4-H Youth Talk

October 2009

4-H EXPO

Date: Saturday, October 3
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Place: Hanford Mall – Ross Court

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Saturday, October 3, 2009
7:30 p.m.
Hanford West High School
(Lacey Blvd. & Campus Drive)

All 4-H Medalists and County winners will receive their county recognition pins in the Record Book Judging Program. The new Kings County All Star Candidates will be introduced.

There will be special awards for the 4-H club with the largest percentage of last year’s membership there and the most spirit. Encourage your fellow members to attend. Members will sit together by clubs.

Each club is asked to bring two dozen cookies for the reception afterward. (PDR-3)

KINGS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
BEEF TRI-TIP BARBEQUE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009
Kings Fair Dairy Women’s Building
(in conjunction with 4-H Judging Day)
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(take out or eat there)
$8.00 per dinner

ALL 4-H CLUBS AND 4-H FAMILIES NEED TO SUPPORT OUR ONLY FUNDRAISING EFFORT OF THE YEAR.

The Kings County 4-H Leader’s Council supports many activities
and provides opportunities for many 4-H’ers and their leaders.

Help make this the best fundraiser yet!
Buy tickets for your family
and sell some to your friends!

Bring something for the Sweet Shop!
(Label it with your first name and club.)

Come that day and help fill the food boxes and hand out the food.
(PDR-3)

4-H Sunday Observance

St. Brigid’s Church – 6 p.m.
Saturday, October 3.

Any member interested in participating in the church service, please call Cheryl Mattos at 582-4621.
**4-H HAT ETIQUETTE**

Let's refresh our memory as to what should be worn on the 4-H hat and where to place the various badges, pins, and stripes. Here is a brief outline, which should answer the most frequently asked questions.

The color of the cap is green through the 8th grade; white for 9th grade and above.

Year service stripes are worn directly behind the clover on the right side of the hat. They should be the opposite color of the hat.

Achievement pins (year pins) are fastened just above the service stripe for the corresponding year.

A gold stripe denotes one year completed as a Junior or Teen Leader. It replaces the regular stripe for that year.

Only one star is worn at a time; i.e. remove bronze star when silver star is achieved.

The appropriate star is worn at the front on the left side of the hat.

Immediately to the rear of the star comes the Junior or Teen Leader emblem. These are worn during the year the member is serving in this capacity only. Junior Leader must be in 6th-8th grades. Teen Leader must be in the 9th grade or above.

A gold triangle worn behind the Teen Leader patch or a gold circle worn behind the Junior Leader patch indicates the member was selected as a Leadership Development Award winner for State 4-H Conference.

Medals earned at 4-H events, for club achievements and for record book completion may be worn on either side of the hat, but usually are placed toward the back of the left side.

No other pins or ribbons should be worn. The 4-H hat should reflect dignity, not be a bulletin board.

**ATTENTION:**

**CLUB REPORTERS**

Club reports may be e-mailed to kings4H@ucdavis.edu, or bring them on disc to the CE office. **Hard copies are NO LONGER acceptable** due to our reduction in staff.

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**LCORT 2010**

**LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OF REGIONAL TEENS**

Theme: Life is not a dress rehearsal … Take the Leading Role!

Who: 4-H members in the 7th, 8th, & 9th grades (one adult for each 10 delegates of each sex)

When: January 29-31, 2010

Where: Wonder Valley Ranch, Sanger, CA

Cost: $105.00 per delegate

Registration forms are available at the UCCE Office and must be returned by **Friday, Nov. 20, 2009**. The fee includes registration materials, lodging for two nights, three meals on Saturday and one meal on Sunday, and snacks. Registration is from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010.

Goals for LCORT include defining and developing leadership skills, meeting and sharing new ideas with peers and having fun! (PDR-3)

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering eight scholarships of $47.50 each to members to attend LCORT. Members must be in at least their second year of 4-H this year and submit a completed record book for the 2007-08 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first eight members to submit their record book from last year and request a scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first eight in case one of those does not attend. Members may only receive this scholarship once.

