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4-H COUNCIL BARBECUE

Welcome to Georgene Diener who started as the new Kings County 4-H Program Representative November 1. She replaces Denise Cuendett who resigned last month.

Georgene has a long history with 4-H beginning as a member in Orange County, a 4-H Advisor in Tulare County in the 1970’s and an active project, club and county leader in Fresno County for many years. She will be working two days a week. Georgene and her husband, John, live in Five Points and have four adult children.

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Tickets will be available at your September club meetings for the annual barbecue.

This is the only fundraiser for the Council, and the proceeds are used for the many awards and events during the year.

All members are encouraged to sell tickets for the lunch, which will be held at the fairgrounds at the same time as Judging Day. Take-out meals are also available.

Please support the 4-H Council and all that it does for 4-H members by selling your BBQ tickets.

Tickets are $10.00. Get them from your club leader.

4-H JUDGING DAY

The Annual Kings County 4-H Judging Day will be held on Saturday, November 12TH, 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.

See rules on next page
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.

SPIRIT LEIS

This year we have decided to switch up the way we give out our spirit award. Since our theme for our LCORT presentation is based on individuality, we decided to get a head start by implementing it into our own county first. Together, we came up with the idea of the spirit lei. Instead of handing out a spirit stick to the 4-H group who is the loudest or has the most people in attendance, we will be giving out spirit leis to those individuals who exemplify the 4-H Spirit. There will be many opportunities for members and leaders to receive spirit leis at all of the 4-H events. Golden opportunities to receive a spirit lei will be helping others, leading by example, being on task, or having a good attitude. We will be watching, so remember to show us your 4-H Spirit!

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION RIFLE TRAININGS SCHEDULED

4-H Shooting Sports Course Rifle Discipline, Tulare Saturday, December 3, 2011 - 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. 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 to lead a rifle project. There is no cost for the course. Bring your own beverages and lunch each day. To register for the course and receive more information contact Leah Harrelson at 559-684-3322. For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range Website at: http://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

2011 California 4-H Leaders’ Forum (SLF) Asilomar, Pacific Grove, CA November 11-13, 2011

The 2011 Forum will be held on November 11-13 at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, hosted by the North Central Section.

The theme is “The Magic of 4-H Transformation!” Volunteer leaders and staff will be “Building Solid Foundations” together for the 4-H youth development program. For those interested in going, there still may be room.

The State 4-H Leaders Forum provides a weekend retreat for 4-H volunteers across California to gather for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Volunteers of all ages, experiences, and locations share this opportunity to further their volunteering "career," find new inspirations, and bring new ideas home to their counties and clubs.

Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens there. You’ll come home loaded with ideas and activities and the enthusiasm to implement them. You will return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of what has to happen to accomplish it, and an expanded capacity to make it happen.

For information on registration and lodging please go to the State 4-H website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/

Scholarships for First Time Attendees

Five $100 scholarships to attend the Forum are available from the Kings County 4-H Council for leaders who have completed at least two years and who have not received a scholarship to the Forum in the past. If you wish to be considered, call the CE Office and let us know. Selection will be on a first-come, first served basis.

SLF SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS REQUEST

SFF Silent Auction Committee is requesting donations for the silent auction. Each county is requested to donate one or more “County Baskets” featuring items you feel are representative of all that makes your county the wonderful place it is. Baskets usually include 5-10 items and have a value of $50 or more. All donations are tax deductible. Clubs and leaders, please drop off baskets at the CE Office by Monday, November 7, 2011.

Thank you for your support!
2012 STATE FASHION REVUE
By: Ronni Barbeiro
DATE: Saturday, May 26, 2012

$19.99 Purchased Challenge - cost for the whole outfit, not including cost of shoes and sales tax.

_The Recycled category is eliminated this year for the State Contest._

**Kings County Fashion Revue:** Recycled category is still in place. This category will not be eligible to go on to State due to new state rules.

The State Fashion Revue Committee announces the addition of a new challenge for the 2012 SFR - Bag Up Fashion Challenge. Sew a tote bag from Simplicity pattern #7161, View A only, and model it with an outfit that coordinates with the tote bag. You will not be judged on the outfit, but how the tote bag is presented and the overall appearance of your outfit.

Be creative! Show off your personality in your design. This cute, easy to make tote bag will become a wonderful accessory to your wardrobe or make a great gift to give after the Fashion Revue contest.

**NOTE:** This Simplicity pattern will be discontinued as of February 2012. Please plan to purchase your pattern early. If you are unable to find a pattern, please contact the UCCE Office. We have only one copy of the pattern so it needs to be cut in our office.

