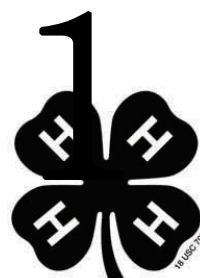


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4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on **June 7, 2011** at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

Please submit any articles about your club by the **5th** of each month by clicking below or diggings4h@gmail.com



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Winning – At What Cost?

The following two articles are printed annually in this newsletter.

As fair time and various competitions approach we often hear parents and leader concerns about the ethics of some participants in the 4-H program. The following short story fits very well in the discussion of WINNING IN 4-H.

We hear, "We just know that member did not do the work on the outfit entered in the 4-H Home Arts Expo -- her mother did it!" "You know that kid who was County Winner -- his parents did the record book!" "Did you see those parents grooming that animal at the fair...and then

the kid wins the showmanship contest!" "I just know that member has not had that animal for 60 days before the fair. This is obvious favoritism".

Sometimes, there is little or nothing that can be done about personal ethics as it affects the way people behave when they are involved in a competitive situation, or any situation for that matter. 4-H is not set up with a system of policing and it shouldn't be. The infractions that help youth WIN AT ANY COST are few. People will violate the rules, whether it is ignoring the speed limit, cheating just a bit on income tax or littering along the highway. Because 4-H involves people it is unlikely that those who

have such values and standards will be eliminated. But there is an opportunity to open lines of communication with the young members of the program about what is right and wrong and that right and wrong are personal decisions. We can help them when they are young, but that will be THEIR decision to make as they grow older and become more independent members of the great American society.

Those who must WIN AT ALL COST are the losers in life's game.

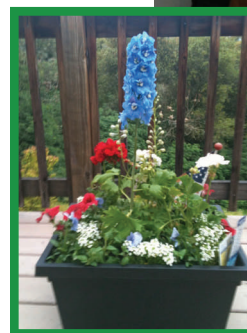
4-H Home Expo Results for Amador County

Congratulations go to Joscelyn & Kate Courtney for their participation and placing at the Home Arts Expo held on April 16th.

Joscelyn Courtney earned a GOLD for her Dish Garden and Kate

Courtney earned a SILVER for her Dish Garden & a SILVER for her Home Sprinkler Model.

This year had a very small participation compared to years past.



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Amador County Horse Schooling Show to Benefit Fair

Date: June 5th

Time: 8 am

Place: Amador County Fair

Remember this show is to benefit the Amador County Fair.

Entry fees are just \$4.99 per class.

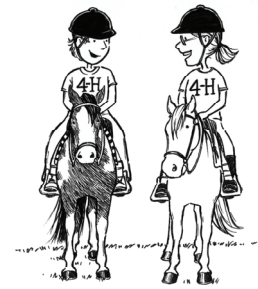
The class list includes something for everyone. Numerous High Point Awards will be presented.

If you cannot attend the

show and wish to help support the Fair, donations are gladly accepted! If you need help, please feel free to call or email me:

maiden-rock@fiddletownca.net

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Head (was trained to think plan and reason);
Heart (to be kind true and sympathetic);
Hands (to be useful, helpful, and skillful); and
Health (to resist disease, enjoy life, and make for efficiency)

Great Sutter Creek Duck Race Fundraiser

The weather was excellent for this years Duck Race held in Sutter Creek on April 30th.

Gold Nugget 4-H Club made approximately 81 ugly ducklings at their Ugly Duckling Booth and Jackson Gold Wheels 4-H Club netted over \$300 with their pony rides and petting zoo.

Duck Race winners can be found [here](#).



Gold Nugget 4-H leaders enjoying themselves in the shade.



Jackson Gold Wheels 4-Her's with Jazz the pony & Ginger the mini horse. Evan M. holding his chicken.





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



Community Service Needed at Fairgrounds

If your club would like to offer their services and pitch in to help benefit the Amador County Fair lots of little jobs need to be done.

- The horse barns need cleaning out and simple repairs made.
- Plenty of weeds need to be pulled.

Remember that our fair is something special when com-



pared to all other counties.

So special that it was featured on Huell Howser's California Golden Fair's



Please call Troy Bowers to set up a date to earn community service hours and beautify the Amador County Fair.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SHOWING LIVESTOCK

As the Amador County Fair nears, read these "Ten Commandments for Parents of Youngsters Showing Livestock" by Clyde Lane, Jr., Extension Specialist from the University of Tennessee.

1. Thou shalt not feed, train, and care for thy animal for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring for thou hath made mistakes, too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show activities for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the live-stock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.



Are you “YouTube™ — ready”?

By Dr. Jodi Sterle, Associate Professor and Extension Swine
Specialist at Texas A&M University/Texas AgriLife Extension edited for space

Animal welfare

It’s show day. The day you have prepared for, worked so hard for, and waited for. You have washed, brushed, weighed, fed and walked your animal. While you are nervous and excited about stepping into the show ring, take a moment to ask yourself: If anyone around the ring captured this moment on video, how would I look? How are my attitude and actions being perceived by others? Am I “YouTube™-ready”?