Chaperone costs will be paid for the number of leaders needed for our quota. Chaperones must be officially appointed 4-H leaders.

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OUR HEROS: THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H SPONSORS’ COMMITTEE

Each year a group of local residents and business people send out a letter to their friends and colleagues and request donations to support the 4-H program in Kings County. The Council raises the additional funds through the BBQ each year. Without this combined effort by the Sponsors and the Council, many of the events, awards and trips sponsored by the Council would not be possible.

YOU CAN HELP IN THESE WAYS:

Become a Sponsor by sending a donation to:
Kings County 4-H Clubs at 680 N. Campus Dr., Suite A Hanford, CA 93230.

Encourage others to become sponsors.
Recommend names of people and businesses to receive a letter requesting a donation.
Say thank you to the sponsors listed below for their help.
SELL THE BBQ TICKETS FOR THE UPCOMING EVENT ON NOVEMBER 7th.

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES DONATED TO THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H SPONSORS FUND IN THE LAST TWO YEARS:

INDIVIDUALS:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Duyst
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fry
Mr. Dean Grabow
Ms. Jennifer Lee-Giuliani
Dr. Robert Junell
Mr. & Mrs Floyd Kanagawa
Mr. F. R. Lee
Mr. and Mrs. John Lehn
Dr. Carol Murphy
Dr. and Mrs. Gary Montgomery
Mr. John O'Rourke
Mr. Carter Pierce
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roberts
Mr. Clarence Santos
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Theodore
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wing

COMPANIES:

Atsma-Cameron Dairy
Avila Dairy Equipment
Bacome Insurance Agency
Beck & Sons Livestock
Bennet & Bennett Irrigation
Billingsley Tire Co.
Brown, Neuman & Semas
Burrows Inc.
Calcot Ltd.
California Dairies, Inc.
Candice & Co.
Central Valley Auction, Inc.
Chemical Waste Management, Inc
D & E Dairy
D & T Dairy
David Bush Construction
DeBoer Friesians
DeGroot Dairy
Delta View Farms
Dias Law Firm
Dooley Ranch
Dorn Gas
Draxler Land Company
Farm Credit West
Giacomazzi Farms
GWF Power Systems
Hanford Equipment Co.
JCJ Dairy Inc.
J.G. Avila Farms
Jensen Aircraft Service, Inc.
Kings County Farm Bureau
Kings Dairy Supply Inc.
Leprino Foods
M. F. Rosa Dairy
Mackey & Mackey Insurance
Morgan & Slates Mfg & Supply Inc
Myers Well Drilling
Netto Ag
Nichols Farms
Paulo Holsteins
Pedersen Farms
Penny-Newman Grain Co.
Quality Machinery Center
R. S. Martinez Hay Sales, Inc
R-N-R Welding
Robinson’s Interiors
Roe Oil
Royal Car Care
Safarjian Farms
Silva's Welding
South Fork Ranch
Stone Land Company
Stoney’s Sand & Gravel
Valentine Herefords
Verdegaal Bros. Inc.
Willow Grove Farms
Wisecarver Farms
Workingman’s Store
The Annual Kings County 4-H Judging Day will be held on **Saturday, November 7th** at the Kings District Fairgrounds. **This event is open to all Kings County 4-H members.**

There will be three divisions from which to choose. They are:

- **Livestock:** (including dairy cattle, goats, sheep, swine, beef and rabbits)
- **Home Economics**
- **General**

Members may judge in all three divisions.

A class is a group of four items or animals that you are asked to evaluate and rank in order from the best to the worst. For example, you may be asked to look at four hogs and place them in order based on how they look. Each animal or item has a number and you mark a card next to the way you think the numbers should be arranged. You will receive points for how close you come to matching the way an expert thinks the class should be placed.