If you, your project, or your county would like more information about SFR, additional categories or service projects that will be eligible at SFR, or would like to assist our committee, please visit our website at _http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/_

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Quilts for Wounded Warriors**

We would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded warrior. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed.

Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred.

If you make 12 ½" x 12 ½" squares then they can be combined with other squares to make a whole quilt.

**The Million Pillowcase Challenge**

The challenge is to donate one million pillowcases to local charities throughout California. Every pillowcase can make a difference. A pillowcase can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident. The goal is 500 pillowcases for State Fashion Revue.

You don’t need to be enrolled in a sewing project to participate-turn this into a fun club project.

Pillowcase size =20” x 30” (Standard bed pillow)

Free patterns and more information about the project: _Allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases_

For questions, contact: _ashleyandtara@gmail.com_

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES TO SECTIONAL 4-H COUNCIL NEEDED**

Kings County has two vacancies for youth to represent us at the Sectional 4-H Council. A special election to fill those vacancies will be held at the December 6 Kings County 4-H Council meeting. Youth must be in the 9th Grade or above to serve.

If you are interested in serving, please let the office on or before December 6.

**THE CALIFORNIA MAKE IT WITH WOOL COMPETITION**

Enter the “Make It Yourself With Wool” Contest _November 5, 2011 in Hollister, San Benito County_.

This is a sewing competition to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarn. State winners go to the National MIWW Competition in Scottsdale AZ. Anyone can enter.

For additional information and entry forms contact Robin Sando at: _robin@sandofamily.com_

National website: _www.makeitwithwool.com_
COUNTY-WIDE DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT

Project Leaders:
Sonia Borges (559) 707-3835
Steve Smith (559) 582-9467
Rhonda Stephens (559) 582-8166

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

September 17, 2011-Fun, Fun, Fun in the Sun at Freedom Park in Hanford at 12:00 p.m.
Bring your own lunch and a picture of your dog (no dogs at this time please.)

Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

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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.

COUNTYWIDE POULTRY PROJECT TO START AVIAN BOWL TEAMS!
Don Mattos is planning to start an Avian Bowl Team with his County-Wide Poultry Project. They will be competing at poultry shows throughout the state in the Junior and Senior categories. Any 4-H member interested in being a part of this new and exciting team, please add poultry when enrolling this year. Any questions please call Don at 707-6063.

COUNTYWIDE RABBIT MEETING
There will be a countywide rabbit meeting on Thursday, November 17, 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS
The 4-H Council meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- December 6, 2011
- January 3, 2012
- February 7, 2012
- March 6, 2012
- April 10, 2012
- May 1, 2012
**4-H THRIVE**

**Wanted:** All Junior and Teen Leaders interested in learning new leadership skills. Join us on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at the UCCE office from 6:30-8 pm for Thrive Training. Call the office for more information.

**EMERALD STAR PROJECTS**

**Recycled 4-H Whites’**

Continuing the recycled 4-H whites (shirts and pants) program is a contribution that we want to make in our community. We took advantage of the program last year receiving whites’ for free. We know that once we get the word out, that many others will be able to take advantage too. So, if you need a uniform or would like to donate gently used white tops or pants to our program, you can contact us at 362-1997 or look for us at the following county wide events: Judging Day, Presentation Day, and 4-H Fair. Please help make our project successful by reusing and recycling. Thank you!

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**

Paige McConnaughy & Aimee Daniel

**Collection for SPCA**

I am collecting items for the Animal Control, Pet Adoption Center, and the SPCA. They need supplies because of the budget cuts. I am asking you to please donate for my Emerald Star. Items needed are mostly cleaning supplies, toys, treats, and food. I will be back to collect items at your next meeting or you can call me at 559-582-9467 or drop it off at the CE office. Thank you in advance for your donations.


Haley Smith

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Goals for LCORT include defining and developing leadership skills, meeting and sharing new ideas with peers and having fun!

**Application:** [http://www.ca4h.org/files/122083.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/files/122083.pdf)

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES**

Eight awards of 1/2 the conference fee.

For adults, will fund the full cost of the number of adults required by the conference quota.

**REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE KINGS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

**MEMBERS** must meet conference age eligibility.

Completed one year in 4-H at the time of conference.

Completed Record Book from at least the previous year.

Available only once per member.

**ADULTS** must meet conference age eligibility.

Be an official 4-H leader-fingerprinted and orientation completed. Selection will be on a first-come, first served basis.
HANFORD CHRISTMAS PARADE
Theme: Christmas Around the world.

