El Dorado County Presentation Day was on Saturday, February 25th at the Folsom Lake College – El Dorado Center. The day began with judge’s training, conducted by Kerri Schnetz. While the judges were being trained, the room coordinators and doorkeepers, most of whom were also presenters, were also training. They all did an excellent job! Everyone assembled at 9:00 am for the opening ceremony run by one of El Dorado Counties finest All Stars, Devan M. Devan M. directed the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4H Pledge. After some final instructions, presenters, parents, friends and judges were dispatched to the various rooms.

A little more than 3 hours later we reassembled for the final Share the Fun presentation. Devin M. then distributed the awards earned by our presenters. The judges commended all the presenters on their efforts in preparing and delivering interesting and informative presentations. There were a total of 52 presentations at this year’s Presentation Day!

Thank you to all the volunteer judges, room coordinators, doorkeepers and event staff. It takes every one of them to make the day a success. The biggest thank you goes to Bonnie Bayard who was the 2012 Chairperson. Bonnie has been doing this event for many years, and this event runs very smoothly which means Bonnie is very organized!

If you missed this day, you missed one of the finest outings in a well-rounded 4H experience. Plan now to participate or attend next year. (Remember, presentations are one of the required elements to advance in star rankings!).

The event ended with a few tears as Bonnie and Devan M. presented Carol Martin with a goodbye card and flowers. Todd White followed with a heart-felt speech as a send-off for Carol who is leaving 4H to take a job with the county.
“4H Lifer”

I am writing to say farewell. I am retiring from my position as the 4H Program Representative after 13 years of service. It has been a wonderful experience. I thank all of you for the opportunity to be part of this amazing extra-curricular educational experience called 4H. 4H will always be a part of my life.

What is a “4H Lifer”? It is the label I developed for my introduction at meetings, events or presentations. When I would have to state my years in 4H, I became very aware it has been all my life except the first 8 years! At age 9, I started in the 4H program raising a sheep. Of course, I joined 4H because I loved animals. What happen next I did not plan. I became immersed in 4H culture. I held every officer position over the years I was in 4H, ending with holding the office of President for my club. I learned parliamentary procedure, committee process, planning and holding an event, presentation skills, community service, leadership, and so much more. 4H opened the door to a world I had never knew even existed and it changed my life.

I have had the pleasure of raising my children in 4H. I acted as club leader, project leader and a list of different roles as many of you have done the same. Then starting in January of 1999, I became the 4H Program Representative which brought me to the greatest challenge I ever faced in 4H. As the leader of the full program, I actually had to rally up all the skills I had learned to lead a team effort to make El Dorado County 4H the best program ever!

It took time! But in a team effort letting everyone have their say about the vision and mission may seem time consuming. But if the team doesn’t help shape the vision and mission, they won’t be invested in its success. To own it, everyone must have the opportunity to share their thoughts throughout the development. Leading a team takes time, patience and respect.

With great pride, I share with all of you in the team effort that built a strong middle management to support needed change. Through strategic planning holes in the program were identified such as lack of communication, support for leaders, youth not being utilized as decision-makers and the list of many more. Next step was action oriented plans to fill in those holes and strengthen the fabric of the program. Today El Dorado County has a vested group of volunteers that serve as a strong middle management team to support the many aspects of the program. Those dedicated leaders that hold the middle management positions give countless volunteer hours to provide high quality extra-curricular educational programming to “Make the Best Better”.

I am humbled by the experience of working with many dedicated youth, adults and 4H staff. El Dorado County has become a forerunner in youth development. Specifically, part of the team’s vision and mission was to put youth in the highest leadership roles as board members of the County Council. History is being written as the buzz on a state level reflects other county 4H programs interest in learning more in regards to this innovative change. Anyone who attends a County Council meeting will witness youth and adults working in partnership to set plans for El Dorado County 4H.

I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to use all the resources I gained from being a 4H member in the most challenging leadership role I had the pleasure of holding the past 13 years.

