PRESENTATION DAY

The 4-H Presentation Day Program is one of the most important things we do in 4-H. The purpose is to encourage members to prepare an oral presentation and give it in front of a group. This should be part of every project and club activity. To encourage members, we hold county and regional presentation competitions. The County event will be February 6, 2010 at Hanford West High School in Hanford.

Entrants are to arrive at 9:30 a.m. There will be an information table near the cafeteria. Pick up a program there and go to the room to which you are assigned. Check in with the Room Monitor. Presentations will begin at 10:00 a.m. There will be a refreshment stand in the cafeteria.

The regional event will be on April 17th in Kings County. It is a 4-H event you can take credit for in your record book. We need judges and volunteers to help with this event. We also need office help before the event. Please contact Denise at the CE office or email at: dhcuendett@ucdavis.edu

The Favorite Foods Fair (FFF) and Place Setting Contests (PSC) will be held along with Presentation Day.

STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

Any 4-H member in 4th grade and above who has won a Gold Medal in their Sectional Competition may compete in the category that the medal was won. State 4-H Presentation Day will be held May 29, 2010 at UC Davis. Registration forms will be available in February. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/

2010 CALIFORNIA FOCUS

June 25-29, 2010
Sacramento

Would you like to run for governor of California? Talk with your senator or congressman? Do you like advocating for a cause or persuading others? You can be involved in any of these activities during the 2009 California Citizenship Focus Program. California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capitol city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure. Come get involved in this hands-on experience with government and community engagement.

Registration materials are available at the CE Office. Applications, with a non-refundable deposit of $150, are due at the CE Office by Friday, January 8, 2010.

Members must have completed the 8th Grade by the conference. The cost is $475.00 for youth and $575.00 for adults.

The Kings County 4-H Council is offering six scholarships of $165 each to members to attend California Focus. Members must be in at least their second year of 4-H, and at least their first year of Citizenship this year, and submit a completed record book for the 2008-09 club year to qualify. The scholarships will be awarded to the first six to submit their record book from last year, a completed application, and a request for the scholarship. A waiting list will be maintained after the first six, in case one of those does not attend. Members may receive this scholarship only once.

Chaperone costs will be paid for one person or split between two. Chaperones must have completed two years as a 4-H leader before attending at Council expense. Other leaders may attend at their own expense.
TO ALL LEADERS, INCLUDING NEW LEADERS

Thank you for volunteering your time to the 4-H Program. We could not do it without you!

Your appointment cards for the new year were mailed out at the end of December. If you do not receive one, and believe you should be enrolled, please contact the Cooperative Extension office at 582-3211 Ext. 2730.

New Leaders: If you have not received your appointment card yet, please check with your Community Club Leader or the Cooperative Extension office to see if you have completed all of the requirements to be a new leader.

Please mark your calendars – The Leader Recognition Dinner is tentatively set for Tuesday, May 18, 2010

EMERALD STAR NEWS

The following 4-H Members have completed their projects and earned their Emerald Stars:

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2010-2011 4-H STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Information for Youth and Adults

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors and 4-H State Ambassador Advisors will be selected in order to:

- Support the Mission and Direction of the University of California 4-H YD Program
- Support various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities.
- Assist in the introduction of innovative programming through a team project.
- Provide leadership in the development of the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments within the area of leadership.

4-H State Ambassador are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere.

Term: 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning at the Orientation in July 2010 and ending August 31, 2011. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term.

Eligibility Requirements:

Youth: 4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2010, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2010.

Adult: 4-H State Ambassador Advisor candidates must be a 4-H volunteer leader with at least one year of experience in facilitating and challenging teens in the duties associated with being a 4-H State Ambassador. Adult advisors must be at least 21 years of age. Preference will be given to those not related to any current 4-H State Ambassador youth candidate.

Sponsorship of the 4-H State Ambassador Program. The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation provide financial sponsorship of the California 4-H State Ambassador Program, which includes ambassador travel and other expenses through the California 4-H Foundation.

Applications due March 31, 2010. Applications will be available on-line by January 10, 2010.
The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1.

