On my eleventh birthday, my grandma gave me a gift of a riding lesson on a wonderful horse called Angel. I knew after that how much I wanted to ride horses and to learn as much as possible. I didn’t know how this would happen, but we checked into 4H to see if there was a way I could start learning about horses. I joined 4H and it helped me learn about horses and helped keep my dreams alive. I went to as many 4H horse events as possible. I watched as many shows as I could. I did everything I could to find a horse to ride. It was hard being in a 4H horse project when I was the only one without a horse, but at least I was around horses. We tried to foster a camp horse, Smokey, for the 4H season. That didn’t work out as I hoped, but I learned some valuable lessons. I wasn’t going to give up. I continued to go to as many horse summer camps as possible and I didn’t give up on my dream to someday be on my own horse, to someday ride in a show, to someday be in the arena and have my number called, and to someday ride forward to get a ribbon.

This year I was able to lease a horse. My hopes were that this would finally be my year. I was so excited to have a horse to show!!! The day finally arrived for the 4H Fuzzy Wuzzy Horse Show. I wasn’t sure if I would make it, but my leader made a special trip to get my horse for me to the show. I was so happy to be at my first show. It was my dream come true. I couldn’t believe it when I heard my number called to get my ribbon! I came home with 3 Blue ribbons and 3 Red ribbons. I was so proud of my horse Tomahawk. It was his first time at the arena and his first show too! We worked as a team and it felt wonderful to finally be in the arena instead of on the side watching and cheering others on. This was my day to hear others cheering for me. I am so thankful to be part of the 4H horse project. I’m so glad there is an El Dorado County 4H where I can belong. I never gave up on my dream. I hope this is the first of many shows for my future. I hope I can do well at our County Fair and my dream is to show at State Fair. Who knows what’s beyond. I know I’m glad I didn’t give up. My someday finally came~

Thank You,
Faith R.
Age 16
Gold Hill Toppers
2012 El Dorado County 4H Chili Cook-Off
Round Up ~ Ag Expo
Saturday, May 5th * 10am
El Dorado County Fairgrounds

PUBLIC IS WELCOME! • FREE ADMISSION!
CHILI COOKS AND CRAFTERS WANTED!

Family Fun • Chili Cook Off

Saturday May 5th 10am – 4pm - FREE ADMISSION!
Chili Tasting $5 per person. Chili Cooking starts at 10am!
Chili Tasting & Judging at 1pm by Professional Judges
and by Popular Vote

Local Crafters • Dove Release

More information at
http://ucanr.org/chilicook-off&agexpo
Please call the 4-H Desk for more information 530-621-5503
or edc4h@ucdavis.edu
Purchase your tasting tickets @ Windfall, Minuteman,
Arnolds for Awards, Cool Feed & Ranch Supply,
D & D Income, and UCCE 4-H Office

Youth Ag Expo/Animal Show • Demo's

Craft Sale • Silent Auction

Live Music Awe-D-Sea

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BRIDGES BBQ RENTS
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 on April 6, 2012 starting at 5pm.

Camper applications will be taken on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. We cannot hold any spots.

If you would like additional information, please contact Mary Hill - fourhrabbit@aol.com

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!

National Robotics Week is April 7-15, 2012

The purpose of National Robotics Week is to educate the public about how robotics technology impacts society, both now and in the future and inspire students of all ages to pursue careers in robotics and other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math-related fields. Learn more at http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org/.

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!!!
New guide dog pups in training

The El Dorado Second Sight-Paws for the Blind Club recently welcomed two new puppies from Guide Dogs for the Blind (guidedogs.com).


Gina Phillipsen is raising Carnival, a female black Lab born on Nov. 2, 2011, and picked up on Jan. 15. Both girls are raising the dogs through the countywide 4H Guide Dog program.

This is the first guide dog puppy for Ali, and it is Gina’s second puppy.

At approximately 8 weeks old, the puppies are picked up from the organization’s headquarters in San Rafael. They embark on a journey to meet their new puppy-raising families, who will raise them for the next 14-18 months. The puppy raisers teach the dogs to have excellent house manners and socialize them to the world by introducing them to new people, places and experiences.

Raisers then return their dogs to Guide Dogs for the Blind for several months of formal training. The dogs are then matched with blind students enrolled in the in-residence training. Raisers are invited to formally present the dog they have raised to its new partner in a public graduation ceremony.

Guide Dogs for the Blind has been creating lifelong partnerships to people throughout the United States and Canada since 1942. Services are provided free-of-charge. The organization receives no government funding, relying solely on private donations.