You will give oral reasons on one class. That means you will go up to a designated person and tell him or her why you placed the class the way you did. You will receive points for how convincing your reasons are.

**Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m., with a mandatory orientation assembly at 9:30 a.m.**

**Don't forget the Council BBQ will be held at Judging Day with morning refreshments and a dessert booth.**

**RULES FOR JUDGING DAY**

No talking, gesturing or communicating with others during judging.  
(***This includes parents.*)

There will be designated group leaders to answer questions members have about the process.  
If you have a question, ask this person.

No discussion about classes before cards are turned in.

You will be dropped from the competition if you continue to talk after your first warning.

No touching of exhibits
COUNTYWIDE RABBIT MEETINGS
Welcome new 4-H rabbit members! We will be having our Countywide October meeting on **Thursday, October 22, 2009, at 6:30 pm** at the Ag Multi-Purpose Room (Suite F) behind the CE Office. I just wanted to remind everyone to **not buy your rabbit yet**, especially from a pet or feed store. Those would not be show-able rabbits. We will discuss where and from whom you can buy a show rabbit. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Lugo at 582-4760 in the evening.

RABBIT SHOW
The Central Valley Rabbit Breeders Association is having an open and youth Rabbit Show on **Saturday, October 3, 2009**. It will be held at the Kings County Fairgrounds in the Commercial Building. If anyone is interested in having a rabbit project for 4-H this year, or just a pet rabbit, this is a good place to see all of the different breeds and rabbit equipment. More than 2,000 rabbits of all shapes, sizes, breeds and colors will be on display. There will be rabbits for sale. The public is invited and admission is free. The show starts at 8:30 am and lasts all day until 5:00 p.m. Come early, because the rabbits start to leave as the judging progresses. For further information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760.

STATE 4-H EQUINE FIELD DAY
The State 4-H Equine Education Advisory Committee invites all 4-H horse leaders, members and parents to the State 4-H Equine Field Day on **Saturday, October 24th**. See the state 4-H equine website at [http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/](http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/) for registration information. Event contact is Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Advisor at 530-527-3101 or jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu. (PDR-2, 3)

COUNTYWIDE BEEKEEPER MEETING
There will be a Countywide Beekeeper meeting on **Saturday, October 17, 2009, from 2-4 p.m.**, for any members interested in working on this as a project. The meeting will be “Getting Started in Bee Keeping”. Contact Laura Hardt at 897-1233 to confirm your attendance, and to get directions to the meeting location.

EMERALD STAR NEWS
The following 4-H members have been approved to start their Emerald Star Projects:

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COUNTYWIDE POULTRY PROJECT
All members of any Kings County 4-H club are welcome. We will be learning about different breeds of birds, raising chicks and adult birds, breeding stock and market birds, types of feeds and supplements, as well as showmanship and preparing birds for show. If you are looking for an inexpensive project that is a lot of fun, please join us. **You do not have to own a bird to be in this project.** If you are interested in this project, when completing enrollment forms, sign up for Poultry and Game Birds. Dates and times of meetings will be announced soon. If you have any questions, please contact Don Mattos at 582-4621.

GIFT BASKET NEEDED FOR STATE LEADERS’ FORUM IN ASILOMAR
We are looking for a club to volunteer to make a gift basket for the silent auction at the Leaders’ Forum. The basket will be needed **by Wednesday, November 5th**.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Denise at the C.E. office.
WOOL WITH AN ATTITUDE

Enter the “Make It Yourself With Wool” Contest January 16-17, 2010.

Category Age as of 12/31/09
Pre-teens 12 and under
Juniors 13-16
Seniors 17-24
Adults 25 and older
Made for others any age
Wearable Accessory any age

For additional information, contact District Director 13, Bonnie Hargis, at 661-399-2383, or visit the Kern County Woolgrowers Auxiliary online at: www.kcwoolgrowersauxiliary.com. (PDR-8)

WASHINGTON FOCUS
INTERVIEWS

The interviews for Washington Focus will be held on Thursday, October 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The interview schedule will be announced at a later time.