The Hanford Christmas Parade will be on Friday, November 25th at 6:00pm in Downtown Hanford.
For more information visit: http://www.hanfordscene.com/hanford_scene_007.htm

LEMOORE CHRISTMAS PARADE AND OFFICIAL LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Lemoore Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Downtown Lemoore. For more information call the Lemoore Chamber 924-6401

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

On behalf of the Kings County Human Services Agency/Child Protective Services- the 4-H Council will answer their request for donations of new, unwrapped gifts (could be clothing, toys or other gifts) for children ages 0-18 years who are in foster care homes.

Please try to bring your gifts to the CE Office no later than Friday, December 2nd, as they need to be wrapped and distributed by December 22nd. Gifts need to be unwrapped, or in a gift bag.

The following is approximately the ages and amount of children currently receiving services from the Agency that is requesting gift donations:

185 boys: 0-18 years of age
185 girls: 0-18 year of age

Thank you for caring. We hope this holiday season brings happiness and joy to you and your family.

SLIPPER SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Slipper socks with skid proof bottoms for seniors in rest homes are also being collected by the Kings County Department of Child Support Services. These are due in the CE office on Friday, December 16.

BELLS ROLLING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Mid Valley 4-H Club would like to invite any 4-H member to help ring the bell outside Wal Mart. Our two dates are Dec. 22nd and 23rd from 8am to 8pm, working only two hour shifts.
If you are interested in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the Christmas Season, please contact Tammy Johnson at 582-1841. An adult needs to be with 4-H members at all times. We appreciate all of your support.

An Invitation from Fresno County 4-H……

FESTIVE FAIRE
Saturday, January 7, 2012
FOWLER HIGH SCHOOL
701 E. Main St, Fowler

4-H Festive Faire is a baking and craft event for all 4-H’ers. You can make any food, displayed with decorations, and join the fun.

This is a great learning experience and 4-H tradition. Set up your display, all by yourself, and wait for the judging. Clubs may display and sell craft items. For credit for showmanship in your record book, you must be present when judging begins. 4-H uniform is strongly encouraged.

Entries will be accepted from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.; judging begins at 2:15 p.m. A 10-minute photo session with participants and parents will be scheduled. Awards will be presented as soon as judging is completed. Then we eat the goodies!
Armona 4-H Club
Reporter: Kirstin Jones
The October meeting was called to order by our New Vice President Justin Young. New officers were officially installed by our resident All Star candidate Kalie Helmuth. Kalie gave a project report on the turkey placing at the Kings County Fair. The meeting of the Mid Valley 4-H Club was called to order by President Maddie Pedro at 6:30 p.m. on September 12, 2011 At Kit Carson School. The meeting of the Mid Valley 4-H Club was called to order by President Maddie Pedro at 6:30 p.m. on September 12, 2011. The Mid Valley 4-H Club is selling Dinner Council Tickets, please get money back by next meeting. Don’t forget to bring in your ink cartridges and your old cell phones.

Kings Harvest 4-H Club
Reporter: Calem Bell

Kings River 4-H Club
Reporter: Isaac Ceja

Lemoore 4-H Club
Reporter: Hailee French
The meeting took place at 6:39 p.m. at Cinnamon Elementary in Lemoore, with, 30 members in attendance. Many new members were there for signing up for our club this year. The pledge of allegiance was lead by Jalen Avila and the 4-H pledge was lead by Haden Lawton. In old business, we talked about the Kings fair, the Club Operations Workshop, 4-H Officers Training, and the Counsel Meeting.

Delta View 4-H
Reporter: Royce Caetana/Dylan DeRuiter
The October 11th meeting was called to order at 6:53 by our President Carson Arnold. The Flag Salute was lead by Royce Caetana and the 4-H pledge was lead by Jennifer Ponce. The Secretary’s Report was given by Christa Gillio and the Treasurers Report was given by Theodore Leon. Both reports were approved. Project Reports: Three Members, Christa Gillio, Theodore Leon, and Royce Caetana, attended Achievement Night and reported on the medals that they received. Mr. Silva handed out the medals to the other three members that also received awards for their record books, Alivia Mize, Leann Mize, and Madelyn Ponce. Leann Mize also won a gold seal on the 2010-2011 Secretary’s Book receiving a score of 99 out of 100.

Old Business: We had a Judging Practice to prepare for Judging Day on November 12. Mr. Silva encouraged members to attend. BBQ Tickets were handed out money is due by October 31. Reminder to help with the Sweat Shop at Judging Day. (community service). October cards for Seniors were signed by members and will be sent to the Senior’s.

New Business: Mr. Silva handed out the year pins and stripes and stars and officer pins to the members who earned them last 4-H year. Denise will be retiring from the 4-H office and a motion was made to purchase a gift certificate for her in appreciation for her hard work and dedication to the 4-H program. Members discussed having a Turkey Gobbling and Turkey coloring contest at the November meeting.