**STAFF POSITION WITH THE CALIFORNIA FOCUS TEAM**

Needed: Young adults ages 18-25 who have been in the workforce for one year or have attended college for one year, and who would be interested in a staff position with the California Focus team. They are looking for applicants with strong leadership and mentoring skills. An interest in history and politics is desirable but not required. Please contact the CE Office if you are interested and for job description.

**SECTIONAL COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY**

Kings County will host this year. Presentations are an important part of 4-H. To encourage members, we hold a County Presentation Day, and this year the regional event will be on **April 17, 2010**.

**UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- February 2, 2010 7:00 pm
- March 2, 2010 7:00 pm
- April 6, 2010 7:00 pm
- May 4, 2010 7:00 pm

**Council Potluck- August 2 Monday at 6:30 pm**

All meetings are at 7:00 pm, except Aug. 2.

All 4-H leaders, not just community leaders, and some older youth are voting members.

**POULTRY JUDGING/ SHOWMANSHIP**

There will be a Poultry Judging, Showmanship Show and Avian Bowl for all 4-H members to be held on **February 20th, 2010 at the Fresno County Fairgrounds**. Chickens will also be available for purchase. You need not be a participant to attend. For further info and entry forms, visit this website: [www.gcs pf.com](http://www.gcs pf.com).

**FARM DAY**

The Kings County Farm Bureau, the Kings County Office of Education, and the Kings Fair are proud to present Kings County Farm Day, an educational enrichment program for all third graders in the county. Farm Day will take place on **March 11, 2010** at the Kings Fairgrounds. 4-H members who are interested in presenting at Farm Day, please contact Loretta Toledo at 584-5177 or Diana Peck at the Farm Bureau at 584-3557.

**STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**LET'S GET READY TO LEAD**

July 29th through August 2nd you will begin a journey of a lifetime at UC Davis. Meet new friends through the intense recreational activities, become more knowledgeable about your leadership mission through the educational workshops, and be inspired by the secret agent speakers and commander in chief in every assembly! Be pump, be armed, and be ready for the conference that will help you develop as a leader and benefit your Operation 4-H Journey! State Leadership Conference is ready for you, but can you handle this much extreme???

SLC 2010 Operation 4-H: July 29th – August 1st, 2010 at UC Davis

SIGN UP NOW!

"You See UCD Days", is available for high school members in the 4-H program. UC Davis Collegiate 4-H presents this 3-day conference to experience campus life and tour various facilities. The cost is $55 per member. Registration forms are due [March 16, 2009](http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm) and are available at the CE Office or at [http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm](http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm)
O.D. "Mac" McCUTCHEON MEMORIAL 4-H AG SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. McCutcheon was the Agronomy Farm Advisor for the University of California Cooperative Extension in Kings County from 1947 to 1982. A native of West Virginia, he left the university there just one class short of his degree, to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, he finished his degree at UC Davis. Even before working for Cooperative Extension, he served as a 4-H leader, a Farm Advisor, and continued to support the Kings County 4-H program as a leader and parent.

This $500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present or former Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning to major in agronomy or another discipline in agriculture. Students must have completed at least three years in the Kings County 4-H program.

Preference will be given to students planning to major in agronomy or crop science. If there is no sufficiently qualified applicant in this major, consideration will be given to those majoring in any other forms of agriculture, including agri-business.

Applications are available at the CE Office. Submit it along with the biography and transcript by April 15th to: University of California Cooperative Extension Office at 680 N. Campus Dr., Hanford, CA. 93230.

EVERETT "FUZZY" FEAVER MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

This $500 scholarship is awarded annually to a present Kings County 4-H member who is graduating from high school and planning additional education at a vocational school, community college or four-year college or university. The member must have already completed at least two years of 4-H at the time of application.

The emphasis for selection of the recipient will be on the leadership and community service exhibited by the member in 4-H and other settings. Applicants must submit their completed 4-H record book from last year along with the application.

Applications are available at the CE Office. Submit the following by April 15th to: University of California Cooperative Extension Office at 680 N. Campus Dr., Suite A, Hanford, CA 93230:

- the application
- the page as described in #7 of the application
- 4-H record book as of last year.

(Do not include records from the current club year.)

