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1 | State Record Book Judging @ UC Davis | |
1 | Emerald Star Project “Cool Bands” due to Ashley Olson 559-897-7950 | Nov. Issue |
3 | Toys due to UCCE Office for Kings Co. Foster Kids holiday Toy Drive | Nov. Issue |
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**Presentations Made Easy**

With the holidays just around the corner, vacation time will be here, a perfect time to work on your 4-H presentation! Are you still wondering how to put together a presentation and why this is such an important part of 4-H? Bring your questions to the Presentation Workshop scheduled for:

Saturday, December 8, 2012
10 AM to 12 noon
UCCE Multi-Purpose Room

This workshop will be very interactive. Please call 852-2730 to reserve your space by December 5th.

*(County Presentation Day is February 23rd!)*

For more information on presentations visit: [http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Presentations/](http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Presentations/)

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Deadline
4-H News articles due for *Youth Talk* – December 14th
Please send all articles to ~ gldiener@ucdavis.edu
Council News

There will not be a 4-H Council Meeting during the month of December. The next Council Meeting will be held—

Tuesday, January 7th at 7:00 PM at the UCCE Office
Host Club: Kings River

Many thanks to Kings Harvest, Grangeville and Guernsey 4-H Clubs for contributing gift baskets to the State Leaders Forum!

Youth Representatives Approved

Kings County has two youth representatives to the Sectional 4-H Council. They are:

Aimee Daniel from Grangeville 4-H
Paige McConnaughy from Grangeville 4-H

We look forward to keeping informed of Sectional Council activities via our new representatives.

4-H Display Contest Results

The results are in from the 4-H Week Display Contest.

1st place: **Kings Harvest** won $75.00
2nd Place: **Kings River** won $50.00
3rd Place: **Island** won $25.00

Congratulations! What a great way to advertise 4-H!

Kings Harvest display in the window of the Workingman’s Store.

You’re Invited to a Dairy Field Day!

Emerald Star Project by Macey Pearson

Saturday, February 9, 2013
10:00 AM
Kings Fairgrounds

Stations will include nutrition, showmanship, bedding, washing and show box, judging and veterinary science. Lunch is provided, prizes for all, and t-shirts to the first 25 who RSVP by January 15, 2013. Spread the word—Exhibitors from Kings and Tulare Counties are welcome to attend! Questions? Please contact Macey at 583-0240 or email: krclan@comcast.net.

To RSVP:

Name:_________________________________________ Age:_________ Shirt
Size:__________________________ Phone Number:__________________________
Address:_______________________________________________________________________
E-mail Address:_______________________________________________________________

Return the above information to: 2244 Charlie Chambers Drive Hanford, CA 93230.

Council BBQ Update

About 960 meals were served at the annual 4-H Council Barbecue held in conjunction with Judging Day.

Thank you to the many parents and leaders that worked so diligently to prepare and serve the delicious meal!

Also, a great BIG thanks to the many ticket sellers! You did a great job. If you still have money or unsold tickets, please return them to your Community Club Leader as soon as possible.
**A Zoo of Hugs**

The 2013 4-H State Fashion Revue Committee is requesting your help. I am chairing one of the community service projects, "A Zoo of Hugs." It is our goal to make huggable stuffed animals with embroidered faces for children in accidents, who are transported by ambulance and children removed from their homes by protective service. The committee will donate them to local Sheriff’s offices, Fire Stations or ambulance services after being displayed at the State Fashion Revue Contest on May 25, 2013. The pattern being used is a 2-piece stuffed animal pattern. Examples are McCall's pattern #5826 or baby Animal Softies at [http://www.allegrodigipatterns.com/baby-softies-pattern-by-precious-patterns.html](http://www.allegrodigipatterns.com/baby-softies-pattern-by-precious-patterns.html). Please help us help children in need.

Submitted by: Paige McConnaughy

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**E.M. Tharp & The World Ag Expo Announce**

**“We Believe in Growing” Scholarship**

World Ag Expo and E.M. Tharp, Inc. have teamed up for the seventh year to provide the "We Believe in Growing" scholarship, created to support agricultural education. High school seniors from Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings and Kern counties are encouraged to apply by January 18, 2013 to be considered. Two $10,000 scholarships will be awarded to students who attend a four-year university to major in an agricultural field. The scholarships will be disbursed over four years at $2,500 per year.

