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To Make the Best Better

On my way in to the office this morning I went through the Starbucks drive through for my morning coffee. When I handed my card to the girl, she handed it back and said, “the woman ahead of you paid for your order”. I couldn’t help but smile because of this random act of kindness. It made me wonder, why is it that we do things such as pay for a total strangers morning coffee? People give in many different ways, sometimes its paying for coffee, or bringing dinner to a sick friend; some people donate money and others offer a helping hand to the mother juggling little ones while she tries to unload her groceries. Without the kindness of others, the world would be a gray place– but **why** do we give? I think some of it is how we are wired and some of it comes from influences throughout our life. For me it was my Dad. We didn’t have a lot of money when I was growing up, but my Dad was always giving. He gave his time; he would give a hot meal or groceries to someone in need, he would give of his talent; and he genuinely cared about others. My favorite was going to the Bay Area to visit my grandparents, when on our way home we would cross over the Bay Bridge and my Dad always paid for the person behind us. We didn’t know them or their story but that didn’t matter; it was the feeling of sharing in a random acts of kindness that mattered.

Giving to others is one of the many skills I see that 4-H does well. For that I am thankful to be a part of this community.

~Shannon Kane

Placer County 4-H Community Education Specialist

Did you know....

Every year Placer County 4-H awards scholarships to youth in the 4-H program. These scholarships are funded by kindness. The Hulbert Award was started by the generosity of Neil F. and Laura D. Hulbert. Neil F. and Laura D. Hulbert, both now deceased, were strong supporters of youth activities and especially respected the young people who were involved in the 4-H Program. They bequeathed a substantial amount of money to be used to award students who had been outstanding participants in the 4-H Program, with the first awards being given in 1994. Up to five youth are awarded \$2500 every year.

The Placer County 4-H Council Scholarship Award is funded by a market animal/market pen that is raised annually by a Placer County 4-H'er. Generally, an animal is donated and a 4-H youth will donate their time to raise the animal and then it is sold at fair each year. This year the scholarship animal will be auctioned at the Placer County Fair.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENT INFORMATION

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.
John F. Kennedy

FAIR NEWS

Placer County Fair Weigh-In Dates

Sheep, Goat, Swine	April 21, 8am-11am
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Gold Country Fair Weigh-In Dates

Beef	April 14, 8am-11am
Sheep, Goat, Swine	July 7, 7am-11am

Fair Dates

Placer County Fair	June 21-24
Gold Country Fair	Sept 6 -9



Quality Assurance Training

For youth ages 9y or over, showing or selling animals.
<http://yqca.org>
Cost is \$12 and you will need to submit a copy of the certificate with your fair entry.

Questions regarding Placer County Fair or Gold Country Fair? Contact the specific Fair Office directly.

Placer County Fair (916) 786-2023

Gold Country Fair (530) 823-4533

SHOOTING SPORTS

Shotgun Leader Workshop

If you have an interest in sharing your shotgun skills with youth, how about becoming a 4-H Shotgun adult volunteer or teen leader. There will be a 4-H Shotgun leader certification training offered in April 2018.

This class will be Saturday April 21st 9 AM –4 PM, and Sunday, April 22nd, 9 AM - 2 PM, at the Safety First Shooting Association, River Oaks Range, 11584 Shaffer Rd, Winton 95388, in Merced County. This class is being hosted by Merced County 4-H. You must become a 4-H leader or member and attend both days to receive certification to teach Shotgun at the project, club and camp levels. The course will include a PowerPoint lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. The cost is \$35 per person to include a resource binder, with Saturday and Sunday light breakfast and refreshments. You need to bring your own lunch.

Junior and teen leaders are invited but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shotgun adult leader they will be helping back home.

Driving directions to the range are at <http://www.safetyfirstshooting.org/html/directions.html> . Tent or Dry RV camping is an option.

To register, please complete and mail the "CA 4-H Shooting Sports Training Request and Registration Form" available at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4785.pdf> , and an adult or youth 4-H medical release form. A \$35 check payable to "Merced County 4-H Council" and the above mentioned forms need to be mailed to UCCE, 2145 Wardrobe Ave, Merced, 95341. Registration is due Friday, April 4th. **Space is limited to 25 attendees.** For more information call Darlene McIntyre at [209-385-7418](tel:209-385-7418) or email her at [dmcintyre@ucanr.edu](mailto:dlm McIntyre@ucanr.edu).





Important Dates



March

- 03/14/2018 Camp Staff Training
- 03/14/2018 [County Ambassador Application Deadline](#)
- 03/14/2018 [Sectional Presentation Day Reg. Deadline](#)
- 03/17/2018 Sectional Presentation Day
- 03/18/2018 County Ambassador Interviews
- 03/19/2018 [Hulbert/ County Scholarship Apps. OPEN](#)
- 03/22/2018 Record Book Training
- 03/24-03/31/2018 Lily Day Collection
- 03/28/2018 Council Meeting

April

- 04/02/2018 4-H Summer Camp **Registration OPEN**
- 04/11/2018 Camp Staff Training
- 04/21/2018 [Bi-County Fashion Revue](#)
- 04/20/2018 Talent Show: *Dinner and a Show*
- 04/25/2018 Council Meeting
- 04/26/2018 Volunteer Training

For additional information:

<http://ucanr.edu/placercounty4h>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Lleyton Rutz

*of Eureka-Granite Bay 4-H Club
recipient of the
2017 Golden Clover Award*

PLACER COUNTY

4-H SUMMER CAMP

July 29—August 03, 2018

On-Line only Registration

OPENS APRIL 02

Summer camp is a great opportunity for youth ages 9yrs. (as of 12/31/2017) up to age 19yrs. to meet new friends, learn new skills and have a ton of fun!

New Location!

Camp Gold Hollow

17183 Lake Vera Purdon Rd.

Nevada City, CA 95959

Talent Show

April 20, 2018

Sign up to spotlight your talent!



Animal Youth Fair & Still Exhibits

May 05, 2018

Open to the public, invite your friends!

"What to Expect at Fair" Workshop

May 15, 2018

look for pre-registration

State Field Day at UC Davis

June 02, 2018

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