BROCK JARRETT TOLEDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Brock Jarrett Toledo Memorial Scholarship are now available at the Kings County Cooperative Extension Office, at all Kings County High School Ag Departments, and through the California Holstein Association. Applications may also be obtained by writing Mr. and Mrs. Ron Toledo, 242 Star Drive, Hanford, CA, 93230.

 Applicants must be graduating seniors from Kings County, or graduating seniors and members in good standing of the California Jr. Holstein Assn., planning to attend a college or university with a major in Agriculture.

 Applicants must also be a member or former member of 4-H for a minimum of four years, and enrolled in dairy or livestock projects. Applications must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2009.

STATEWIDE 4-H COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available. High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various criteria and award amounts. Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2010, and sent to the California State 4-H Office. All required information must be included with the application to be considered. The California State 4-H Office will notify recipients by June 1, 2010. Checks will be sent by August 1, 2010. For more information and applications, go to http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/index.asp.

RABBIT MEETING

There will be a countywide rabbit meeting on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. at the CE Office. The meeting is for all Kings County 4-H rabbit members or those thinking about having a rabbit project. For more information, please contact Kathy Lugo at 582-4760, in the evening.
FAVORITE FOODS FAIR AND TABLE SETTING CONTESTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday, February 6th, 2010, at Hanford West High School in conjunction with County 4-H Presentation Day.

We will have two additional separate contests!!!

FAVORITE FOODS FAIR – now with NO TABLE SETTING

And

TABLE SETTING CONTEST – now with NO FOOD

SPIRIT STICK NEWS

The next opportunity to win the Spirit Stick is February 6, 2010, at Presentation Day. Be prepared with your club cheer and come out and support your club!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 4-H OFFICE

We are always looking for volunteers at the office. If you are available anytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please stop by or contact Denise Cuendett at 582-3211 Ext. 2734.

We are currently looking for volunteers to work on putting a cook book together, which will contain all the Favorite Foods recipes.

NEED TO FUNDRAISE FOR THE WASHINGTON OR CA FOCUS TRIP IN 2011?

Please contact the office if you would like to fundraise for these trips in 2011. We have no 4-H members going on either of these two trips in 2010. Please contact the office and let us know if you would like to be part of a fundraising group this year. Cheryl Mattos has offered to help with the group who would like to fundraise.

INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP

March 18, 2010 6:00 pm UCCE Office

Sue Lafferty & Denise Cuendett

Tongue tied, shy or just plain bashful. Think your good looks will get you the job. Come and see how you can improve that Emerald Star, All Star or a job interview with easy to learn skills. Be prepared to actively participate in this important skills workshop. Sign up for this workshop on the 4-H website.

VOLUNTEER HELP FOR SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

Saturday, April 17, 2010 (Kings County Host) Hanford

If you would like to help with this event, there are many opportunities for adults and youth. Judges are needed as we are expecting over 100 entrants. Youth members can receive credit for a sectional committee event. Please check the Kings County 4-H website for information about Sectional Presentation Day at: http://cekings.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Sectional_Presentation_Day_2010.htm

This is the link to the volunteer help survey. Volunteers are needed for this event! http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4485&back=none

Thank you

Denise Cuendett
4-H Program Representative Kings County
4-H STATE FASHION REVUE
“What’s in YOUR Closet?”

The State 4-H Fashion Revue will be on Saturday, May 29, 2010 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For families planning their calendars, online registration will be due by May 10, 2010. Be sure to pick up a copy of Simplicity pattern # 4762, which is the Challenge Vest pattern.

HATS OFF TO KINDNESS

All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas, check out: http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html.

All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the SFR fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant, you will need a substitute model. We hope to collect at least 250 hats.

For H! ats Off information, contact Rachael Gross at kandragross@sbcglobal.net.

For State Fashion Revue information, contact Sue Moore at smoore@ucdavis.edu or Karli Draxler at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com or visit the website at: http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion

COUNTY CORNER

What’s happening in YOUR county in Clothing & Textiles? Be part of a new and exciting non-judged activity at 2010 SFR! You can display and share an item that doesn’t qualify within the SFR judged categories. It may be clothing, non-wearable items like quilts or pillows, or unusual ideas or techniques. It may be sewn, woven, felted, knitted, crocheted, quilted, beaded, tie-dyed, etc.