Community Leaders Report: Mr. Silva asked if we had any members in the age group for LCORT. He reminded them that there are scholarships available to attend. Please sign up if interested. He talked about record book judging and handed books back to members. The pumpkin carving contest was won by Julien Bernal and the costume contest was won by Hannah Elberg. Guessing Jar was won by Julien Bernal. Next Meeting November 14, 2011. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CLUB REPORTS—email to: kings4h@ucdavis.edu

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Mid Valley 4-H Club – October Report

Reporter: Trevor Rhoades

The Mid Valley 4-H meeting was called to order by President Maddie Pedro. Pledge was started by Eric Dias with the flag salute by Trevor Rhoades. The treasure report was read and approved. Maddie then had the newest members introduce themselves and what projects they were interested in. The Mid Valley 4-H bylaws were again reviewed and approved by the club with the changes being in the increased scholarship amount and the clubs’ budget was also reviewed and approved. Community club leader, Tammy Johnson recognized clubs members with their accomplishments at 4-H Achievement Night by first announcing that our club received their goal seal. Then she congratulated Austin Semas for earning a gold seal on his treasure book and the members from last year that earn a medal for their books. She talked about how the record book reflects the whole year and how important record keeping is. Then she passed out the stars and pens. She also recognized our leader Mrs. Silva for being a cake decorating leader for 5 years and gave her the leader recognition certificate. Then Mrs. Johnson passed out a members list to everyone and encouraged us to sign up for electricity and woodworking with Mr. Costa, BBQing with Mr. Pacheco, and cake decorating. An updated list will be given out at the next club meeting. But members were encouraged to check all their information and make any changes that they need to make by the next meeting. Maddie then discussed council fundraiser and ticket money will be collected after the meeting. Along with anyone that would like to order shirts and pay for their enrollment fees. She talked about Judging Day and for our newest members she gave a quick summary. Trevor talked gave a report on our Make A Wish Fundraiser at ColdStone Creamery. Then he gave a presentation on how to properly hold a rabbit and how to take care of his project. Meeting was adjourned with refreshments provided by the Costa Family.

Oakvale 4-H Club

Reporter: Tara Fry

October 10th, 2011 meeting was officially called to order at 7:11 pm. The meeting began with the flag salute led by Tara Fry and the 4-H pledge led by Macey Hammerstrom. Roll call was taken and we are excited again this month with the new member turn out – Go Oakvale! Minutes from September meeting were read and approved. Treasurer’s report was read and approved. Old business – recruitment committee members told about the window display set up at a local business and the fliers they passed out. River Clean report was given by Tara Fry, Chelsea & Justin Flood. Council BBQ and sweet shop discussion/review. Judging day - Oakvale is responsible for 5 judging displays. Ashley Olson met with committee members after the meeting to make sure all committee members know what they are responsible for. Achievement night report was given by record book and project medalists Tara Fry, Ashley Olson, and Macey Hammerstrom. 4-H Sunday was attended jointly with Oakvale 4-H and Kingsburg 4-H. The 4-H members read a bible verse and told about 4-H at the beginning of the church service. Halloween party committee is meeting Sunday 10-16-11 at 3:00 pm at Hammerstrom's to discuss party arrangements. Halloween party will be October 30th at 5:00 pm – costumes encouraged. New Business – Lcort discussion, see the Youth Talk for additional information – open to 7th to 9th graders. Club budget and plan of work were reviewed and approved by club vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Thank you Hodges for the refreshments.

NOTE: Some funding is available as well as opportunities for fund raising for these trips.

WASHINGTON FOCUS 2012

4-H members who will be 16 or will have completed the 10th grade by the date of travel; are eligible to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus program in Washington D.C. during the summer of 2012.

Washington Focus #1

| Heritage Trail I – June 24-30, 2012 | $1,840 |
| Road to Democracy – June 24-July 2, 2012 | $2,190 |

Washington Focus #2

| Heritage Trail I – July 8-14, 2012 | $1,840 |
| Global Journey – July 8-17, 2012 | $2,190 |

Meet 4-H’ers from across California while you expand your life skills and learn more about your community and state. An information packet will arrive in your county 4-H office by mid-October or information is available now on the web at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/. Registrations are due January 16. For questions contact Pat English at pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or 530-754-8520.

CALIFORNIA FOCUS 2012

June 15 - 19, 2012 $550

California Focus is a unique Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and historical, cultural, and government sites. California’s capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five day packed adventure. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H and have completed 8th grade

Happy Thanksgiving

From the staff at the CE Office.