For more information about the El Dorado Second Sight-Paws for the Blind Club, contact Kim Burkhardt at kim.burkhardt@pacbell.net or El Dorado County 4H - Guide Dog Project contact Sherry Phillipsen at phillipsen@sbcglobal.net.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Rifle Discipline

Tulare, CA

Saturday, April 14, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 15, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Rankin Field Range, 20000 Road 140 in Tulare. 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 county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz or Ventura Counties).

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: http://tcdsa.org/
Chili Cook-Off Entry Form
Saturday, May 5, 2012, El Dorado County Fairgrounds
Check-in/set-up 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., event opens at 10:00 a.m.
and tasting/judging begins at 1:00 p.m.
Entry Form Deadline: Until 40 Spots are filled!

Name: ___________________________________________________
Team Name (if applicable) ____________________________________
Chili Name: _______________________________________________
Contact Phone: ___________________ Email: ___________________________ (please print)

Categories Include (circle one):
1) 4-H Members (requires adult partnership)
2) Youth Community (requires adult partnership) i.e. youth nonprofits, team sports, your family
   3) Adult Community i.e. businesses, non-profits, dad, mom, neighbor
   4) Dignitaries, Candidates and Local Officials

Enter your Chili (Chili Cook-off) per Booth $20
Make checks payable to: El Dorado County 4-H County Council
UCCE, 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667
For more info or questions call/email the 4-H desk 530-621-5503, edc4h@ucdavis.edu

Rules and Regulations:
• Entrants will supply their own propane stove/BBQ, tables, chairs, EZ Up tents, table cloths, paper towels/napkins, trash bags, ingredients, cookware, etc. No electricity available. Chili side dishes/condiments: cheese, onions, salsa, guacamole, chips, cornbread are encouraged.
• All utensils & equipment need to be contained into a 10’ X 10’ space. Decoration of booths is encouraged, but not required. (No vehicles allowed near tent area)
• Provided will be 2 oz. tasting cups and spoons.
• All Chili must be cooked on premises. Preparation of food such as chopping, cutting etc. is allowed off site.
• Entrants will cook a minimum of 2 gallons of chili. 4-H is looking to serve several hundred people, so remember “cooks with more chili often do well.”
• Check-in/set-up 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., follow signs. You will be able to drive onto fairgrounds to setup, but all vehicles will need to be moved to the designated parking by 9:30 a.m.
• Chili will be judged by Professional Judges and by Popular Vote. $50 prize each - overall winners for both categories. 1st 2nd & 3rd recognition for winners for both Professional Judges and Popular Vote.
I agree to all rules and regulations:
Signed________________________________  Date: ________________

All ENTRY proceeds from Chili Cook-Off & Craft Vendors booths and will go to benefit El Dorado County 4-H Youth Development Program. Helping young people discover and develop their potential.
El Dorado County
4H youth leadership

presents...

FREE!!!

Movie Night after Kids Expo

• April 14th
• 5:00 to 8:00 PM
• Marshall Building at
  the El Dorado County Fairgrounds

• Movies: "Hugo" & "Puss in Boots"
• Tickets available for food

AND FUN ACTIVITIES

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Art by:
Melissa Mason
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
Home Arts Day (HAD) is El Dorado County 4-H’s annual event highlighting non-livestock projects. The Favorite Foods event and Fashion Revue are included in the day’s activities, in addition to the arts and crafts, food preservation, fiber arts, woodworking and photography exhibits. Regular 4-H members will receive ribbons and/or medals. Primary Members (kindergarten through third grade or under nine years as of January 1st; home schooled children are age based only) will have separate divisions in each competition category and will receive participation ribbons.

All entries must be postmarked by March 30, 2012. Mail, E-mail (pdf or jpg file), or hand deliver your entry form(s) to the El Dorado County 4-H Office, 311 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667 or email to njstarr@ucdavis.edu. Beginning with the 2008/2009 4H year this event is no longer mandatory for entry to the County Fair, however we encourage all members to participate as practice for fair and as a fun event to show your project. The awards given at HAD will greatly benefit the record book and achieving star rankings. All 4-H members are eligible to enter an “Open Table Setting” exhibit, the “Fashion Review: Purchased” category contest, and the State Fashion Revue Challenge Tote Bag and $19.99. You do not have to be enrolled in the specific project areas to enter these categories.

Event schedule: April 14, 2012 in the Marshall Building, El Dorado County Fairgrounds, Placerville

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Note: All entries must remain displayed until check out.