Bring your still exhibit, along with some information about it to share with others across the state. Each county may pre-register for a display table, so talk to your friends and decide what you’re going to show off! For more information contact Denise or Chenoa Van Gerpen at: dvangerpen@gmail.com

FASHION REVUE PROGRAM
COVER CONTEST
Open to all 4-H members
Theme: “Tea Party Fashions”

All entries are due by February 26, 2010. Committee will select the winning cover that will be used for the 2010 Fashion Revue Program. Please email your entries to: kings4h@ucdavis.edu or drop it off at the CE Office.

NATIONAL 4-H CLASSIC

The California Delegation to the National 4-H Classic, which was held in Denver on the weekend of January 16th, 2010, placed 1st overall in the competition. The team studied hard and did a tremendous showing at the national competition.

To Kaitlen Lawton from Lemoore 4-H Club. Kaitlen placed 2nd in the Public Speaking Contest. See the attached press release at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp

14TH ANNUAL 2010
STATE 4-H HORSE CLASSIC

The rules and entry forms are now available online for the State 4-H Horse Classic – Educational Contests. The event will be held at Reedley College, Reedley, CA (25 miles southeast of Fresno) on April 24 & 25. Entries are due April 1st. Late entries with be accepted until April 15th with a $5.00 late fee.
Go to http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp for further information. If you have any questions, please e-mail or call Jeanne George at: jilgeorge@ucdavis.edu Phone: (530) 527-3101
The Championship 4-H Horse Show information and rules will be posted soon at the same website. The dates are June 25-27. 2010 at Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, CA. Entries are due June 1st with an Early Bird Special by May 15th, 2010.
BRIGHTER DAY BAGS!

Help make this world a little brighter for needy children in our county, our state, our nation and our world by participating in “Brighter Day Bag” community service project. The goal is to collect 1000 drawstring bags and gather enough donated necessities to fill them. The bags will then be sent on to child supportive agencies and non-profit charitable organizations who will in turn distribute them to needy children. For many of these children, this will be the biggest touch of human kindness that they may experience all year.

There will be collection boxes at all of the major county-wide 4-H events throughout the upcoming year. You will be able to drop off any completed bags and any items to put into the bags at these drop boxes. There will also be sign in sheets at these drop boxes that will allow you to sign in and receive credit for your club for the spirit stick.

Please contact Julie or Julia Stine at (559) 824-4321 for more information.

Sewing Instructions for Brighter Day Bags:

- Cut a piece of fabric 15” wide x 36” long. (cotton fabric will work best)
- Fold the piece of fabric in half (the folded edge is the bottom of the bag)
- Mark down each side of the bag 2 1/2” from the top
- Sew the side seams from the bottom edge (using a 1/2 inch seam) to the 2 1/2 inch mark. Leave seam open from the mark to the top of the bag. You will fold this edge down to make the casing.
- Fold and press unsown edges of side seams inward 1/2”.
- Fold upper edge of each side down 1/2 inch and press (be sure to fold toward the WRONG side of the bag)
- Fold upper edge down again 1 inch and press
- Sew flap down with a 3/4 inch seam from the upper finished edge (this will make the casing)
- String shoelaces through the casing.
- The bag is finished. Turn right side out and press

LIONS CLUB STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

Lions clubs throughout California are still offering this opportunity to High School Students. The Student Speaker Contest, in its 73rd year, is being sponsored by the Reveille Lions Club. With a grand prize of $21,000, this year’s challenging topic is “Universal Healthcare- How Will it Affect Us?”

The Student Speaker Contest is open to students, including foreign exchange students in grades 9 through 12. Students may attend any high school, charter school, private school, home school or independent study and must write their own speech on the subject.

Competition will be held initially at the club level on Wednesday, February 10, and one winner will progress several levels of the contest, ending with the final round to be held June, 5, 2010.

Each level of competition includes monetary compensation starting with $25 for participants and $75 for the winner of the Reveille Club Student Speaker Contest. Please contact your local Lions clubs for more information.

