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2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The 2 winners of the El Dorado County Club Council 4-H Memorial Scholarship are both from the Shingle Springers 4-H Club, and both will be attending Chico in the Fall.

Morgan Bayard has been a 5 year member of 4-H and has been in projects like the dog project, poultry, Beginning 4-H and Vet science, Morgan has been a teen leader for the market lambs and poultry. For the club she has been the treasurer, historian and communications officer. She has also served on the Livestock Advisory Committee. Morgan has achieved her gold star ranking.

Jenny Weber has been a 10 year member of 4-H and has been in projects like swine, horse, cooking, vet tech, rabbits and sewing. Jenny has been teen leader for the swine group for many years. For the club she has been held all most every position and is currently the President of the club with over 100 members. She has also served on the livestock advisory committee and attended California state leadership conference. Jenny has achieved her gold star ranking.

Below is both girls story titled "How 4-H Has Influenced My Life" and you will be able to see why there were are scholarship winners!

Jenny Weber

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, to make better decisions in my life and continue down the right path and to reach my academic goals as a student. My Heart to greater loyalty, to my family, friends, and most importantly myself. To believe in myself and be loyal to all those who surround me and that have touch my life in so many different ways. My hands to larger service, to help others and strive to be the giver and receive nothing in return but the satisfaction that I have made just one small difference in this world. My health for better living, to live a long and healthy life both in physically and mentally. For my club, my community, my country and my world, as the 4-H pledge states. To me 4-H is an amazing program that lets kids explore new ideas and opportunities. It has influenced me to developing well rounded individuals, life skills, opportunities, passion, leadership,

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Morgan Bayard

How has 4-H influenced my life? It would be easier to explain how 4-H has NOT influenced my life, as my entire world has been wrapped up in this for the past six years! Let me begin by saying that I love 4-H. Nothing else has had such a dramatic influence over not only my extracurricular activities, my choices in friends, where I want to go to college, but also in my career choice.

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ROUND-UP BBQ 2011

"Pink shirts everywhere" was the comment at the May 6, 2011, Round Up BBQ and 2nd annual Chili Cook-off. Everyone who pre-registered to help at the round-up BBQ received a pink shirt, and there were a lot of them! It was great to see such a high level of involvement from both kids and adults. This year's event was spearheaded by Carol Martin and Darla Edwards and was a huge success! Everything ran smoothly, and everyone had a great time. The burgers were wonderful and the chili cook-off was a fun event to judge. The Shingle Springers were the over-all winners of the chili cook-off.

The evening also offered photography and a Fashion Show from Home Arts Day, and the evening wouldn't have been complete without the famous cake auction with the auctioneer Jack Sweeney. The cake auction raised over $1500, which will help the 4-H youth attend State Leadership Conference being held at UC Davis later this summer.

Everyone also had a great time at the Silent Auction tables. Once again it was run by Cheryl Busby, who has run it successfully for the last few years (see her article on page 3). Unfortunately this was Cheryl's last year to lead the auction because attending school full time is going to fill her agenda. The pig bowl was one of the hot items at the silent auction this year!

We all look forward to next year's Round-up BBQ and Chili Cook-off. As always everyone will have to step-up and help run the event next year. It is a great event and a successful fund raiser. It certainly is an event that brings all of 4-H together.

Ticket Sales at the Front Door

Chili Cook-Off Winners!

Carol Martin and Chili Cook-Off Helpers

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County record book judging will be Tues. Aug. 23, 5:30pm. Please have your record books judged at the club level prior and turn your books in to your club to be brought to county judging. Judges will be needed from each club.

A great source of information and forms. Record Book Forum Website: http://www.recordbookresources.com

Fair Information

Livestock trailers may not be parked and stored in the livestock parking lot during the week of fair. Stock trailers must be taken back home after load-in and are not permitted to be parked on grounds until load-out on Sunday night. Violators will be towed! We simply do not have the extra space in livestock parking. Thank you for cooperation.
Thanks, Bret Harnden
Livestock Coordinator - El Dorado County Fair

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop
Rifle Discipline
Tulare, CA
Saturday, June 25, 2011 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 26, 2011 – 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://www.tcdsa.org/documents/rankin_field.htm

ROUND UP SILENT AUCTION

Hello 4-H ers,
What a terriffic Slient Auction! A HUGE thank you for everyone who helped with this event.
Thank you for setting up, running the event and clean up.Your cheerfulness, and willingness made this year's Silent Auction the BEST! To the many people who brought donations, thank you! We had beautiful baskets, gift certifcates and more. Our Silent Auction raised nearly $1,500.00.
This year was the first year the there was a cash donation jar placed on the incoming items table, someone donated $100.00! Thank you!
Thank you for the opportunity to be of service these many years.
This was my last year as Silent Auction Chair.
Please step up, this is one of the easiest and most fun ways to volunteer in 4-H.
Kind Regards,
Cheryl Busby

June, 2011

From the 4-H Desk
Nancy Starr, Secretary
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Now that the 2010/2011 Program Year is coming to an end I would like to send a THANK YOU to all our Adult Volunteers who gave so much of their time, talent and leadership to help make a difference in the lives of our young people. Volunteers are the keys to our success in the 4-H program. It was truly a pleasure working with you.

