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# SONOMA COUNTY 4-H REPORTER

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## From Our President...

I've said it before and I'll say it again, where has this year gone? We're already at the end of our 4-H year, planning for the fairs and helping our kids with EVERYTHING! Kenny Chesney says it best in "Don't Blink." Life goes faster than you think. So don't blink.

Our big event is behind us. The ChickenQue was a huge success and we can all be proud. We are a county of incredible volunteers! I love the positive energy throughout the day, even when we are running on empty. Thank you to Dan Closser and his

committee. Together, they plan for months, making this day seem like a breeze.

Once again, Fashion Revue was incredible. I'm so excited that it has taken on a new life and is becoming popular again. Denise Van Gerpen and her committee did a great job in promoting it and organizing the day.

We won't meet again until September, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts.

~Cheryl

May 2010

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## Pancake Breakfast a Success!

Thank you for your generous support of the first annual "Celebrate the Center" 4-H Foundation Pancake Breakfast. You really did a wonderful thing. Who would've thought that a simple pancake breakfast would bring together so many caring community members, benevolent businesses... sponsors, and big-hearted volunteers of all ages? We served over 450 breakfasts (a delicious spread of pancakes with strawberries and whip cream, eggs, bacon, sausage, and Starbucks coffee); showed off our beautiful, multi-purpose facility by hosting animal project displays, project demonstrations, and an amazing gift raffle; and exceeded our expectations. I also want to extend a special 'thank you' to Phil and Toni Brooks for donating their

extraordinary grill; American Ag Credit, Clover-Stornetta Farms, Sonoma County Grange Credit Union, Exchange Bank, Niman Ranch, SC Barns, and Sonoma County Farm Bureau for their sponsorship donations; and to our youth and adult 4-H volunteers, who did much so much!! Finally, I want to gratefully acknowledge our Board of Directors, whose efforts were instrumental in pulling this event together.

Again, thanks so much for all you've done to benefit the Sonoma County 4-H Foundation Center. It is my hope that we can continue to count on your support as our dreams for the Center take shape! Thank you again! -- Susan Hansen, Executive Director, 4-H Foundation of Sonoma County



A new Record Book "frequently asked questions" page will be sent out this month—watch your email for it, or ask your club leader!

## **\*Fair News\* Fair News\* Fair News\* Fair News**

### **MARKET SHEEP & GOAT PRE-REGISTRATION:**

Saturday, May 22 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at Sonoma County Fairgrounds – Wilford Ring

DNA samples for Market lambs, goats and hogs are due to the entry office NO LATER then 5:00 p.m. on Friday May 28th.

**MARKET HOG DNA:** Market hog DNA samples will be due to the Entry Office no later then 5:00 p.m. Friday May 28 . DNA packets will be available to pick up in the Entry Office by groups only (no individuals). Please call ahead with the number of packets your club will need.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2010 SONOMA COUNTY FAIR:**

Exhibitor Guidebooks will be available May 3rd  
Entries Close Friday June 4th 5:00 p.m.

On -Line entries close on June 18th midnight. No late entries will be accepted!!!

**Leader Credentials:** Access credentials will be available for \$5.00 service fee to one leader/advisor per project/chapter. In order to secure a list of eligible leaders, the Fair requires that each 4-H club submit a list of leaders by May 25th. Fair will then issue a wristband and 1 parking pass. In the case of more than one leader per project, each 4-H club should nominate the appropriate individual. All others should plan on purchasing a 1 or 2 week credential. They can be purchased at the entry office in July.

**Exhibitor Credentials:** There will be a \$5.00 service fee charged per exhibitor for credentials. This must be included with entry forms and fees. Reduced price family passes will be available; no more than two (2) reduced price livestock passes per family will be sold. The cost will be \$30.00 for a two week pass & \$20.00 for a week pass.