HI 4-H
By: Karli Draxler, 4-H All Star Delegate

Thanks to all those 4-H'ers who turned out for the Scavenger Hunt, and a special thank you to Team Captain, Cicely Venturella, for her team being the winner. Thank you to the All Stars, Tyler, Justin and Jordan, who helped make the event a success. P.S.: If you see Justin and Jordan at a club meeting, ask them if they liked their purple dresses.

COUNTY-WIDE DRAMA PROJECT

Do you like to be in the spotlight? Do you like to sing or act? Then come join the newest county-wide project, Drama! We will be doing a Christmas musical called 'Camel Lot' and a production of 'The Lion King'. If you would like more information on this wonderful project, which is full of singing and acting, please call Julie Stine at 824-4321, or Lauren Smith at 582-9467. The time and place will be decided with all who are interested. Thank you and hope to see you at practice!

SEW MUCH FUN!

Want to do a county-wide sewing project that will be Sew Much Fun? Then mark your calendars for October 17th at 10 am and November 14th at 10 am. For Allison Mendenhall’s Emerald Star Project, she is teaching 4-H members how to sew their own skirt. At the first meeting, Allison will teach you how to make your own skirt pattern! After you’ve made your pattern, Allison will let you know how much and what kind of fabric you’ll need to make your skirt. At the second meeting, you’ll be cutting out and sewing your skirt. For the first meeting, please bring a yard stick, scissors, pencil, and sewing measuring tape. Please sign up by October 10th on the 4-H website: http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program. Hope you can come, ‘cause we’ll have sew much fun!

HAUNTED HOUSE

Auditions for Haunted House

Date: October 15th
Where: CE Office Multi-Purpose Room
Time: 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Please don’t wear costumes. If you have a costume you would like to wear that night, please bring it to see if it fits in the haunted house. Thank you.

Haunted House

Date: October 31st
Time: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
Place: 860 Davinci Street (behind DMV)
Cost: $1.00 Donation

All proceeds go to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. If you would like to make a donation, but you are unable to attend, you can go to my website at: http://inside.Unicefusa.org/goto/haunted.4H

Any questions, call Chris Compton at 587-0446.
Our meeting was on September 8, 2009. It began at 7:10 p.m., and 34 people attended the meeting. Tucker LaBlue started the flag salute and Jeanine Fiser led the 4-H pledge. Officers introduced themselves and what they will do. The Secretary’s and Treasurer’s reports were given, and the sunshine people handed out goodie bags to the Birthday people and for our new members. We moved onto project reports. Old Business was presented by Co-Community Chair, Mrs. Starich, who recognized the medals achieved as follows: Bronze – Aimee Daniel, Paige McConnaughty and Natalie Starich; Silver medalists – Evie Starich and Katie LaBlue; Gold medalists – Caitlyn Cardoza and Beaujena DaSilva; Emerald Star – Maddie Wiseacre; and we have an All Star Candidate in Lee Wiseacre. We also recognized 26 members that had 100% attendance. The leaders introduced themselves and what they would be doing. Jeanine Fiser, Tyler and Zack Beck talked about the exchange kids from Wisconsin. Tyler and Zack also talked about the State Leadership Conference. We all talked about the mall expo, achievement night and 4H week, and what we would do. Afterwards we played a game to see how we all connect. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were supplied by the All Stars. We won the spirit stick!!!

**ISLAND 4-H CLUB**
**Reporter: Steven Allison**

Our first Island 4-H meeting for the 2009-2010 year was called to order on September 8, 2009, at 7:09 p.m. All current officers awaited at the entrance to welcome new and returning members. Julia Stine talked about making "Brighter Day Bags" which helps to make this world a little brighter for needy children. We had a "Committee Board" which had sign-up sheets with all of the activities listed that we do for the year for members to sign up in advance. We discussed all upcoming events for October including the National 4-H week October 1-7!! Garrett Crisp, the activity director, passed out toilet paper and each member took as little or as much as they wanted, then it to State Presentation Day.