KINGS COUNTY 4-H JUDGING DAY WORKSHOP

(Rain or shine)

Saturday, February 20, 2010
9:30 AM - Noon
9545 Iona Ave. Hanford
(Hooper Residence)

Free Lunch will be provided

Hosted by:
Ronnie Barbeiro & Hannah Maccagno
EMERALD STAR PROJECT
Animal Shelter and SPCA Project

Laine Tompkins and Cayci Allison from Island 4-H club are working on their Emerald Star Project by collecting donations to help local animal shelters. The Kings County Animal Services and the SPCA are filled to capacity with animals waiting for adoptive families. There are over 200 dogs at the County Animal Services center alone.

For their Emerald Star Project, Laine Tompkins and Cayci Allison from Island 4-H Club, are collecting supplies and/or money donations to help fill some of these needs. Some of their greatest needs are, blankets, towels, dry dog and cat food, cat litter, bleach, paper towels, washer and dryer, microwave, garbage bags, collars & leashes. Those who are interested in making a donation of either anything listed above or money to purchase needed items, we will at Presentation Day on Saturday, Feb. 6th at Hanford West High School. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you can’t make it to Presentation Day, but would like to help out, please email to lemooreons@yahoo.com, and we can make arrangements to pick up your donation. We will be accepting donations through the end of March.

Thank you for your support! Laine & Cayci

KINGS COUNTY HORSES AND PONIES

Kings County Horses and Ponies Ride Meeting will be held on Sunday Feb. 14th at 11:00 am at the Tompkins Home, 17612 Lacey Blvd. Lemoore. If you have not presented you horse breed report, please come prepared to give that. If you have any questions you can contact Maureen 707-5150 or Charlotte 816-7001.

HELP FOR THE HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

Browns Shoes in downtown Hanford have recently joined forces with Soles 4 Souls, to collect lightly worn shoes to send to the people of Haiti. This is a way for people to help out and get rid of those old shoes they no longer need. Just take them to Brown's Shoe Fit here in Hanford, 100 W. 7th St. Hanford (559)583-7217 and they will send them to the Soles 4 Soles warehouse. Help us to spread the word to businesses, schools, etc. Store hours; M-F 9 to 6, Sat. 9-5:30. For more information, contact manager, Rick Puerner.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOP
Rifle Discipline
El Centro, CA

Saturday, June 12, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 13, 2010 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Border Tactical Range, 925 North Imperial Avenue, in El Centro, CA (Imperial County). Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course.

To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu
For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://bordertactical.com

COUNTY WIDE POULTRY MEETING

There will be a countywide poultry meeting on Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the CE Office. For more information, please contact Don Mattos at 582-4621.
COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT
Project Leader:
Pam Brasil  (559) 924-7067

All classes will be held on Saturdays and will be at the Kings Fairgrounds in the Dairy Show Arena.

Meeting Schedule 2009-10

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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.

EMERALD STAR PROJECT
KINGS COUNTY K-9 UNIT
Fundraiser for our K-9 Heroes

- Dog wash
- Silent Auction
- Snack Bar
- Good Music
- K-9 Demonstration

Lauren Smith and Jeffery Stine from the Lemoore 4-H Club, are working on earning their Emerald Stars and are setting up a fundraiser by having a Dog wash and silent auction on March 20, 2010, from 1-5 at the CE Office.

This is to benefit the Kings County Sheriff’s K-9 unit. They are asking local businesses and the community to please donate to the silent auction. You will receive a free dog wash ticket for any donation. Volunteers are also needed to work the day of the dog wash. This is a great way to get your community service hours. If you have any question please call Lauren Smith at 582-9467 or Jeffery Stine at 643-9579. Thanks!