To be considered for the scholarship, students must submit two letters of recommendation; one copy of their high school transcripts; ACT or SAT scores and be graduating from high school during the 2012-2013 school year. You may download applications at: [www.worldagexpo.com/-we-believe-in-growing-scholarship](http://www.worldagexpo.com/-we-believe-in-growing-scholarship).

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**Leadership Conference of Regional Teens (LCORT) 2013**

There is still time to apply to attend LCORT!

- **Who:** 7th-9th grade 4-H members
- **Where:** Wonder Valley near Sanger
- **When:** January 25-27, 2013

**Cost:** Register to attend by December 1st- $145.00  
Registration : After December 1st- $155.00

**Questions?** Please Contact the UCCE Office at 852-2730. To apply: [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South_Central/LCORT/)

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**Christmas Cozy Feet Slipper Sock Drive**

Child Support Services is once again collecting slipper socks to be donated to seniors in Kings County.

- **Kind of sock:** Any slipper sock that has a skid proof bottom
- **Size:** One size fits all
- **Deadline:** Wednesday, December 19, 2012
- **Drop Off Place:** Kings County Child Support at 312 West 7th Street in Hanford or the UCCE Office
- **Questions?** Please call 852-2590 or email Connie.Warsh@co.kings.ca.us
County Judging Day Results
On November 10th, more than 85 4-H members participated in the County Judging Day. Thanks to the clubs and individuals that made this event possible.
High point awards were presented in each division for the junior and senior individuals as well as the junior and senior teams. These included:

**General Division:**
*High Point Senior:* Aleksandra DaFont - Kings Harvest
*High Point Junior:* Matthew Rosa - Kings Harvest
*High Point Senior Team:* Jacob Willhite, Kayla McCalvy, Ashley Daniel - Grangeville
*High Point Junior Team:* Matthew Rosa, Wyatt Ward, Jared Dragt - Kings Harvest

**Livestock Division:**
*High Point Senior:* Ashley Olson - Oakvale
*Junior High Point:* Jared Dragt - Kings Harvest
*High Point Senior Team:* Riley Cunning, Christian Czerewko, Lauren Black - Lemoore
*High Point Junior Team:* Jared Dragt, Mary Rosa, Colton Palomino - Kings Harvest

**Home Economics Division:**
*Senior High Point:* Ashley Olson - Oakvale
*Junior High Point:* Kent Sheldon - Kings River
*High Point Senior Team:* Jacob Willhite, Kayla McCalvy, Ashley Daniel - Grangeville
*High Point Junior Team:* Rosemary Czerewko, Regina Czerewko, Allison Rodrigues - Lemoore

Favorite Foods Fair & Place Setting Contests
The upcoming holiday is a great time to experiment in the kitchen testing some new recipes for the Favorite Foods Fair! Then, check out your cupboards and determine what dishes and decorations you will use for your entry in the Place Setting Contest. 4-H members may enter either contest or both. These competitive events will be held:

Saturday, February 23, 2013
Hanford West High School

For more detailed information about what an entry consists of visit the website:
http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/4-H_Events/Favorite_Foods_Fair-February/

Parents and leaders are invited to attend:
**Favorites Foods & Place Setting Planning Meeting**
Tuesday, December 11, 2012
1:00 PM
UCCE Office

Your input is important– please plan to attend!

Plan an Emerald Star Project!
The purpose of the Emerald Star Program is to provide Leadership opportunities to 4-H members who have completed at least two years of 4-H and are at least 14 years of age by January 1, 2013. (Completing an Emerald Star project is a requirement for those interested in applying to become an All Star.)
The Emerald Star project must demonstrate the member’s leadership ability, and the ability to work with others as well as the ability to plan and conduct a successful program of work.

Dates to keep in mind are:
**January 4th:** Applications due for Entrance interview
**January 17th:** Emerald Star Interviews
For further information: http://cekings.ucanr.edu/Kings_County_4-H_Program/Adult_Volunteers/4-H_Emerald_Star_Information/
**TC 4-H Summer Camp for Campers**

Start your plans now for summer! The Tulare County 4-H Camping Committee is inviting Kings County to participate in their 2013 TC 4-H Summer Camp. Campers, 4th grade (or 9 years old) through 9th grade, have the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors at the YMCA Lake Sequoia Campgrounds, Camp Gains located at the entrance of the Giant Redwoods. The lake front campground offers, fishing, boating and hiking. Adult and Junior camp staff organize and plan all year for great experiential activities such as, team building games, High Ropes courses and a climbing tower. Air Rifle, archery and crafts galore are offered as well. Evening activities include skits, singing, campfires and a dance! Fun and a great camaraderie!