Yes, a lifer! I hope to see all of you at the chili-cook off. My daughter (a lifer too :) ) and I will be Chili Cooks in the open non-profit category. My daughter is in the process of starting a non-profit to protect wild mustangs. She will use all those skills she learned in 4H to become the lead, to form a team, and to make a difference. I have seen so many of you do the same by giving your time, being patience and respecting others. Be a “4H Lifer”.

One last word, next fall I will be back to volunteer! Darla Edwards, Nigerian Goat Leader, has generously offered to let me join her team!

Wishing you all the best, Thank you,
Carol Martin
El Dorado County’s 4H Youth Leadership Development

THANK YOU!!!
The spaghetti feed was a huge success due to the outpour of community support.

The California State Leadership Conference information can be seen at:
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/

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Record Book Workshop
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
6:00 p.m.
Building C Hearing Room,
2850 Fairlane Court,
Placerville.
This event is for both 4Hers and their parents.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for spotting unclaimed funds
EDITOR:
Thank you Blue Ribbon Personnel Services.
In October 2010 El Dorado County 4H received an envelope from Blue Ribbon Personnel Services. They had found some unclaimed El Dorado County 4H funds being held by the state of California.
After more than a year we were able to claim the funds. Thanks to Blue Ribbon for looking out for others in the community. El Dorado County 4H was able to recover more than $600.

SHERRY T. PHILLIPSEN, Treasurer
El Dorado County 4H
Shingle Springs
The winners for the pop tops are:
1. Dusty Dividers
2. Mother Lode 49ers
3. Shingle Springers

Here is the weight for each club
Mother Lode 49ers 570
Latrobe 90
Happy Sundowners 85
Dusty Dividers 630
Gold Hill Toppers 270
Shingle Springers 860

Dusty Dividers will receive a $100 for collecting the most pop tabs

Ronald McDonald Houses collect pop tabs instead of entire aluminum cans because it’s more hygienic to store tabs than cans, and collection and storage is easier. The program is an easy way for people of all ages to support RMHC and know they are making a difference for families and children.

Why?

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline

Lakeport, CA
March 17 & 18, 2012

A Rifle Trainer course will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 17 & 18, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Lakeport, at the Konocti Rod & Gun Club. Upon successful completion of this course, 4-H leaders will be certified as Trainers in the shooting sports discipline of rifle. They can then lead a club/camp project or certify volunteer leaders. There is a $25.00 fee for the course. Breakfast and lunch will be provided both days. You must be an appointed 4-H volunteer to attend.

Please send the Training Request Form found at, http://celake.ucdavis.edu/files/135991.pdf, and fees payable to “Lake County 4-H Council” to UCCE Lake County, 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453.

For more registration information contact Julie Frazell at (707) 263-6838 ex. 119 or jfrazell@ucdavis.edu. If you have questions about the course, contact the instructor, Rick Walker at (707) 994-7531. This training is not available to Santa Cruz and Ventura county volunteers.

4-H Camp 2012

There have been a few changes for our camp this year. Camp Silver Lake is not expected to open this year due to financial trouble. But we will have camp. New this year is our location, a earlier camp date and a limit on the number of campers our county will be allowed to send this year.

Location: Camp Sylvester - Pinecrest, CA
Date: June 18- 21st. (note: this is the day after fair)
Cost: $138.00 per camper or JC.
Campers - limit of 20 participants (18 campers and 2 adult chaperones)

We will have a one day sign up for camp in April. Look for the information in the April newsletter.
Camper applications will be taken on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. We cannot hold any spots.

If you have questions about the camp, please contact Mary Hill - fourhrabbit@aol.com
Our Southside Swine group went down to UC Davis to visit the Swine Barn and to check out the pigs. On Feb 4th they are going to have an open auction of show pigs. The group went on a tour of the facilities which included 4 different nurseries, delivery room equipped with farrowing crates for each sow, and outside pens filled with Boars and Gilts waiting for dates. We practice identifying ear notches and choosing a good pig. We got to watch castrating and giving shots of iron. Kaylee Ladner, our project leader last year, is now the vet student in charge of the swine unit at UC Davis, gave us a chalk talk about confirmation and health issues. Thanks Kaylee for your time!

