry Judging is a event where contestants judge poultry products according to USDA and market industry standards. The classes are Laying hens, Eggs in Shell, Broken out eggs, Candled eggs, Ready to Cook Carcasses, and Parts Identification. The team with the highest average score will win. For more information about the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference go to <http://national4hpoultryandegg.psu.edu/>

The team will be fundraising throughout the year to raise the necessary money to travel to the competition in Kentucky. If anyone is interested in contributing toward the team's travel expenses please contact the 4-H office.

-Zachary Thode, Independence 4-H

Leonard A. Talbot Memorial Scholarship is Back- \$1250 Available!

Leonard A. Talbot joined the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa in 1929. He passed away in 1994 after 65 years of Rotary service to his club, community, country and world. Mr. Talbot is particularly remembered for his untiring support of youth, especially the 4-H and Big Brothers/Big Sisters organizations. This scholarship created by the Santa Rosa Rotary Club is not only to honor Mr. Talbot but to also financially support young people who exemplify the qualities for which he stood.

To be eligible for this scholarship an applicant must have been an active participant in either 4-H or the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organizations for a minimum of one year, be a graduating senior from a public or private high school within the Santa Rosa City Schools service area, and be planning to attend an accredited university, community college, or trade/business school during the following semester.

If you are interested in this scholarship, please go to the 4-H Foundation's website at www.4hfoundationofsoco.org and download all the required Talbot scholarship paperwork.

Application deadline is April 25, 2008. Please send the completed forms to the 4-H Foundation, PO Box 1283, Rohnert Park 94927. The 4-H Foundation Scholarship committee will screen the applications and forward them to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa. The final selection will be done by the Rotary Club.

Come Cook Up a Storm at Camp!



We are in need of one Head Cook for Camp II, and Assistants for both Camp I and Camp II. Head cooks should have restaurant or cafeteria experience, and must complete a one-day food safety course. Assistants work under the supervision of the head cook. Meals are planned before camp and all supplies, menus and recipes are provided.

There is a rustic, but full service kitchen at the camp. Teen Staff are responsible for all dish washing, floor cleaning and garbage removal. Adult chaperones help with prep work and meal service, as well as afternoon and evening snacks.

Cooks receive a salary, and are provided indoor sleeping accommodations, with a lavatory and shower.

Cooks may enroll their children in the camp program, and their children are guaranteed a space even if they are non-4-H members. Cooks take part in chaperone activities and may attend evening events.

Please call for a complete job description and salary information: Margaret Close, 544-8461



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WEBSITES

National 4-H: <http://areyouintoit.com>

California State 4-H : <http://ca4h.org>

Sonoma County 4-H: www.ucanr.org/soco4h

National 4-H Council: www.fourhcouncil.edu

Project ideas:

[Http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm)

UC Cooperative Extension- Sonoma County:

[Http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu](http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu)

4-H Foundation:

<http://www.4hfoundationofsoco.org/index.shtml>

Email: 4hfoundation@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming 4-H Events...



APRIL

- 1 CCC 7pm 4-H Office
- 3 **Record Book Training 6:30pm 4HC**
- 5 Co. Lapidary
- 5 All Star Selection
- 10 Co. Citizenship
- 10 Co. Choir 7pm 4HC
- 10 Co. Rabbits 6pm 4HC
- 12 County Fashion Revue 4HC
- 15 Co. EMS 4H Office 6pm
- 19 Foundation Scholarship interviews
- 19 Co. Vet Science
- 20 Co. Dogs 3pm 4HC
- 21 Co. Citizenship
- 23 Co. Wildlife 4pm 4HC
- 24 ChickenQue Meeting 7pm 4HC
- 24 Co. Money Matters 7pm 4HC
- 27 CHICKENQUE! So. Co. Fairgrounds**
- 28 Camp Planning 7pm 4HC
- 29 Ex. CCC 7pm 4HC

MAY

- 2 Sectional Fashion Revue applications due
- 3 Co. Lapidary
- 3-4 Camp Staff Training Weekend
- 6 CCC 7pm 4-H Office
- 8 Co. Citizenship
- 8 Co. Choir 7pm 4HC
- Articles for the May Reporter are due April 5th.
Please email them to jeludovise@ucdavis.edu.
- 8 Co. Rabbits 6pm 4HC
- 10 Sectional Fashion Revue 8:30am 4HC
- 10 Co. Dogs 3pm 4HC
- 17 Co. Vet Science 10am 4HC
- 18 3rd Annual Archery shoot- Cloverdale
- 19 Camp planning 7pm 4HC
- 20 Co. EMS 4H Office 6pm
- 23 Emmerson Hogue Scholarship due
- 24 Co. Vet Science 10am 4HC
- 26 Holiday- 4-H Office Closed
- 28 Co. Wildlife 4pm 4HC
- 31 4-H State Field Day- UC Davis

Read the Reporter online! Go to www.ucanr.org/soco4hnews

EMERSON HOGUE

4-H DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FORM

Due May 23, 2008

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
Three letters of recommendation
High school/college transcripts

Return to: 4-H Replacement Heifer Committee
400 Ormsby Lane
Petaluma, CA 94954

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

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS MAY 23, 2008.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**