Events and Exhibits: - All entry forms are available through your project leader or online at: http://ucanr.org/sites/EDC_4-H_Program/Home_Arts_Day_4-14-2012/

1. **Favorite Foods**: Members must be enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition, Foods Preservation, Cake Decorating, Candy Making, or other foods / cooking projects. See “4-H Favorite Foods Event” packet for rules and entry form. (Important Note: One Table Setting entry only)

2. **Fashion Revue**: Traditional (made from scratch) and ‘Recycled’ categories are for members enrolled in the Clothing and Textiles project. The Purchased category is open to all members enrolled in 4-H. See “4-H Fashion Revue Information Packet” for rules and entry forms.

3. **Open Table Setting Exhibit**: is open to all members enrolled in 4-H. See the “Table setting / Arts & Crafts Exhibits” and “Home Arts Day – General Exhibits Entry Form” for entry details and the entry form. (Important Note: One Table Setting entry only)

4. **Arts and Crafts**: Project members are encouraged to exhibit at Home Arts Day. See the “Open Table Setting / Arts & Crafts Exhibits” and “Home Arts Day – General Exhibits Entry Form” for entry details and the entry form.

5. **Food Preservation**: Project members are encouraged to exhibit at Home Arts Day. See the “4-H Preserved Foods Information Packet” for details and entry form.

6. **Photography**: Project members are encouraged to exhibit at Home Arts Day. See the “Photography Exhibits” and “Home Arts Day – General Exhibits Entry Form” for entry details and the entry form.

7. **Fiber Arts**: Project members are encouraged to exhibit at Home Arts Day. See the “Home Arts Day – Fiber Arts Exhibits Entry Form” for entry.
To Discovering HOME ARTS

Come fill your passport with stamps from your 4-H adventures!

April 14, 2012
Marshall Bldg, El Dorado County Fairgrounds
9:00am—2:00pm

FOOD, ACTIVITIES, AND FUN FOR ALL

Coffee, Donuts, Snacks and Lunch will be available via the food concession (State Leadership Delegates raising funds for SLC)

Visit projects for a demonstration or craft to learn more about each project and earn a stamp for your passport—including a photo! (Disc Golf, Woodworking, Fiber Arts, Sew a Pillow Case, and more)

Judging contest – test your skills (and get record book credit) on the judging contest provided by the Leadership project.

Listen to some of our county award winning presentations preparing to compete at Sectionals.

Watch the fabulous 4-H fashion review!

See the latest 4-H fashions and trendsetters!

View all the awesome pillow cases created by 4-H members and their families in support of the State 4-H Community Service Project “Million Pillow Case Challenge”

Will we have met our county goal of 500???

SEE YOU ALL THERE!
THE MILLION PILLOWCASE PROJECT

2012 State Fashion Revue Community Service Project

What is the Million Pillowcase Challenge?

Make a pillowcase.
Make a difference.

An opportunity to make a difference in your community. The challenge is to donate one million pillowcases to charities nationwide. As a 2012 State Fashion Revue Community Service Project, pillowcases will be donated to charitable organizations throughout California.

Every pillowcase can make a difference. It can provide comfort for a cancer patient, hope for a foster child, encouragement for a battered woman, or beauty for a nursing home resident.

American Patchwork & Quilting magazine has put out the challenge and 4-H has accepted.

Let’s show our charitable 4-H spirit.

You don’t need to be enrolled in a sewing project to participate – turn this into a fun club activity!

The project success report will be posted to the SFR website after collection detailing total number collected and where they will be donated.

We will donate to:
Children's Hospitals,
Nursing Homes,
Special Needs camps,
Foster Care organizations, and Shelters throughout California

Free Patterns & information about the project: Allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases

After collection at State Fashion Revue, the SFR committee will go online and enter the number of pillowcases on the rolling counter.

OUR GOAL = 500 PILLOWCASES for SFR collection.
This is less than 10 pillowcases per county. We can do it!

If you have any questions, contact committee chairpersons Ashley & Tara by email: ashleyandtara@gmail.com

Collection Points
* Bring your finished pillowcases to State Fashion Revue at U.C. Davis, CA May 26th, 2012
* Give your pillowcases to your county’s State Fashion Revue delegates to drop off
* Contact us by May 1 for other arrangements.

Pillowcase Size = 20" x 30" Standard Bed Pillow

You can purchase a pillowcase and embellish it for a quick and easy project.
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

CELEBRATE WITH THE RIVER CATS

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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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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING:

TUESDAY
April 17, 2012
7:00 pm

Community Club Leader Meeting:
April 17, 2012
5:45 pm

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

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