Nick B., Southside Topnotch President

The fair book is out! Print the pages you need & mark the dates on your calendar! Check all the different entries, because some dates are different. http://www.eldoradocountyfair.org/entry.html

Also, for those who want to have a camp site at fair.... Fair RV signup date is Monday, March 26. Line can form at 7:00 am; Fair Office will open at 9:00 am. Again, this year it is first come, first served. ~GOOD LUCK!!!
• 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/.

• The 2012 State Fashion Revue Committee announces a new Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/pages/California-4-H-State-Fashion-Revue/370182272997395. Check back frequently to view updates and information. We invite you to participate in State Fashion Revue. If you are a 4-H Fashion Revue county winner, then you may qualify for SFR. One delegate per county in each category and age group may participate. Registration for State Fashion Revue opens on April 1st at http://uca4r.org/sfr12. The final entry deadline is May 12, 2012. SFR is sponsoring two community service projects: Quilts for Wounded Warriors and the Million Pillowcase Project. For more information, check out our Facebook page or go to http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/.

• The State Fashion Revue committee has assembled resources on the SFR webpage for project leaders and members. For information about sewing, modeling, garment analysis, and community service ideas go to http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/SFR/ and scroll down the page. The order form for an educational discount on Gingher scissors is posted with a link to the Gingher website. The discount is available for 4-H project leaders and UCCE county offices. Members of the SFR committee helped write the new 4-H Project Sheet for Clothing and Textiles project, http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/.

• Golden Clover Awards  
Deadline: May 31, 2012  
The Golden Clover Awards recognize the outstanding achievements of members, volunteers, program staff, and groups within the 4-H Youth Development Program. Individuals and groups may apply or be nominated in multiple categories. Golden Clover recipients will be awarded a $500 cash award, a medallion, and a lapel pin. For award categories and application details, please visit: http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/.

• Statewide 4-H Advisory Committees  
The statewide 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP) Advisory Committees are accepting applications for recruitment. If you are a 4-H member, recent alumni, 4-H adult volunteer, 4-H YDP staff, or County 4-H YDP staff and have a desire to work in a collaborative team setting, we encourage you to apply. Statewide 4-H YDP Committees offer insight, review and input for the operation and management of the statewide 4-H YDP to the Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy. Applications are due to the State 4-H YDP Office postmarked by May 31, 2012. For more information, go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Advisory_Committees/.

• Join the 4-H Technology Leadership Team  
Applications due May 31, 2012  
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/CTLT/  
Do you have an interest and experience in technology? Think about joining the 4-H Technology Leadership Team! 4-H members age 16 and older and 4-H volunteers may apply. Candidates must have some type of technology experience where he/she could lead an hour workshop. Technologies could include photography, video, website design, social media, hardware, GPS/GIS, computer support, graphic design, 3D imaging, smartphones, programming, biotech, engineering, technology & society.

• State 4-H Film Festival  
May 26, 2012  
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/State_4-H_Film_Festival/  
Submit a film for the State 4-H Film Festival by May 4, 2012! The 4-H Film Festival theme for 2012 is “4-H Revolution of Responsibility.” Are you or a 4-Her you know making a difference in the community? Share your story of leading positive change through multimedia. The Festival will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis.

• State 4-H Photography Contest  
May 26, 2012  
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/Photo/  
Do you enjoy photography? The California 4-H Photography Contest is designed to provide an opportunity for regular 4-H members (ages 9-19) to showcase their best photographs taken within the past 4-H year. The event will be held on May 26, 2012 at UC Davis. Photographs must be submitted by May 4, 2012.
28th Annual Natural Resources Science Camp for High School Students - 2012 Applications now Available

Mark your calendars for this great opportunity!