The 2013 TC 4-H Summer Camp will be June 23-28, 2013. Fees will be $240 per camper and $140 for Adult Chaperones and Junior Camp Staff. (Fees subject to change with finalization of contract). Watch for camp registration to come out in January. For more information you can contact the Tulare County 4-H office at 559-684-3303.

**Leadership opportunity at camp for 10th grade and above**

The TC 4-H Camp Committee also invites Kings County 4-H members 10th grade and up to apply for a Junior Camp Staff position. The Committee is looking for enthusiastic, energetic and outdoor type 4-H members who are interested in holding a position of Junior Camp Staff.

**Eligibility:** To be qualified to hold a Junior Camp Staff position applicants must be in the 10th grade and above.

**Qualifications:**

- Has some experience in a camp program, preferably 4-H Camp if not a school, church, or other camp program a plus. This is not required and other experiences can be substituted.
- Has had experience in a leadership role and or as a Junior or Teen Leader demonstrating leadership abilities and maturity of judgment.
- Is willing to take an active role in the pre-camp planning stages as well as participate during camp week.
- Has initiative and enthusiasm.
- Enjoys being in the outdoors.
- Has some type of camp skills (i.e. crafts, hiking, sports, recreation, storytelling, song leading, and fishing) or willing to learn

**Applications:**

Applications can be found online at [http://cetulare.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Tulequoia_4-H_Camp/](http://cetulare.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Tulequoia_4-H_Camp/) or contact the Tulare County 4-H office at 559-684-3303.

**Due Date:**

Applications are due or postmarked no later than Friday, December 28, 2012, to the Cooperative Extension Office. No late applications or faxes will be accepted.

**Interviews:**

Interviews for Junior Camp staff are scheduled for Thursday January 10 at the Tulare County 4-H office. Letters will be sent out to applicants with a scheduled time and additional information.

The Tulare County 4-H Staff and Camp Committee are looking forward to a great summer at the 2013 TC 4-H Summer Camp.
Club News...

Delta View

The Delta View 4-H meeting was on October 8, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Royce Catena at 6:33 PM. Grace Quilty led the flag salute and Jennifer Ponce led the 4-H pledge. There was no Secretary report or treasurer’s report. Old Business: (no project meetings). New business: We had a speaker that talked about 4-H, her name was Georgene Diener. We talked about Judging Day and how we need to practice for this upcoming event. We also talked about Relay for Life and starting the community projects back up like delivering cards to the elderly. We were also talking about going to LCORT and how many people are going. BBQ tickets need to be sold and let the CC leader know how many were sold by November 1st. In closing, we discussed Achievement Night and how we need to attend to show club spirit. The meeting was adjourned by Royce Catena.

Submitted by Hannah Ellberg, 4-H Club Reporter

Grangeville 4-H Club won the “Spirit Stick Award” at County Judging Day on November 10, 2012.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UCCE Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. The workshop will be January 12, 2013 at 8 AM to 6 PM and January 13th from 8 AM to 4 PM. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as a county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or to receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

Happy Holidays from all the staff at the UCCE Office.
May 2013 be a prosperous year for you and your family!

Additional Dates....

Please add these additional dates to your 4-H Calendar-

- **Western Region Leader’s Forum**– March 21-24, 2013 in Hawaii
- **State 4-H Field Day 2013**– May 25 at UC Davis
- **4-H California Focus**– June 14-18, 2013
  Registration information will be available on December 30th.
- **4-H State Leadership Conference 2013**– July 25-28 at UC Davis
- **State Leader’s Forum** “100 Years & Thriving” November 8-10, 2013 at the Crown Plaza, Sacramento

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UCCE Office is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Georgene and/or Terrie are available in the UCCE office on Tuesday and Thursday. Other days of the week will vary. Please feel free to call the UCCE Office before coming in if you have a specific need, or to make an appointment.