Thank You!

Mr. Dino Giacomazzi was the recipient of “America’s Farmers Grow Communities” award sponsored by Monsanto. This award enabled Mr. Giacomazzi to specify community organizations to receive financial help. The Kings County 4-H Program received a gift of $2,500. Mr. Giacomazzi said “It’s probably the best (award) I’ve gotten, because the money is going to a good cause.”

4-H representatives receive a financial award from Mr. Giacomazzi and the Monsanto Representative.

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Deadline
4-H News articles due for Youth Talk – April 19th
Please send all articles to ~ gldiener@ucdavis.edu
Council News

The next 4-H council meeting will be:

**Tuesday, April 2nd** at 7:00 PM
UCCE Office
Host Club: Grangeville 4-H

Plan to attend, your presence is important! Topics of discussion include—Fashion Revue, 4-H Leaders & Sponsors Dinner, 4-H Fair, Council nominations.......

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**4-H FASHION REVUE**

**THEME: WRAP UP FASHION**

**Saturday, April 13, 2013**
Judging/Rehearsal: 9 am at LTA Hall, Lemoore
Fashion Show: 5 pm at The Remington, Hanford

*Family and Friends are invited to the Fashion Show.*

**Entry information: Kings County Fashion Revue**

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**Sewing Machines Needed!**

Youth at the Lemoore Naval Air Base enjoy some of the 4-H curriculum as group enrolled members through the 4-H Military Partnership. They are in need of used sewing machines. If you have a machine to donate, please contact the UCCE Office.

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**4-H Military Partnership**

**OPERATION: Military Kids**

April marks the nation’s “Month of the Military Child,” a time to honor our community youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, you are invited to join us in showing your support by being part of **Purple Up for Military Kids Day**. You are encouraged to wear something purple on **Friday, April 12, 2013**. This will be a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue.

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**Healthy Living Officer Position**

Are you looking for ways to integrate healthy living practices into your 4-H club?

**NEW** Starting in the 2013-2014 program year California 4-H will be adding a Healthy Living officer position to the 4-H Officer Manual. The Healthy Living officer will serve as the club’s ambassador for health! By choosing to elect a Healthy Living officer your club is taking an active role in promoting healthy lifestyles. The Healthy Living officer will be the leadership for all health activities including: providing ideas on how to incorporate physical activities and healthy eating into each club meeting, write Healthy Living articles for the club newsletter, and adopting and promoting a club Wellness Plan. Please help ensure that the health “H” of 4-H is at the forefront of all our meetings, consider electing a Healthy Living officer!

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**Sectional Presentation Day**

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**
Check in 8:30 a.m.
Rockford School, Porterville
Register on line by April 22, 2013

Eligible presenters must register online at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013SCPresentationDay](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2013SCPresentationDay)

**Judges are Needed!**

Adults are needed to serve as judges for Sectional Presentation Day. Kings County needs to send 1 judge for every 3 presentations sent. Do you know of anyone willing to serve as a judge? If so, please encourage them to sign up at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/13SC4HPDJudges](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/13SC4HPDJudges).

A Judges Orientation will begin at 8:30 AM. Once you register, a judge’s packet will be sent to you. The day should wrap up by 2 PM. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.
The Kings County 4-H Fair is the culmination of the 4-H year. This fun-filled event encourages members to enter their project work and compete for awards and receive helpful comments on their projects.

4-H Fair Books and entry forms are available from your Community Club Leader. Check with them for your copy. Fair information is also posted on the Kings County 4-H website.

**Important dates to remember**

- **Friday, April 12:** Entry forms due to UCCE Office for all livestock exhibits including dogs.
- **Thursday, May 9th:** Indoor exhibits are brought to the fairgrounds for judging – no pre-entry is required. Entry forms will be at the door and must accompany the entries.
- **Friday May 10th:** Livestock Shows-Poultry, Rabbit & Cavy, Goats & Beef
  - Beef & meat goat weigh-in
  - Dairy Heifer & Dairy Yearling Inspection
- **Saturday May 11th:** Livestock Shows-Dairy, Swine & Sheep
  - Large and Small Animal Round Robin
  - Awards Assembly

**All Kings County 4-H Fair exhibitors, including Indoor, Livestock, Rifle, Archery and Dog participants will receive a free Centennial 4-H T-Shirt.**

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### Kings County 4H Fair Dog Show

**Saturday, May 4, 2013**
Kings Fairgrounds
Check in: 8:30 a.m.

Participants must be enrolled in the Dog Project. See above website for more information.

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### 4-H Fair Rifle Match

**Sunday, May 19, 2013**
Check-in: 8 AM
Lemoore Sportsman’s Club
23310 Elgin Ave., Lemoore

Pre-registration is required.

Contact: Margaret Wilhelm, Tournament Coordinator at vb9mom@hotmail.com
See the website above for more details.

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### CENTENNIAL BANNER CONTEST

Celebrating 100 years of 4-H with Banners!
Each club is being asked to create a banner to celebrate our centennial-100 years and thriving!

