All Star Applications are Due May 4th!

The goal of the All Star program is to recognize the achievements of active 4-H members and to offer additional resources and opportunities for leadership, career and life planning. To become an Amador County 4-H All Star, you must meet the requirements listed below:

1. Be currently enrolled in 4-H.
2. Be at least 13 years of age by January 1 of selection year.
3. Have completed three years of club work. (Current year can count as number three)
4. Have attained the Gold Star Rank.
5. Be eligible for enrollment in the coming year.
6. Have demonstrated leadership abilities, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment.
7. Have made a significant contribution to the maintenance and expansion of the 4-H program.
8. Submit an All Star Application, Contract and your current 4-H Record Book to your Community Club Leader by May 21, 2010.
9. Submit two letters of recommendation with the above listed in #8 - one from 4-H Volunteer and one from a person outside 4-H (teacher, clergy, long-time friend).
10. The Community Club Leader will review all the information submitted by the All Star candidate.
11. The Community Club Leader will submit the Candidate's packet to the 4-H Office by 5 PM, May 28, 2010 Forms here

Kennedy Mine needs 4-Her’s

May 13th from 9-1 (yes, a Thursday) Kennedy Mine will once again host Pioneer Days for all of Amador’s 5th Graders.

The superintendent of Amador Schools has confirmed that students in Amador County may attend the Pioneer Day event and get credit for not being in class.

There will be a “farm” area set up and they are in need of farm animals and junior cowboys/cowgirls.

For more information please see the attached letter from Dennis Rice. pines-rus@volcano.net
Fiddletown

Nothing to report this month.

Gold Nugget

Angela P. led Amador County 4her’s on a quest to pick out meat goats from Wilton Boer Goat Ranch.

Having fun were: Heather, Morgan & Brittany T., Alisha & Calin D., Jesse V., Deanna & Kathryn S., Davey & Megan, Valerie & Chelsea A., Bobby C.

Ione Community

Nothing to report this month.
Jackson Gold Wheels

Sierra Eagles

Sierra Eagles 1st Annual Archery Tournament in Red Bluff. The course consisted of 14 paper targets and 14 3-D targets. A walking course that covered a fair distance presented quite a challenge for our youngest archer, 6 year old Rebecca R. who experienced difficulty navigating the rocky up and down terrain. Connor R. and Clayton H. both 12 years old and shooting in the Recurve Novice Division met the challenges very well. At the Awards Ceremony Connor finished in 1st Place and Clayton in 2nd Place in Novice Division. Caleigh R. 9, with a cast on her bow hand overcame the odds with her shiny green and silver compound bow to earn a 2nd Place in the Novice Compound Division and Rebecca 6 rounded out the competition with a 2nd Place in the Pee Wee Compound Novice Class! The day was complete with a giant raffle drawing. It was a great event put on by Leland and Jeanne George. Can’t wait to see you next year! Submitted by Carolyn Holmes

Shenandoah Valley

Shenandoah Valley Community Club picked daffodils & narcissus as a club at their last meeting and put them into bouquets as training for next year’s fundraising project.

The flower farm was generous to donate two fifty pound daffodil sacks that SV planted around the Shenandoah Community club.

That is roughly 5000 bulbs!

Reported by Jim Spinetta
Willow Springs

Nothing to report this month.

2nd Generation Fundraiser BBQ

The colors are **GREEN** and **WHITE**
The **GREEN** stands for growing, living things and the **WHITE** for purity and cleanliness

2nd Generation
Supporting Jr. Livestock Auction of Amador County.
Dinner, Music, Cocktails, Raffle Prizes & of course the Auction!
If you would like to donate items/gift certificates to the Raffle/Auction, please do so by May 10th.

The monies they generate benefits kids from our fair and it’s tax deductible!
To get more information contact Jason Wolin at (209) 274-2949 or click [here](http://ceamador.ucdavis.edu/newsletters.htm).
28th Annual CAL-AM Spectacular Goat Show

DATE: Saturday, May 1st

LOCATION: Amador Fairgrounds, Plymouth, Ca

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 27th

Look in the back of the Diggings for entries and further information.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

 providers Safe Wholesome Products for Consumers through 4-H Projects

The Quality Assurance Module is intended specifically for volunteer leaders and provides training, resources, and ideas to help prepare volunteer leaders to teach youth about quality assurance. This course was created in response to the need expressed by volunteer leaders throughout the state for an interactive on-line resource about quality assurance in 4-H livestock projects.