Applications for the 2010 Junior Fair Ambassadors are currently available. The purpose of the committee is for young people to be actively involved in Fair activities on a volunteer basis. The committee consists of up to 25 youth from 4-H and F.F.A. that have been selected by the Fair. Anyone interested should contact the Entry Office for an application. Applications must be completed and returned to the Entry Office by May 25th.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** The Fair will be conducting a special informative Junior Livestock Auction Workshop for all interested parties that want to have a better understanding of how our youth can get the maximum benefit from this program. Subjects to be covered as follows:

- How does the auction work?
- How do you recruit buyers? Who should recruit buyers?
- How many buyers can you have on an animal?
- How is the sale order determined?
- Who are the area solicitors? What do they do?
- Why is there a 6% commission? Where does the money go?
- How do we find out who bought our animal?
- How do add-on monies work?
- Why is the fair so strict with thank you notes?

This workshop will be an open discussion where market project leaders, advisors, parents and exhibitors are all invited. Use this as an opportunity to get your questions answered and educate yourself about the fairs auctions.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 18th

TIME: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

WHERE: Showcase Restaurant, Fairgrounds

RSVP : [entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com](mailto:entryoffice@sonomacountyfair.com)  
please indicating how many will attend

***Save yourself time and paperwork, enter the fair online- [www.sonomacountyfair.com](http://www.sonomacountyfair.com)***

**Scholarships:** The Sonoma County Fair & Exposition, Inc. will offer Flower Show Scholarships to students who have graduated from high school and planning to attend college in the fall. These scholarships are open to any student whose family resides in Sonoma or Marin Counties.

The following will be awarded:

- Scholarships ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 will be available to students who will be attending a 4-year college in the fall of 2010
- Scholarships ranging from \$250.00 to \$500.00 each will be available of to students who will be attending Santa Rosa Junior College in the fall of 2010

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fair Entry Office at (707) 545-4203.

## PARENTS: Come Chaperone at Camp!

We would like to encourage all parents sending children to 4-H Camp 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 28 to Saturday, July 3 and Camp II is Monday July 5 to Saturday, July 10.

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 youth, 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.

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.

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

In addition to chaperones, we need helpers to haul luggage to and from Camp (a large stock trailer has worked well) and assist with check-in and out at the 4-H office and 4-H Center at the beginning and end of both sessions. To volunteer for this, or for more information, please call Coleen Browder 542-5211. **We look forward to seeing many old and new friends at Camp this year.**



## Independence 4-H Members "Stuff It"!

Did you know that every year almost 300,000 kids are taken out of their homes because it isn't a safe place to live? Can you imagine how hard it would be leaving home without anything and being put in a strange place? This year independence 4-H wanted to help these kids and so we collected items to be put in "my stuff" bags. We worked with the "My Stuff Bags" Foundation in southern California and they give each child that is taken out of their home a bag filled with toys, books, school supplies, blankets, pillows and health care items.

We collected items from our members, friends and community. We were able to send 6 big boxes of items for the kids in need. We even made journals to put in the bags so the kids can write down their feelings. We really learned a lot by doing this community service. Some of the kids we know seem to worry about what kind of clothes they wear or having the best toys. By helping other kids we learned that it isn't the things you have that count but it is what you can give and do for others that really matters, and it makes you feel great!! All our members are happy knowing that even though we are young we can still help to make a child feel better. --Adrianna and Morgan Begley, Independence 4-H



## SLC is Coming...

This year's conference is being held July 29 to August 1, 2010 at UC Davis. Registration materials are available now and are due May 28th to the 4-H office. More information about the Conference is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/> Once again this year, the state is offering online conference registration- pick your educational sessions! Send in the medical form, code of conduct, attendance agreement and \$50 deposit to hold your spot!



## All Stars Corner

Record Books and Fair and Camp.....

Three great things about summer. Please remember to complete your record book. It is a great way to earn your stars, use it for scholarships when you are able to apply for scholarships, and an excellent memory book. You also may need a



completed record book for some of the award applications of the local fairs. Speaking of fairs.....please remember to get your entry forms in by the deadline....late entries are not accepted. For all those youth going to camp.....have a GREAT time. — 2010-2011 All Star Team

## Help Us Promote 4-H at the Sonoma County Fair

Sally Mounukian, from the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, has contacted us and is wondering if we are interested in organizing Lil's Farm again this year. Sonoma County 4-H had a small promotional booth set up under the agriculture tent. If 4-H is interested, we have to be able to have it manned every day during the entire fair. Last year, we had interested clubs sign up for half or full days. They promoted their own clubs as well as the program itself.