EMERALD STAR PROJECT
4-H MILLION TREES PROJECT

Caitlyn Cardoza from Grangeville 4-H is working on her Emerald Star. Caitlyn is encouraging all 4-H clubs in Kings County to Join the Million Trees Project (http://www.4hmilliontrees.org/) and assist to prevent global warming. By planting trees we can prevent global warming and help reduce atmospheric CO₂. With the help of the Arbor Day Foundation (arborday.org/4h) each club can receive 12 trees suitable for planting in our area for just $12 dollars. For more information on how to join call Caitlyn Cardoza at 582-7816.
CENTRAL VALLEY 4-H
Reporter: Isaiah Valdez
The January 12, meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm by Cicely Venturella. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Braden Howell. The 4-H Pledge was lead by Dalton Howell. We started out this meeting by introducing ourselves to our newest members. No treasurer's report to be given this month. One of our All-star members, Karlie Draxler, talked about how to become an All-star Member and the end of the year party. Every member was reminded about presentation day, how to earn more points, and entry's due by January 29th. Next meeting will be February 9, 2010, 6:30 pm @ Pioneer Middle School. Motion for meeting to adjourn was called by Dalton Howell and the second motion made by Callie Quesada, Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

DELTA VIEW 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Royce Caetana
The January 11 meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Vice President Kelen Deniz. The flag salute was led by Kourtney Baze and the 4-H Pledge was lead by Madelyn Ponce. Secretary Alivia Mize read the minutes of the last meeting. Report was approved. No Treasures Report was given. Project Reports: were given for Arts and Crafts, and the Kings County 4-H Drama Group.
Old Business: LCORT Leadership conference will be January 29-31. No members were signed up to attend. Presentation Day will be February 6th entries are due January 29th.
New Business: Paul handed out the stripes, pins and stars to the members and reviewed the proper way they are to go on your 4-H hats. Paul talked about having a record book meeting and a suggestion was made to print out calendars for members to keep notes in through out the 4-H year.
Our Community Leader: Paul Silva reminded everyone that Applications for Emerald Stars were due January 5th. He also reminded everyone about Presentation Day and the Favorite Foods Fair. He mentioned that volunteers were needed at the 4-H office and also Judges need for Presentation Day. He talked about the Lions Club Student Speaker Contest. The topic is “Universal Healthcare- How Will it Affect Us?”
The winner of the Candy Guess Jar was Theo Leon. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

GRANGEVILLE 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Ashley Daniel
The Grangeville meeting on January 12, 2010 began at 7:04. Julia Baker lead the Flag Salute and Micheal Hollar lead the 4-H Pledge. The Secretary and Treasures reports were given. Project reports were announced, Sunshine people did birthdays, Happy Birthday! We moved onto old business, when we finished that we talked over new business. Mrs. Stine talked about Brighter Day Bags and Mrs. Starich talked about farm day presentations. Finally, we moved onto announcements, after that leader announced new meetings. Congratulations to Payton Mcconnaughy, she was the Grangeville 4-Her of the month! Secretary read roll call and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34. Afterwards we had game night all of the officers brought games for everyone to play!

ISLAND 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Steven Allison
Our first meeting for 2010 was called to order on January 12! We thanked our Island Team for those that helped out in the cold with Salvation Army bell ring, those that donated slippers socks for the seniors and toys for the foster children. We discussed several upcoming events with deadlines. We also want to thank Mrs. Crisp for getting all of our new Island 4-H shirts!!! At the close of the meeting Garret Crisp handed out stars, stripes and pins that each member earned for last year.

KINGS HARVEST 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Calem Bell
The Kings Harvest 4h January meeting began at 7:00 pm. on January 11. After the pledges and reminders for our club, we had the Leaders' Reports. Loretta talked about Great Western and dairy contracts, Mrs. Rosa announced that there would be a welding project day on Jan. 16 at the Rosa's Dairy, and Mrs. Harris said that the scrapbookers would be having a meeting on Feb. 21. She also said that Mrs. Champi donated a large amount of scrapbooking supplies to our club. Committee reports were given by members. Calem Bell gave his food drive information and Hayden read his letter from the retirement home that our club gave gifts to for Christmas. Presentation Day will be on Feb. 6, so Sue gave us information and suggestions for presentations. Members were encouraged to attend a meeting for practicing presentations on January 18 at 6:00, and all members were encouraged to go to Presentation Day for the experience of learning how they are done.
We talked about Farm Day coming up on Mar. 11. Volunteers will be needed, presentations need to be chosen and practiced, and mini members are needed to hand thing out to the schools.
We had two presentations at our meeting. Hayden and Macey talked about trimming hooves and the Glean Team presented their Emerald Star Project. We watched a DVD of the Glean Team's project and the other 4h members who helped.

