Rancher’s Outlet Feed Seminar was a HUGE Success

Thank you to Rick & Cindy Vicini & Willow Springs 4-H Club for hosting this year’s feed seminar! It was standing room only with great information and great tasting food.

Student Job Opening for Amador Cooperative Extension

Interested applicants can apply online at: http://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=55150. Look at the back of the Diggings for more info.

Community Services

Teen Distracted Driving Community Engagement Guide

This guide features the tools you need to advocate for distraction-free driving in your community. Project ideas highlighted in the guide would also make a great Revolution of Responsibility 1,000 for $1,000 project. Visit http://digital.turn-page.com/issue/45249/3 to view the guide.

Word Can Work: Bullying Prevention

In this free, 90-minute webinar, teens and adults will learn more about what bullying is, including cyberbullying. The presenters use real-life stories to provide teachable moments. 4-H volunteers and teen leaders might find this training helpful for working with younger members and improving emotional safety at 4-H events. Visit https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/p36382529/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal to participate.

Win $5,000 For Your County!

Enter the Join the Revolution of Responsibility Video Contest for a chance to win $5,000 for your county 4-H program! This exciting contest launched today on our Facebook page encourages 4-H youth to submit their videos by April 30th, up to two minutes long, showing the world how they impacted their community. You changed your community - now share your 4-H story with the world!
Amador Fair Garden has an opening

The Fiddletown 4H is giving up there shade garden this year. It is one of the gardens that is to the right as you face the Floriculture Buildings.

If either of you want it or know of another youth group who might like to take it over please let me know.

Thanks.....

Kathy Simmons
Entry Department
Amador County Fair
(209)245-6921
“ Barn in the USA”

2012 State Leadership

4-H State Leadership Conference – Financial Aid Applications Applications will be released at the end of March and due at the end of April. Applications will be available at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

4-H State Leadership Conference – Registration Conference registration will be released mid-April and due in June. The complete registration packet will be posted at: http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/. For more information, please contact Carolyn Abrams at cmabrams@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-5644.

Color in the Garden: April 14th

Join Amador County Master Gardeners for a free class on April 14th and learn how to create a colorful landscape around your home. Find out how to plant hanging baskets and window boxes and keep them lush and vibrant throughout the seasons. See what kinds of colorful perennials are available right now from nurseries. Learn about which bulbs grow happily in our foothill setting. Keep your garden alive with color from the last of winter to the first frost of fall with these magical storehouses of easy-care perennials.

Lastly, come learn about the best annuals and perennials to grow for cutting. See how to stake plants and how to get larger flowers. Cut flower plugs will be available to purchase at this class from 9am to noon at the UCCE office, 12200-B Airport Road in Jackson. For more information contact Master Gardeners Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10am to noon at 209-223-6838 or email mgamador@ucdavis.edu.
California State Fair, Youth Art & Design Expo

**Deadline: April 13, 2012**

The Youth Art & Design Expo highlights the creative talents of California’s youth.

The competition is open to all California youth, ages 5-18.

There are many categories to enter in four shows:


There are no prerequisites for entry. Send in an Entry Form, an Entry Fee of $8, and an image of your artwork or craft on a CD. Winning entries are delivered or shipped to the fairgrounds and will be featured in a formal exhibit from July 12-29 during the California State Fair. All entry materials are available online at www.bigfun.org. For more information contact Michelle Johnson, Youth Programs Coordinator at 916.263.3189 or mejohnson@calexo.com.

Scholarships

**Higher Education Scholarships Deadline: April 30, 2012** The California 4-H Youth Development Program, with help from donors, offers statewide scholarships to graduating high school seniors and current college students to cover educational expenses such as tuition, books, room, and board. Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships but are only eligible to receive one scholarship per year. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply. For scholarship categories and application details, please visit: [http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/](http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/).

**Nordstrom Scholarship Program** - Apply now for a $10,000 scholarship! Nordstrom is excited to award $10,000 scholarships 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 to 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, 2012 - winners will be notified by the end of October 2012. For complete details and additional information, visit [www.nordstrom.com/scholarship](http://www.nordstrom.com/scholarship).
Agriculture Night with the River Cats

The Sacramento River Cats are hosting the 1st annual “Agriculture Night” at Raley Field on Thursday, April 26th against the Tucson Padres. Game time is 7:05pm.

Discounted tickets are available for 4-H and FFA members and their families.

This night will include a live country band in the Jackson Rancheria Home Run Terrace, and a River Cats Ranchland petting zoo!