The banners will be judged with the INDOOR EXHIBITS at the 4-H Fair on Thursday, May 9th. They will be on display at the Leaders Recognition Dinner on May 16th and the banner receiving the most popular votes that evening will be presented as the Kings County banner at the 2013 State 4-H Field Day on May 25th at UC Davis.

The banner can be made of any color felt.
30” wide at the top and approximately 36” at the longest point.
You can adjust the shape of your banner as you like.
Creativity is encouraged.
The banner must include the county name.
It can be decorated on both sides with any type of materials.

Please attach a 5/8” by 36” dowel at the top for hanging.
(no pre-entry required)
HELP NEEDED  April 6th

Do you know how to sew or know someone that does? If so, I need your help. My goal is to make as many huggable stuffed animals as possible for children in accidents, who are transported by ambulance and children removed from their homes by protective services. The problem is that the pattern is difficult so I’m reaching out to older kids, adults, sewing leaders or family members that can help. I am having a workshop on Saturday, April 6th from 10 to 1 pm at the UCCE Office on Campus Dr. Please bring your own sewing machine. I will have the patterns cut out so all you need to do is sew them. If you are interested in helping please contact me at 410-1625. The more we make, the more children we can help smile. Thank you!

Submitted by: Paige McConnaughy.

Tulare County 4-H Summer Camp!

June 23-28th

Start your plans now for summer!

The Tulare County 4-H Camping Committee has invited Kings County 4-H members to participate in their 2013 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 Camp Gains located at the entrance of the Giant Redwoods.

Camp fees are $240/camper. To register visit http://ucanr.edu/sites/4-H_Tulare/files/160391.pdf. Registration is due Friday, April 19th.

4-H STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM UPDATE!

4-H youth who are at least 16 years of age (as of January 1, 2013) but no older than 18 (as of December 31, 2013) and have been members for at least one year are eligible for the 4-H State Ambassador Program. Ambassadors make a 14- to 18-month commitment to the program beginning July 2013. State Ambassadors will complete a team plan of action with other ambassadors from their 4-H home section and will plan and facilitate the 2014 State Leadership Conference. The application deadline is April 15 and are available on the state website at: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Leadership/SA/.

Marketing & Recruitment Committee Meeting

Are you interested in helping the 4-H Youth Development Program expand and share the benefits of it with more families in our community? If the answer is yes, plan to attend the Marketing and Recruitment Committee Meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, April 30 @ 7:00 PM  UCCE Multi-Purpose Room

There will be an update on the progress made since the last committee meeting and topics for discussion will include the 4-H Centennial, National 4-H Week and strategies to improve publicity. Plan to attend and share your ideas!
Kings County Leaders & Sponsors Recognition Dinner

Thursday, May 16, 2013
Belle Bogan Building, Kings County Fairgrounds

All 4-H families are invited to attend the Leaders & Sponsors Recognition Dinner. The dinner will honor Kings County 4-H Leaders, the new Council Officers will be installed and the new All Star Candidates will be announced.

The help of all 4-H Clubs makes this event a success. At the April Council meeting, clubs will be asked to sign up for one of the following responsibilities—meat, rice, salad and dressing, green beans, desserts, rolls & butter, beverages, set-up, paper products, decorations and tablecloths, salsa and kitchen help.

Each club will need to send a 4-H member to assist with serving and all clubs are needed to help with clean-up.

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Nordstrom Scholarship Program

Apply now for a $10,000 scholarship! Nordstrom is excited to award $10,000 scholarship to 80 outstanding high school students and help them achieve their dreams of going to college. The Nordstrom Scholarship recognizes students across the country for their exceptional scholastic achievement and community involvement. The Nordstrom Scholarship is open high school juniors who:

- Have at least a 2.7 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) throughout high school.
- Volunteer or participate in community services or extracurricular activities.
- Plan on attending an accredited four year college or university
- Plan on applying for financial assistance in order to attend college

Application deadline is May 1, 2013 - winner will be notified by the end October 2013. For complete details and additional information, visit www.nordstrom.com/scholarship.

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National Volunteer Week April 15-21st

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 to inspire, recognize, and encourage people to seek imaginative ways to engage in their communities.

The Kings County 4-H Staff would like to thank each and every one of you for what you do to help make 4-H a premier Youth Development Program 4-H.

• Thank you for being a Club Leader! We appreciate you stepping up to this significant leadership role and for providing structure and a place for young people to belong.
• Thank you for being a Project Leader and for imparting upon youth the knowledge and skills that only you have.
• Thank you for stepping up to be a Master Trainer and for helping to disseminate and train other volunteers in 4-H Thrive—our approach to positive youth development.
• Thank you for being a Council Officer and helping to plan, promote, and carry out 4-H youth development work.
• Thank you for serving as a Committee Member, Event/Activity Volunteer, Resource/Key Volunteer, or in another volunteer role as you help to strengthen the program and provide opportunities for youth to grow, thrive, and reach their full potential.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME, TREASURES, AND TALENT!
2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports
Archery Match

It’s time to sharpen up your archery skills for the 1st Annual State 4-H Archery Match in partnership with the state 4-H shooting sports program and Mendocino County 4-H Council. **Entries must be postmarked by May 1, 2013 and returned by June 17, 2013.** Don’t wait until the last day to enter … once your entries are received the official match targets and scorecards will be mailed. 