**KINGS HARVEST 4-H CLUB**
**Reporter: Calem Bell**

August 2009:
Kings Harvest’s meeting was called to order on August 10, 2009 by President Ashley Blomquist @ 6:30 p.m. The flag salute was led by Drew Avila and the 4-H pledge was led by Kinser Coelho. Secretary, Emily Rosa, took roll. Trenton VanderVeen read the Treasurer’s report. Leaders’ reports were given. Mrs. Lafferty told us about her aunt who was so impressed by the service of some of our members, she gave our club a gift! We all signed a Thank You card to send to our wish and how a Make A Wish child designed the ice cream that will be given out that night. We need volunteers from our club to help take donations. Leaders introduced themselves and then the meeting was adjourned. Community Club Leader, Trayce Pedro, had the first Beginning 4-H meeting right after the meeting.
NEW LEADER ORIENTATIONS

New Leader Orientations are scheduled as follows at the C. E. Office:

- **October 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.**; and
- **October 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please encourage the attendance of new leaders, as it is absolutely necessary that they complete an orientation in order to be a 4-H leader.

SECTIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

The South Central 4-H Sectional Council meets quarterly to plan sectional events such as LCORT, Fashion Revue and Record Book Judging. Counties included are Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne. These meetings usually take about two (2) hours and are usually held in Madera. See the website for upcoming meetings: http://groups.ucanr.org/SC4H/Leaders%5FCouncil%5FMeetings/.

COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT

Project Leader: Pam Brasil (559) 924-7067

Meeting Schedule 2009-2010

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Please bring your dog to every meeting, unless otherwise instructed not to do so. All dogs are to be on a leash and MUST have a metal choke collar, or a pressure collar if control is an issue. Harnesses, nylon collars, or leather collars are NOT acceptable training equipment. **Dogs that do not have the appropriate training collar will not be allowed to participate in the class due to safety concerns.** Leashes are to be nylon (not chain) and no longer than 8 feet in length (regular dog leash with a sewn-in handle – no lead ropes, twine, etc). Members are to bring a water bowl for their dog. It is acceptable and encouraged that the members bring dog treats to be used as training aids provided that the use of treats does not cause disruption to the training process. (PDR-2)

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM

“Blazing Trails”

March 11-14, 2010 – Albuquerque, New Mexico

Join 4-H leaders from 13 western states. Financial assistance will be available from the Kings County 4-H Council.

Additional information is available at http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/.

COUNTYWIDE HORSE & PONIES

Sunday, October 4th, 1:00 p.m., Informational meeting at 17612 Lacey Blvd., Lemoore. Please bring your horse-riding level testing.

Sunday, October 25th, 1:00 p.m., Halloween Play Day— at 11388 - 13th Ave., Hanford. Come in costume. Don’t forget to dress up your horse (if it can handle it)! Mounted and un-mounted games. Bring a bag of candy and a pot luck food item.

For information, contact Maureen Tompkins (707-5150), or Charlotte Aragon (816-7001).
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**OCTOBER 2009**
STATE FAIR AWARDS

Ashley Olson, a 2nd year member of the Oakvale 4-H Club, entered many of her projects in the California State Fair. She was invited to attend an awards ceremony on September 20th where she received “The Golden Bear” for her Best of Show clothing exhibit. Ashley entered a 2-piece lined wool suit and was very excited when she heard she had received the top award at the state fair.

Ashley also received 1st Place in the Overall Food Sweepstakes at the State Faire. This is an overall point system for all entries in the California Kids Kitchen. She also received the American Sewing Guild Award with a check for $50, a wool pelt for the California Wool Growers Auxiliary Award, and $150 for her Best of Class and Best of Show placings. Ashley also received a 2nd place on her CD scrapbook and a 3rd place on her scrapbook wall art.