Is this your first time taking a course? Click here to register.

Rancher’s Outlet Feed Seminar

Look in the back of the Diggings for further info.
Date: April 22nd
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 6980 State Highway 16

Get directions here.

Feed Barn Feed Seminar

Look in the back of the Diggings for further info.
Date: April 28nd
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: 11261 Prospect Drive, Jackson

Get directions here.

Scrappies!!

Just a reminder from the fair:

Sheep and Goats not having Scrapies tags/tattoos at pre-weigh in will be charged a $25.00 fee.

Hog weights have changed for Amador Fair

ATTENTION SWINE MEMBERS: The fair has received notice from Yosemite Meats (who processes Amador County hogs for fair). They have had to change the weight requirement for butcher hogs.

They will only accept hogs weighing 215-300 lbs.

With that being said the Fair Weight Requirements have had to change also.

Feeder Pigs will top out at 214 lbs. and our Market hogs will base at 215 lbs. Any questions please contact your swine leaders or the fair.

Amador County Fair Board Meeting
May 13th @ 6 pm

I want to encourage the members and their families to attend the Fair Board Meetings that are held once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 6 pm in the administration building.

Plan on attending to make our Fair the best that it can be!

Amador County Fair

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7 am – 11am Poultry & Rabbit Declarations
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The Kennedy Gold Mine is hosting its second Pioneer Day for all Amador County Fifth grade students on May 13 from 9-1. We are very hopeful that our local 4-H students will attend this event. Although it is on a school day, it would be very educational and rewarding for our local 4-H kids to show the variety of animal projects to other county students.

On Pioneer Day we hope to set up a small farm area for students to observe as many varieties of farm animals as possible. We are especially interested in having 4-H students representing our historic ranching and farming past to help non-ag students see the importance of these skills in pioneer life and that those skills are still in use today in our community. As well as a variety of farm animals, we also hope to attract some of your Jr. Cowboys and Cowgirls to bring their horses, equipment to demonstrate the importance that the horse and rider played in the settling of the west.

As a retired local elementary teacher, I know that many of our young students never get the opportunity to visit our county fair. Pioneer Day could give over 350 fifth grade students and Special Needs kids a chance to see farm and ranch animal, and it would be a great community service for 4-h kids to share their project skills with their peers.

We would like permission to contact our 4-H leaders and see if there is any interest in participating in Pioneer Day.

Sincerely,

Mr. Price
Dennis Price
Pioneer Day Coordinator

P.O. 92
Pine Grove, CA 95665
Home: 296-3106
Email: pinesrus@volcano.net
Entry Fees:
$5.00 per animal per ring
$4.00 per animal if entering 10 or more animals per ring
$6.50 per animal per ring for late entries
Pen Fees: $5 per small pen, $10 for cattle pens. No Straw, please; shavings only;
Limited amount available for purchase. This saves our club a HUGE amount of money and labor.
Thank you.
Camp trailers staying overnight must be charged approx $12 per day by fairgrounds.
Entries must be post marked no later than April 27, 2010.
Mail entries to: Joyce Kitchener 9480 Sunflower Rd., Wilton, CA 95693
Please make checks/money orders payable to “CalAm GBA”, NO REFUNDS GIVEN

THESE SHOWS ARE SANCTIONED BY THE AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION AND ITS RULES SHALL GOVERN

The Junior and Senior shows are separately sanctioned.
The original registration certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older.
The original registration certificate or a duplicate application stamped by the ADGA office is required for all animals under six months of age.
All certificates and applications MUST be shown to the show secretary prior to the start of the show. No copies of the registration certificate or stamped application, telegrams, or phone calls will be accepted in lieu of the original certificate.

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP: 9:00 A.M. Ring 2. Junior and Senior Showmanship—please note on your entries which class you will be showing. Show whites required.

FOOD: Eldorado County 4-H Dairy Goat Group will be running a fantastic food booth. They will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the day
RAFFLE: Spectacular raffle will be held during the lunch break.
DONATED PRIZES GLADLY ACCEPTED!