April 20th is the deadline for submitting applications for Range Camp! Range Camp is a week-long camp experience for students ages 15-18 who have an interest in the science and conservation of natural resources in California. The camp, celebrating its 28th year, is put on by the California-Pacific section of the Society for Range Management. Students learn plant identification, principles of livestock and wildlife management, forestry, fire ecology, hydrology and water quality, geology and soils, and management of stream and river environments. Field activities include learning to read wildlife ‘sign’, outdoor navigation with compasses, maps and GPS, forest management, a tour of a working ranch, and a beach BBQ. Sessions are taught by faculty from the University of California, staff from local, state and federal agencies, and private professional scientists and natural resource management specialists. Range Camp runs from June 17th-22nd at the University of California’s Elkus Youth Ranch just south of Half Moon Bay. Information and applications are available at http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html. Cost is $400.00. Applications will be considered after the deadline on a space available basis.

This is a unique opportunity for students thinking about college to learn about university-level courses of study in agriculture and natural resources, and for students looking for job opportunities to talk with a variety of professionals whose careers touch on their areas of interest.

The Society for Range Management will send the top two campers as representatives to a national high school youth forum held concurrently with its annual science conference in Oklahoma City, OK in February of 2013.

In addition, most local Resource Conservation Districts are willing to help sponsor students. If you need help finding a contact for your local Resource Conservation District please contact:

Northern California: Mary Kimball, (530) 795-1520 mary@landbasedlearning.org
Central California: Theresa Becchetti, (209) 525-6800 tabecchetti@ucdavis.edu
Southern California: Cece Dahlstrom, (619) 532-2269 carol.dahlstrom@navy.mil
What an amazing turnout for El Dorado County Presentation Day! We gathered at the El Dorado Center of the Folsom Lake College bright and early Saturday morning. There were an astounding 51 presenters with a total of 44 presentations, which was more than double from last year! Thank you so much to our amazing 4-Hers and their families! This was such a wonderful experience and it couldn’t have happened without the cooperation and hard work by many dedicated volunteers. Here is a list of the presenters by club:

**Shingle Springers:**
- Katelyn C.
- Natalie B.

**Dusty Dividers:**
- Rachel C.
- Simone B.

**Latrobe Outlanders:**
- James S.
- Kyle S.
- Kristi S.
- Levi S.
- Tara S.
- Zachary S.

**Mother Lode 49er’s:**
- Abigail P.
- Caleb P.

**Square Shooters:**
- Amy D.
- Evan R.
- Rebecca S.

**Southside Topnotch:**
- Jarrett D.
- Payton D.

**Happy Sundowners:**
- Meiko D.
- Toby J.

We have the following going on to Sectionals on March 31st at UC Davis:

- Melinda C. – Dusty Dividers
- Shannon J. – Dusty Dividers
- James S. – Dusty Dividers
- Kyle S. – Dusty Dividers
- Kristi S. – Dusty Dividers
- Tara S. – Dusty Dividers
- Zachary S. – Dusty Dividers
- Toby J. – Happy Sundowners
- Jacob G. – Latrobe Outlanders
- Rachel G. – Latrobe Outlanders
- Chloe S. – Latrobe Outlanders
- Abigail P. – Mother Lode 49ers
- Caleb P. – Mother Lode 49ers
- Adrianna N. – Shingle Springers
- Jarrett D. – Southside Topnotch
- Payton D. – Southside Topnotch
- Alara P. – Southside Topnotch
- Anna H. – Southside Topnotch
- Maddie S. – Southside Topnotch
- Julia S. – Southside Topnotch
- Breanna W. – Southside Topnotch
- William W. – Southside Topnotch
- Seth W. – Southside Topnotch
- Shane W. – Southside Topnotch
- Rebecca S. – Square Shooters

We couldn’t have done it without our judges, room coordinators and door monitors! A very special thank you goes out to:

**Judges:**
- Devin B. (teen judge)
- Gary Bayard
- Jose Crummett
- Mary Davis
- MaryAnn Harper
- Myra Lowder
- Jessica Mosack
- Thalia Pearce
- Gina P. (teen judge)
- Cristen Phillipson
- Sherry Phillipson
- Paul Phillipson
- Kerri Schnetz (also handled the judge’s training)
- Chandra Schreck
- Nancy Starr
- Todd White

**Room Coordinators:**
- Amy D.
- Tara S.
- Levi S.
- Maddie S.
- Kristi S.
- Shane W.

**Door Monitors:**
- Alison B.
- Jarrett D.
- Payton D.
- Aalara P.
- Ryan S.
- Seth W.

And a very special thank you to the following:

Tobi Gray – for preparing and running the Judging Contest and being an amazing co-leader! Thank you so much Tobi!