BUY TICKETS NOW

https://oss.ticketmaster.com/html/go.html?l=EN&t=rivercats&o=3109918&g=11816

ENTER PASSCODE: farm

For more information about Agriculture Night, fundraising opportunities, and tickets please contact Samantha Bottari at (916) 376-4718 or sbottari@rivercats.com

Amador County Fair Fundraiser sign ups coming soon!

The Amador County Fair is once again hosting their 2nd Annual Fair Aide. This is a great fundraiser for our fair. 4Her’s that benefit from the fair need to work a shift at this event.

Some of the featured events will be:

- Dutch Oven Cook-Off
- Tri-tip Cook Off
- Lots of fun things for the kids to do
- Home & Garden Show

Friday, June 8, 2012 at 12:00pm until Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 5:00pm

Feed Barn Meat Bird Seminar

Feed Barn is hosting a Meat Bird & Showmanship Seminar on April 17, 2012 @ 5pm

Come and learn all about meat birds and 4-H Showmanship 11261 Prospect Drive Jackson, Ca. 95642
Look for changes this year to make sure the fair will be here for future generations!

Spread the word! Entry Book and forms will be online this month!

New this year **online entries only** (if you do not have internet access the fair will have computers available, libraries are also available, & the 4-H Ext. office) Project leaders will need to go to the fair to verify entries are accurate & to sign them.

**Livestock entry opens May 29th deadline is June 29th.**

**Amador County Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting**

JLAC will meet on: April 26th, June 28th with a year end wrap up BBQ/ Swim Party on August 11th. Meetings are held in the Fairgrounds Board Room at 6 PM

### 4-H Calendar of Events

#### April

- 4-H Home Arts Expo
- 28th, Duck Race 4-H Fundraiser

#### May

- 1st, 4-H Council Meeting-All Star Applications Due
- 26th, AC Fair Pre Weigh-In
- 26th, State Presentation Day & Fashion Revue

#### June

- 5th, 4-H Council Meeting & All Star Interviews
- 20th, Livestock Entries Due
- 8th-10th, Amador county

#### July

- 15th, AC Fair Pen Set Up
- 23rd, Decorate Livestock Pens
- 24th, Weigh In
- 26-29th, Amador County Fair

#### August

- 7th, 4-H Council Meeting
- 16th, Record Books Due
Amador County Council 4-H Officers

President: William Bullard
Vice President: Rielle Santinelli
Secretary: Carolyn Holmes
Treasurer: Valerie Anderson
4-H Program Coordinator: Larry Fossen

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:
will be held on May 1, 2012 at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

UCCE OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00 pm
Office is closed noon to 1:00pm.

Next Diggings: May 2012

Diggings Editor: Valerie 4hdiggings@gmail.com

Articles are due the 5th of the month.

Larry Fossen 4-H Program Coordinator
Thursday, April 26 at 7:05 p.m.
Gates open at 6:05 p.m.

vs. Tucson Padres
AAA Affiliates of San Diego Padres

ENJOY THESE BENEFITS:

★ Come visit River Cats Ranchland petting zoo
★ Live Country Band in Jackson Rancheria Home Run Terrace
★ Fundraise for 4-H and FFA
★ Miller Lite Thirsty Thursday
  $2 Miller Lites
★ Purchase discounted tickets from online link

rivercats.com/fullcountdiscount
Link: Agriculture Night
Password: Farm

For more information, please call Samantha Bottari
at 916.376.4718 or sbottari@rivercats.com

Catch the feeling.
Position Announcement

Student Assistant I

Application closing date: April 20th, 2012

The University of California Cooperative Extension Central Sierra is currently recruiting for a part time Student Assistant I. The main focus of the position is to provide general office support, assist with University research trials, collect data, data entry and analysis, and development of visual aids, under supervision. This position will be located in the Amador County office, located at 12200B Airport Road, Jackson.

Hours: Flexible, 0-20 hours/week as needed.
Timeline: Limited term position. May work up to June 30, 2013.
Hourly wage: $8.00
No experience required
Qualified candidates must have a valid California Drivers License and show proof of insurance.

Interested applicants can apply online at:
http://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=55150

Questions can be sent to:
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2012 CA 4-H Photography Contest
State 4-H Field Day
May 26, 2012
Hart Hall, UC Davis

Regular 4-H Members ages 9-19
*Enrollment in photography project not required*
Limit 2 photographs per participate!

Register at:
http://ucanr.org/4hphotocontest
*Deadline May 4, 2012*
For full contest details, visit:
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/

Got Questions? Contact:
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CA 4-H Photography Contest Coordinator
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