HEALTH: No animal will be allowed to remain on the grounds with an open or balding abscess or with any other signs of contagious disease. The decision of the show committee is final. Spot checks will be made.

THIS SHOW IS ADGA (AMERICAN DAIRY GOAT ASSOCIATION) SANCTIONED & AGS sanctioned (AGS Sanction for Nigerian Dwarf Goats only)
PLEASE NOTE! Be here on time. Show will start PROMPTLY at 9am. Alpine owners qualify for express check-in.

Show Schedule:

Ring 1: Senior Doe Show, followed by the Junior Doe Show, which will begin prior to the lunch and raffle break (the lunch and raffle break will occur upon the conclusion of the Senior Doe Show in Ring 2), conclusion of Junior Doe Show to follow lunch and raffle break.

Ring 2: Showmanship (Junior followed by Senior) begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Senior Doe Show, and then the Junior Doe Show.

Senior Doe Show Order:

RING 1: Alpine, La Mancha, Saanen, Recorded Grade, Nubian, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, Oberhasli
RING 2: Alpine, La Mancha, Saanen, Recorded Grade, Nubian, Toggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, Oberhasli

Classes:
1. Yearling Milkers
2. 2 year olds
3. 3 year olds
4. 4 year olds
5. 5 year olds and over
6. Champion Challenge

Birthdates:
- born in 2009
- born in 2008
- born in 2007
- born in 2006
- born prior to 12/31/2005

Grand Champion Reserve Champion Champion Challenge
Best Senior Doe in Show

Junior Doe Show Order:

RING 1: Alpine, La Mancha, AOP (All Other Purebreds), Recorded Grade, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf
RING 2: Alpine, La Mancha, AOP (All Other Purebreds), Recorded Grade, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf

Classes:
7. Junior kids
8. Intermediate kids
9. Senior kids
10. Yearlings not in milk

Birthdates:
- born on or after April 1, 2010
- born March 2010
- born January 1, 2010 to February 28, 2010
- born in 2009

Grand Champion Reserve Champion Best Junior Doe in Show

ADGA, CAL-AM GOAT BREEDERS ASSN AND THE AMADOR COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLNESS, INJURY, OR LOSS OF ANIMALS, PERSONS OR PROPERTY. There will be no pre-show milk out. No health papers are required. ONLY SERVICE DOGS ARE ALLOWED!
ENTRY FORM -- please print clearly

OWNER____________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________ CITY __________________ ZIP _______

TELEPHONE ______________________ HERD NAME ______________________

EMAIL ____________________________

RING 1 _____ ANIMALS X $ 5.00 = $ __________
RING 2 _____ ANIMALS X $ 5.00 = $ __________
PENS, SMALL _______ X $ 5.00 = $ __________
CATTLE PEN ______ X $ 10.00 = $ __________
LATE ENTRY, PER HEAD, PER RING ____ X $ 1.50 = $ __________

10 OR MORE PER RING, DISCOUNT, - $1.00/HEAD = ($__________)

TOTAL $ __________

If needed to make a breed official, could you supply additional animals? _____ Breed? __________

Class No. _____ Breed ______________________ to be shown in Ring 1 ______ Ring 2 ______
Name ____________________________________ Reg # __________________ DOB __________
Owner __________________________________ Tattoo: RE _____ LE _____ Tail _______

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RANCHERS OUTLET
BE IN THE WINNERS CIRCLE

APRIL 22nd AT 6:00pm

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL FEED SEMINAR ON ASSOCIATED & SHOW RITE FEEDS

6980 Hwy 16 PLYMOUTH Ca.
209-245-6631

OPEN:
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Sat 9:00am- 5:00 pm
CLOSED SUNDAY

2009 AMADOR COUNTY FAIR
FEED PROVIDER OF 10 CHAMPIONS

REFRESHMENTS SERVED
COME JOIN US- LIVESTOCK SEMINAR
4/28/10- 6:30 P.M., THE FEED BARN
11261 PROSPECT DRIVE, JACKSON
PURINA SHOW FEED SPECIALIST – GRETCHEN RICHARDS

NUTRITION
SHOWMANSHIP
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
CALL OR COME IN TO SIGN UP 223-2809

FOOD*  PRIZES*  QUESTIONS ANSWERED & FUN!!!!