We are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate the



booth. This would consist of recruiting clubs and scheduling them to work at the booth and make sure they had any promotional materials needed from the county office. It was very successful last year, allowing us to bring 4-H to our county families. Without a coordinator, we will not be able to participate. Do you know anyone who might be interested in this position?

If so, please contact me or Kati. We need to get back to Sally as soon as possible, so that we can be apart of the advertisement of the fair. — Cheryl Mohrman, CCC President

## Archery Shoot a Hit!

On Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Archery project for Alexander Valley 4H hosted their annual 3D Archery Shoot at the Fanucchi Vineyards. The weather was perfect, the archers were excited and the BBQ was ready to go, now all that was needed were adults to keep score and a range master to oversee the line-of-fire and we could begin shooting. And shoot we did at fourteen 3D (dimensional) animals, such as bears, deer, javelinas, raccoons, a boar, fox, turkey, carp (fish), Jackalope and the very popular alligator. The archers let fly a total of 444 arrows with the goal of hitting a perfect score of 756 points. Each animal had a target with scoring rings of 3, 5, 7, and 9 points. Each archer shot 3 arrows at each of the 3D animals to complete one round, and the archers shot 2 rounds each for a total of 28 targets to shoot at, which makes for a very sore arm afterwards.

Here are the names of everyone who participated, they all shot great scores.

The archers in the Junior division (ages 9-11 yrs.) were: Ryan Barrett, Lucas Gotelli, Alexander Holland, Nicholas Holland, Mason Kostoff, Nicholas Marrone, Amber Osman, MacGarrett Osman, Brandon Peter, Ross Sceales, and Kevin Smith.

The archers in the Intermediate division (ages 12-13 yrs.) were: Sydni Bernier, Renee Bianchi, Nicholas Clemmer, Giamo Gotelli, Bailey Kuebelbeck, Jesse Osman, Maicie Rackerby, Stephanie Rocha, Corey Sceales, Kinsman Van Gerpen and Eli Warner.

The archers in the Senior division (ages 14-19 yrs.) were: Angela Bald, Megan Bianchi, Willy Carter, Ethan Clemmer, Danielle Debois, Jack Fessler, Samantha Gotelli, Amanda Mittelstadt, Peter Dillon, Jake Petersen, Nikki Pritchard, Bryan Rocha, Chenoa Van Gerpen, Simeon Van Gerpen and Ben Yanez.

And the winners were:

**Lucas Gotelli** with a score of 331 points in the junior division.

**Eli Warner** with a score of 406 points in the Intermediate division.

**Peter Dillon** with a score of 460 points in the Senior division and he also was the overall points winner.

**Sydni Bernier** shot her compound bow for fun with a score of 655 points, wow!

We would also like to thank all the adults who kept score: Jeff, Brian, Karen, John, Jeremy, Evan, Jeff, Jim, Ron, Dave, Gary, Mitch and Chuck.

A big thank you to Karl for being our range master and Paul and Randy for being the BBQ grill chefs, with Janice, Marleen, Joyce, Chenoa and Angela on the serving lines.

But the biggest Thank You is for **David and Joyce Fanucchi** for letting us have our 3D Archery shoot at their Vineyard and enjoying a wonderful BBQ in the picnic grounds, without their generosity this event wouldn't happen.

If this sounds like a lot of fun to you 4H members make sure to join the archery project in your club next year so you can participate in next year's 3D Archery Shoot.



# Fashion Revue Results

This year's 4H County Fashion Revue took place on April 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 4H Center. The theme was "Fashion Around the World" and we had 7 categories: Traditional, Recycled, Textile, Embellished, Vest Challenge, Purchased and World Fashion.

Each member who participated in the event wore an outfit that they either sewed or purchased, which was then modeled before the judges. When in front of the judges the member would explain how they made their outfit, either by sewing (traditional category) or decorating (embellished category). If they participated in the purchased category they needed to explain how much money they spent for their outfit and accessories, what the amount saved was and how versatile the outfit would be with the rest of their wardrobe. In the textile category we had 1 member who wore a felted hat that she designed and made. The recycled category had 1 member who created a skirt from a linen sheet. For the Vest Challenge category each participant needed to sew the same pattern and make it unique by creating it their way, and we had a couple of creative vests entered in this category.