Devan M. – our All Star who MC’d the opening and closing, including handing out all the awards, and helping with games to keep everyone entertained during the time scores were being calculated.

PJ R. – who handled the Room Coordinator and Door Monitor training as well as assisting Devan with the games and keeping everything running smoothly.

Deanne Repetto – for going through all the hoops to get the venue and make sure that the rooms were ready and helping make sure everything ran smoothly.

Carol Martin was also in attendance and was surprised by a bouquet of flowers from the All Stars and a card signed by everyone present along with a gift certificate to Café Luna.

Again, congratulations to all our presenters! Thank you so much for making this such a wonderful Presentation Day!
HOME ARTS DAY

I am looking for volunteers to help chair the following categories:

• Fiber Arts  • Cooking  • Table Settings  • Photography
• Rocketry  • Woodworking  • Arts & Crafts  • Needle Art
• Sewing  • Fashion Revue  • Set Up/Clean Up  • Registration
TBD - I know there are other categories that will arise.

Thank you everyone.  Julie Winter

CAL Conference

On January 27-29 El Dorado County participated in CAL conference which stands for Create A Leader. Five delegates from Southside Top Notch attended this conference, who included Anna Marie R., Breanna W., Bryce A., PJ R., and myself (William W.). At CAL conference everyone had a great time learning about science, stress rehab, etiquette, and planning your own party. We also got to meet some great speakers who talked to us about the Million Trees Project, THRIVE, and being a better leader, by leading by example. We also enjoyed activities like a campfire, dance, and scavenger hunt. All of these events made CAL a great conference, plus all the boys liked being on staff. Staff applications are available for anyone who wants to be on staff next year, requirements and applications can be found on the state 4-H web page at www.ca4h.org/files/75537.pdf.

By: William W.
County Wide Nigerian Dwarf Project

Why join the Nigerians group you may ask yourself? The best reason is that we have lots of fun in the project. It is a breeding project and you have goats 24/7. Some say that it is a lot of work, it is not like the market projects were you get your animal in Feb and they are gone by June. We also don’t make very much money. We sell babies in the spring time. They bring from $50 for a wether (that is a fix boy) to very expensive show does, most of our Does go for around $300. Most of us in the project also have made goat soaps, lotions, cheese, and deserts from the milk we get from our goats. It takes a while to learn to milk but it is a great skill to know if you are serious about the project. Two really exciting field trips we went on in our project were the ultra sound trip and UC Davis Goats days. This year is our 5th ultra sound day; John Openshaw is an ultrasound practitioner from the Modesto area. John comes to Darla house (one of our leaders) and we set up a stanchion and all the 4-Hers in the project can bring their animal to see how many babies their does are pregnant with. John can point out heart beats, skull size, embryo age, and yes even the sex of some the kids. For the most part everyone is very excited about the babies but every once in a while there is an open doe (one who is not pregnant) and that is very sad for the owner. John is always willing to teach as we go along.

UC Davis goat day covers AI (artificial insemination), Ultra Sound, Health Exam and how a Necropsy is actually done. Every year Davis also does milk testing licensing. The best class at goat day was on Cheese making which is also a new goat project you can join next year. You don’t even have to have a goat to join.

All in all El Dorado’s Nigerian goat project is having a blast this year. We have over 50 4-Her’s in the group, how fun is that.
Thursday, April 26 at 7:05 p.m.
Gates open at 6:05 p.m.

vs. Tucson Padres
AAA Affiliates of San Diego Padres

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

Catch the feeling.
2010-2011 El Dorado County Council 4-H Officers

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New photo coming soon!

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