KINGS RIVER 4-H CLUB
Reporter: Isaac Ceja
December mtg:
We had our meeting December 14,09 at the Kings River Hardwick School's cafeteria. We were asked to bring in canned goods, coats, socks, and toys. Miss Pimentel passed out 4H sweatshirts and t-shirts that had been ordered by our members. We talked about the project meetings that we had attended.
January mtg:
Our meeting was January 11,10 at the Kings River Hardwick School's cafeteria. We were told where the things that we brought in December were taken; Mrs. Pimentel took the canned goods and the coats to St. Vincent de Paul and Miss Pimentel took the socks to Valley Christian and the toys to the Salvation Army. We discussed Presentation Day and Miss Pimentel passed out entry forms for the Favorite Foods Fair and the Place Setting Contest. Miss Pimentel also explained and answered questions about record books. We had project meeting announcements. Our next club meeting is February 8,10.
MID VALLEY 4-H CLUB

Reporter Tyler Johnson

The January Mid Valley 4-H meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 10th at Kit Carson School. Pledge was started by Tyler Johnson with 4-H Pledge started by Robert Elliot.

Secretary's and Treasurer's report were given and approved by club members. Treasurer Madie has to pay for the 4-H council BBQ and our club enrollment. Both expenses were approved by the club. Project reports were given- Members had a cake decoration meeting where they learned about Fondant frosting and there was a foods and nutrition(BBQ) project meeting- members learned about sertlization, safety when BBQing, cross contamination, tools used, and then they grilled apples on the BBQ topped with brown sugar and cinna-
mom.

Old Business- Tyler gave a report on the Bell ringing for Salvation Army. Our club along with Island 4-H rang the bell on Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, the 22nd. Also our club members helped pass out books to families with children at the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen during Christmas break. President, Ryan gave a report on the Fair Boosters Dinner. Our club had two baskets. Our "Mid Valley 4-H has gone DOG crazy" brought $45.

New Business: County Presidentation Day and Favorite foods fair are coming up on Feb. 6th at Hanford West. Justin talked about LCORT and what the Kings County All Stars are doing for their session. Madie and Community Club leader Mrs. Pedro talked about signing up on line through Disneyland for the St. Vincent DePaul. As a club we can sign up in families and then they will give you a day and time to work. Disney then verifies you work and you get a free pass to get in. Mrs. Pedro will email us all the information. Justin and Austin Semas then gave a presentation on "How to clean you air filter". Meeting was then adjourned so that we could clean up around Kit Carson. Members picked up trash, weeded, and cleaned out the cubboard. Cracker jacks and capri suns were our treats after the meeting.

CALIFORNIA CAMPING CONFERENCE AND ARCHERY CERTIFICATION

April 23 – 25, 2010

The 2010 California Camping Conference will be held at the Nevada 4-H Camp near Stateline, Nevada (at Lake Tahoe) on April 23 – 25, 2010. The conference serves as a valuable resource for camp administrators, camp staff (youth and adult), and Extension Staff in planning and implementing all types of camp programs. Important conference topics include the new Camp Safety Manual addressing California Health and Safety Code requirements for camps; engaging fun activities for your camps; archery certification; and camp staff training. Look for conference fee and registration detail in next month’s Updates, but be sure to mark the date on your calendar for this important event.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS-ARCHERY WORKSHOP

April 23 – 25, 2010

A training course for the 4-H archery discipline will be offered as a workshop at the 2010 California Camping Conference. The conference will take place at the Nevada 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada (Lake Tahoe). Cost for the conference includes $120 and includes meals, lodging, and course materials. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be certified as archery volunteers and can instruct archery club projects and camp programs.

Registrations are due by April 8, 2010. To download a copy of the registration form, visit the Camping Website at: http://groups.ucanr.org/%5F4hbaseca/ and click on the bar that reads “2010 Camp Conference Registration Form”.

For more information about registering for this course contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

Happy Valentine’s Day