After the judging everyone took a break for a Chinese Lunch that was served by the Alexander Valley 4H sewing project, complete with fortune cookies.

At 1pm the participants had a chance to model their outfits in front of their family and friends, being escorted by Simeon and Kinsman Van Gerpen, with the awards for each category following after the fashion show.

Congratulations to all of the members who participated you did a great job.

The awards went to the following members:

## Traditional category

(Primary) Marissa



Temple....Participant Ribbon

(Junior) Francesca Pharo...Blue award

Tania Alvarez...County Medalist

Sydni Goodrich...County Winner

(Intermediate) Sawyer Brand...County Winner

(Senior) Nikki Pritchard...County Medalist

Chenoa Van Gerpen...County Medalist

Rachael Gross...County Winner

## Recycled category

(Junior) Faith Proaps...Blue award

## Textile category

(Intermediate) Sawyer Brand...County Winner

## Embellished category

(Senior) Vonni Araya...County Winner

## Vest Challenge category

(Junior) Francesca Pharo...Participant award

Faith Proaps...Blue award

## Purchased category

(Senior) Vonni Araya...County Medalist

Angela Bald...County Winner

All County Winners qualify to go on to the State Fashion Revue, held at

U.C. Davis on May 29<sup>th</sup> as part of State Field Day. If you qualified, you will need to go to the State Field Day website and register online by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

You will then need to follow up your registration by sending in the required additional forms. If you have any questions you can contact Denise or Chenoa Van Gerpen and we can help you with the registration forms.

A big thanks to the Judges: Billie Jane, Lavonne, Marleen and Janice for all your help, and also Judy for your support. And thank you to all the family members who helped encourage their children with their outfits.....Great job by everyone! --Chenoa Van Gerpen, teen chair member

## Check Out Mark West 4-H!

Mark West Club is looking for new members and leaders. Do you know anyone in that area who has been waiting for this club to form? Please help us get the word out. Terri Cownie will be taking the lead- 236-7220.

"Hello my name is Teri Cownie I have been involved with 4H for about 18 years. I have been a co-community leader and a rabbit and cavy leader. I am also on the ChickenQue committee— I am the one that makes the coffee. Please come join us to make a new group!"

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**National 4-H:** <http://areyouintoit.com>  
**California State 4-H :** <http://ca4h.org>  
**Sonoma County 4-H:** [www.ucanr.org/soco4h](http://www.ucanr.org/soco4h)  
**National 4-H Council:** [www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)  
**Volunteer resources:** <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers>  
**Project ideas:**  
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/ProjectLinks.htm>  
**UC Cooperative Extension- Sonoma County:**  
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**4-H Foundation:** <http://www.4hfoundationofsoco.org/>  
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**Upcoming 4-H Events...**



**MAY**

- 1 Co. Lapidary 9:30 SRGMS Shop
- 2 **CHICKENQUE! 11-4:30, Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds**
- 4 CCC 7pm 4HC
- 8 Co. Dogs practice dog show
- 13 Co. Rabbits 7pm 4HC
- 16 Harvest Archery shoot
- 24 Camp Planning, 7pm 4HC
- 26 Co. Wildlife 4pm 4HC
- 29 State Field Day: State Fashion Revue, Presentation Day, Interview contest, Plant Science Contest, Judging contest, Photography contest and film Festival; UC Davis
- 31 Reserve your 2010-2011 4-H Center Dates!
- 31 Holiday- 4-H Office Closed

**JUNE**

- 23-27 Sonoma-Marin Fair
- 28-J3 Camp 1

**JULY**

- 5 Holiday- 4-H Office Closed
- 5-10 Camp 2
- 14-A1 California State Fair
- 27-A8 Sonoma County Fair
- 29-A1 State Leadership Conference

**AUGUST**

- 28 Annual Leader Training

**Articles for the June Reporter are due May 5th. Please email articles to [jeludovise@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jeludovise@ucdavis.edu), or [kfein@sonoma.county.org](mailto:kfein@sonoma.county.org)**



List any scholarships you have been awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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 11, 2010. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**