We’ve all seen livestock with red marks on their shoulders and jowls in the show ring. Maybe the pig isn’t responding the way it should. Maybe it’s a thin-skinned, light-colored hog that reddens easily when tapped. Maybe nerves take their toll and the exhibitor “over taps” their pig. Maybe too much “coaching” from parents ringside frustrates the exhibitor, or maybe its trying to unload a stubborn pig off of a trailer, or trying to get to the wash rack through a maze of alleys, people, strollers. While most of us realize that the red marks are gone in less than an hour, when captured on film or video, it is hard to put into the proper context to most people.

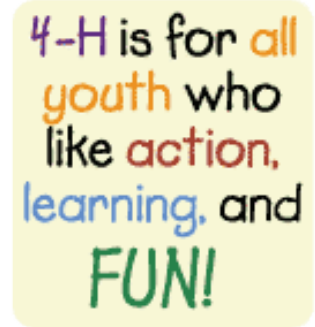
How you handle each situation will determine how those around you interpret it. It’s not always in the show ring that you can make an impression on the public. It may be in the aisles or at your pen. Don’t avoid questions; see them as an opportunity to tell agriculture’s story. Be prepared to answer what may seem to be silly questions, such as: “What happened to the pig’s ears?” (notching). Treat these questions and comments with respect and honesty.

Carefully-worded, truthful answers will make a lasting impression and may often change a person’s view of our industry. Of course, without a little practice or thinking about these things before the show, your answers may not come out as smooth as the ones written out on paper.

The main thing to remember is to be honest, yet avoid using inflammatory words such as “slaughter” (use “harvest” instead). If you know that you may be interviewed by media or have a chance to speak to a large group (say, school tours), develop two to three message points that you want your audience to carry away with them. The opportunity to educate others doesn’t only occur at the show itself. It may happen while talking to your friends at school, your neighbors, or even your grandparents or extended family members.

Start thinking of your role as being an advocate for the industry. This puts an added weight on youth exhibitors’ shoulders. Since the show may be the only connection that the public may have with livestock, exhibitors are representing the entire livestock industry. With today’s technology, virtually everyone has a camera and/or video camera on their phone. With a little preparation and forethought, you can be the best ambassador and representative that our industry could ask for!

So, as you load up the tack and hook up the trailer to head out to the fair, ask yourself: “Am I “YouTube™-ready”?”



Housecleaning Items

Entry Fee Increase

This year (after many, many years of not raising fee prices) the Amador County Fair will have to slightly increase fees.

Sheep, swine, beef, dairy goats, breed goats, meat goats will be \$5.00 per entry (Entries for Nigerian & Pygmy Goats will be \$2.50)

Poultry, Eggs & Rabbits will be \$1.00 per entry.

Exhibitor wrist bands have also increased:

Junior Exhibitor are now \$10.00.

13 & up are now \$25.

Adult/Parent Leader are now \$25.00

4-H to Host Buyer's Brunch 2011!

4-H will be hosting the Amador County Fair buyer's brunch on Sunday, July 31st.

4-Her's will serve at the brunch and help with clean up.

Make sure you plan ahead to not only attend but contribute.

It is a great opportunity to interact with potential buyer's of your market animal.

After the brunch is over and the 4-H members are running for the auction,

please be aware that each year a handful of parents and teens help take down after the brunch.

If the brunch benefits your 4-Her please lend a hand and make light work of it this year.



Bank Needs Spotters & Runners at Fair

Debbie from the Bank of Amador has requested help at this year's Livestock Auction. There'll be a Spotters Shift Sheet with each 4-H, Grange & FFA time slot posted on the sale list board. It will be each club's responsibility to make sure someone works their timeslot. Please assign a "Buyer" spotter for each club

that will be responsible for helping their 4-Her find their buyer after/during the sale. Please do not ask the bank the name of your buyer.

Please plan on working a shift of "running" for the bank before & after you have sold your animal. Remember the auction is open from 10 am to 6 pm. Runners are needed all day!

Amador County Fair Board Meeting

Thursday, May 5th @ 6 pm located in the boardroom.

Jr Livestock Advisory Committee

meeting Thursday, May 26th @ 6:00 pm in the office boardroom.