Click below for: 
State Match Rules 
Entry Form

Golden Clover Award

The Golden Clover Awards recognize outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Golden Clover Award winners will be awarded a $500 cash award, a medallion and lapel pin (group recipients will be awarded lapel pins for every group member and one medallion per group). Award winners will be recognized on the State 4-H website and announced at the 4-H State Leadership Conference.

Applications must be completed online by May 1, 2013. The link is available on the 4-H state website at: [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/)

State 4-H Field Day

**Saturday May 25, 2013**

UC Davis Campus

The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. Between 1,000 and 1,400 people attend the event. The event has a "picnic" feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event. Events scheduled include State Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, 4-H My Plate Challenge as well as educational exhibits and county centennial banner display. For more information visit the state website.

4-H State Leadership Conference

**July 25-28, 2013**

UC DAVIS

California 4-H is celebrating 100 years.

This year’s theme is “There’s no Place like 4-H”.

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. For more information visit: [http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/). Financial aid applications will be available the first part of April on the State 4-H website. Consider applying for a scholarship to make the conference more affordable!

How Do You Speak 4-H?

Need some help deciphering these items - ORB, CAL, TLT, LCORT, WHY, UCCE, NCSCSF, TIC, UCANR, PDR, SA, R of R, APR, SFR, SLC, L.E.A.D.? Find the interpretations of 4-H ‘slanguage’ as you join with your 4-H colleagues for a weekend of celebration, a day of stimulating workshops, and an opportunity for networking with like-minded people.

Come to the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum (SLF) on Nov. 8 – 10, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza in Sacramento for translations with a fun crowd and a thesaurus to help. Visit the SLF Website: [http://ucanr.edu/slf2013](http://ucanr.edu/slf2013)
**California Agriculture License Plates**

This is a project spearheaded by the CDFA that begun about 5 years ago. The plates are being produced and can be ordered (http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf). Proceeds from the license plate sales will be used to support agricultural education programs. A small portion of the plate fee (about $1 per plate) will go into a fund every year when a plate is renewed or a new plate purchased. The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined. Please help spread the word about the new “California Agriculture” license plates. This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture industry’s innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders. For information visit: https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/egov/calagplate/.

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Contest ends April 15, 2013

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How your club can get involved?

- Enter the Parade
- Participate in the Festivities—have a concession type booth; food, crafts.
- Provide an Information/Community Booth
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Club News...

Kings Harvest 4-H
The Kings Harvest 4-H club held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 11th at 7 pm. Project reports were given. Several members attended and participated in Presentation Day, Food Fair, Place Setting and Western Classic Dairy show. And they all did very well! Plans are being made for many of our members to attend and give presentations at Farm Day this year. Upcoming events were discussed, such as, Judging day at the Hooper residence, Farm Day, Sectional Presentation Day and Fashion Revue. We are also continuing to work on our Centennial 4-H banner. We look forward to the upcoming events!
Submitted by: Raine Palomino, Club Reporter

Lemoore 4-H
Lemoore 4-H had their monthly meeting held at Cinnamon Elementary School on March 13th. We had our pledge of allegiance, 4-H Pledge and announced birthdays in which our Vice President Riley Jacobs was celebrating his 15th Birthday, which our entire club sang to him. We discussed old and new business and we are all excited about the 4-H Fair. Lemoore wishes everyone a great Easter and a fun Easter Break.
Submitted by Hailee & Madison French, Club Reporters

Delta View 4-H
February Meeting
The Delta View meeting was called to order by Royce Caetana at 6:43. Emily Ellberg led the 4-H Pledge and Julian led the flag salute. The Treasurer’s Report and the Secretary’s Report were read and approved. New business: Presentation Day was discussed our record books were handed back to us. Also it’s that time of year, we talked about getting our animals, building pens, and getting the supplies we are going to need to start our projects off right. Everyone was eager to get the New Year going strong. Old business: project reports were presented and some medals were given out to members that could not make the last meeting. The club had the first ever tie in the candy jar contest. The two winners decided to split the count and go in halves filling it back up. We ended the meeting at 7:13 and celebrated Paul Silva’s birthday.

March Meeting
On March 11th 2013, Delta View meeting was called to order at 6:41 by Royce Caetana. The flag salute was led by Emily Ellberg and the 4H pledge was led by Hannah Ellberg. There wasn’t a treasurer or secretary’s report. Project reports were given on Scrapbooking, Beef, Arts and Crafts, and those that attended and participated in the Fashion Revue and Favorite Foods. New business was all about the 4H Fair, it’s coming up fast. We talked about making sure everybody has their projects in the making. We made announcements of the dates that 4H Fair and Kings Fair entries for the indoor and livestock entries are due. We talked about the banners that each club needs to make to celebrate 100 year of 4H. The Delta View meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm and we enjoyed some cookies afterwards. Submitted by Hannah Ellberg, Club Reporter

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