Calendar of Events

May 7, 29th Annual Cal AM Goat Show

May 14, Quality Assurance Training 1 pm @ fairgrounds

May 28, AC Fair Small Animal Pre Weigh-In 7 AM - 11 AM

May 28, [State Field Day](#) Register online

May 28, 2011 California Equine Education Field Day

June 7, 4-H Council Meeting-County Council Officer Election & All Star Interviews

June 22, Livestock entries close

June 25, 2nd Generation Dinner

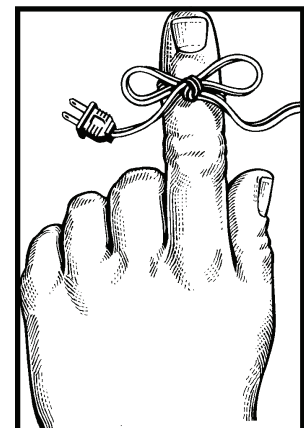
July 18-31, Calif State Fair

July 28-31, Amador County Fair

"Dancing with the Steers"

July 28-31 4-H State Leadership Conference

August 2, 4-H Council Meeting



OPEN SCHOOLING SHOW

8am - Sunday June 5th, 2011 - Amador County Fairgrounds

Class List

Halter

1. Mares All Ages
2. Geldings/Stallions All Ages
3. Halter Ranch Horse
4. Showmanship 10 & Under
5. Showmanship 11-17
6. Showmanship Open

Reining

7. Reining Warm up. Devices allowed
8. Reining, 17 & under
9. Ladies to Ride
10. Gents to Ride
11. Reining, Open
12. Ranch Horse Reining

Western

13. Lead Line, 6 & Under
14. Ranch Horse Pleasure Walk/Jog
15. Ranch Horse Pleasure
16. Ranch Horse 17 & Under
17. Ranch Horse 18 and Over
18. Walk Only Pleasure 10 & Under ***
19. Walk Only Equitation 10 & Under ***
20. Walk/Jog Equitation, 10 & under
21. Walk/Jog Equitation, 11 - 17
22. Walk/Jog Equitation, Open
23. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 10 & under

Western

24. Walk/Jog Pleasure, 11 - 17
25. Walk/Jog Pleasure, Open
26. Walk/Jog Pleasure Color
27. Walk/Jog Pleasure Non Color
28. Pleasure, Non-Quarter type
29. Pleasure, Quarter type
30. Pleasure, 17 & Under
31. Pleasure 18 and over
32. Pleasure, Open
33. Equitation, 17 & Under
34. Equitation 18 and over
35. Equitation, Open
36. Western Horsemanship Walk/Jog Open
37. Western Horsemanship Open

English

38. English Horsemanship Walk/Trot Open
39. English Horsemanship, Open
40. Equitation Walk/Trot, 17 & U
41. Equitation Walk/Trot, Open
42. Pleasure Walk/Trot, 17 & Under
43. Pleasure Walk/Trot, Open
44. Pleasure, 17 & Under
45. Pleasure Color
46. Pleasure Non-Color
47. Pleasure, Open
48. Equitation, 17 & Under
49. Equitation, Open
50. Bridle Path Hack
51. Hunter Hack 1'6"

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HORSE SHOW ENTRY FORM

Form May be Photocopied

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

AMADOR COUNTY FAIR

26th District Agricultural Association
P.O. Box 9, Plymouth, CA 95669 // 209/245-6921

Name of Exhibitor and/or Legal Owner _____ Telephone _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age ____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Please accept these entries subject to the Rules and Regulations published in the CSHA rules. I understand that my entries will not be accepted until the Release & Waiver on the reverse have been signed.

Date _____ Signature of Owner/Agent _____ Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Exhibitor under 18) _____

Office Use Entry No.	Class No.	Name(s) of Rider(s) (List riders name only!!!)	Name of Horse(s) (Attach a copy of horse registration information to entry if necessary)	Entry Fees	
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Office Use Only Date Paid _____ Receipt No. _____ Exhibitor No. _____	MISC.INFORMATION	ENTRY FEES	\$
	STALL = \$20. Sat & Sun per # of HORSES _____ Sat _____ Sun _____	STALL FEES	\$
		TOTAL FEES	\$

Yes No 4H Member?

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____ (Participant), acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following activities at the 26th District Agricultural Association/Amador County Farigrounds.

Amador County Fair Horse Show

I AM AWARE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED, AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE, WHETHER THESE RISKS ARE KNOWN OR UNKNOWN.

**I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE: _____
PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S INITIALS (IF UNDER 18): _____**

As consideration for being permitted by the Amador County Fair, the State of California ("State"), the County of Amador (the "County") and any lessor of the fair premises ("Lessor"), to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I forever release the Fair, the State, the County, the Lessor, any fair affiliated organization, and their respective directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents, contractors, and representatives (collectively "Releasees") from any and all actions, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have, or may have in the future, for injury, death, or property damage, related to (i) my participation in these activities, (ii) the negligence or other acts, whether directly connected to these activities or not, and however caused, by any Releasee, or (iii) the condition of the premises where these activities occur, whether or not I am then participating in the activities. I also agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue or attach the property of any Releasee in connection with any of the matters covered by the foregoing release.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FAIR AND MYSELF, THE STATE, THE COUNTY, THE LESSOR AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

If signed by Parent or Guardian: I verify that the dangers of the activities and the significance of this Release and Waiver were explained to the Participant and that the Participant understood them.

Executed at _____, California on _____, 20__.

PARTICIPANT/RELEASOR

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Address)

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