- The El Dorado County Fair, Rockin & Wrangling in Placerville will start Thursday, June 16th and end on Sunday, June 19th. Good luck to all our 4-Hers who will be entering their animals and projects in the Fair. For information on how to buy tickets, the schedule and more see their website at http://www.eldoradocountyfair.org/fair.html

- California State Fair, July 14th – July 31st. http://www.bigfun.org/

- Our UC Cooperative Extension website look will be changing over the summer from Sitebuilder 2 to Sitebuilder 3. Take a look at the main Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) page to get a glimpse of our new look ahead of time http://ucanr.org/ and also the State 4-H page http://www.ca4h.org/.

- Make sure that your family has subscribed to receive an email notice every time the 4-H Hotline newsletter is posted onto our website. This will help keep your family updated on timely information. http://ucanr.org/edc4hnewsletter

- A link to the State 4-H Calendar http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/

- **Attention Club and Project Leaders**: I know this is early to start thinking about the next 4-H program year 2011/2012, but between now and August if you could shoot me an email (address above) to let me know if you are planning to continue with your volunteer leader position. My plan is to have the club meetings and project information available on our website page by mid-August.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --*Margaret Mead*

- **ANR Health & Safety Page:** With summer fast approaching, many fun 4-H planned and scheduled events are planned. Please prepare to hold a safe event by reading policy and safety information.

http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H_Resources/

Wishing you and your family a happy and healthy summer time! *Nancy*

Tree Presentation

By Angelina F.

Shingle Springers donated a tree to Buckeye School on May 9, 2011. Shingle Springers purchased tree for the school since they have been generous to let us use their gym for club meetings. The clubbers who attended to present the tree were Gina P., Miranda J., Angelina F. and Garret K.. It was an ornamental pear tree that was 10 feet tall and the El Dorado Nursery gave a discount because it was a 4H contribution. Thank you to all that gave their time to present the tree. These clubbers were rewarded by recording this event in their record book as community service. Do a community service and you can include it in your record book!

Senior Center Fashion Show

By Angelina F.

On May 21st Linda Mason organized a fashion show at the Eskaton Senior Center in Placerville. The girls who participated fashioned their garments that were seen at this year's HAD and also garments from the previous year. After they fashioned in the main dining room they were brought into another room where the seniors are given extra care due to their health. The girls that participated were Holly M., Emily H., Alex S., Jessica L. and Angelina F.. Thanks to Sami S. for narrating! A big thank you goes to Debra Kent of Eskaton who helped in putting this together. She is or was involved in 4-H's beef steering committee. The girls who came get to put the Senior Center Fashion Show in their record books as community service and communications.

Camps for Military Teens

There are many opportunities for teens to experience high adventure camps all across the US through March 2012. There is no cost to attend and many camps have funds to help with travel costs. https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/campshome.html

Would you like to spend time whitewater rafting, hiking, rock climbing, winter camping, skiing, backpacking, mountain biking, exploring the environment, running rope courses, geo-caching, or practicing wilderness survival skills? What if you could do these activities with other military youth just like you?

Military teens (14–18 years old) will have an opportunity to participate in adventure camps scheduled April 2011 through April 2012. These high energy, high adventure, and high experience camps are planned across the United States from Alaska to Maine and from Colorado to Georgia as well as states in between. There are even opportunities for military teens in Europe. This is the perfect chance for you to experience the outdoors as you never have before!

Each camp offers a unique outdoor experience that will allow you to build your leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork skills while participating in activities like camp cooking and archery. Camps have funding available to assist with transportation costs.

Camps for youth with special needs (mental, physical, and emotional) are also planned in California, Ohio, and New Hampshire. There is something for everyone!

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Summer 2011
Host a youth from Japan!

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world. 4-H members will have an opportunity to host Japanese exchange students, ages twelve through sixteen, for four weeks this summer.

The youth will be visiting the United States as part of a 4-H Exchange Program. You don't need a large home to host. You don't need to tour around California. You only need a willingness to share your everyday life and your friendship with a young person from another country.

The program is open to members and families who have a child close in age to the Japanese youth. One Japanese visitor will be matched to a family based on the host sibling's gender, age, and interests. The homestays are only for a month during the summer, but the experience will last a lifetime!

There are also opportunities to host adult chaperones for 2- 4 weeks. Families who host chaperones are not required to have children in the home.

For more information, visit
http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/Japanese_Exchange/
or contact the California State Coordinator:

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ANR-CA 4-H Program
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You do not have to be current 4-H member but must enroll to participate.

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I started in 4-H six years ago when my family moved to Shingle Springs. We became a part of the Shingle Springers where I joined the Beginning 4-H project led at the time by Julie Gilham. I did not know anything about 4-H before coming here and thank goodness for Beginning 4-H! Julie helped navigate the confusing waters of record books, presentation day, and inspired me to run for a club office. Thanks to her faith in me I was brave enough to run for club historian. I even came back to Beginning 4-H as a junior leader the following year.

I also participated in the countywide poultry project. I began with two bantam chicken and we went up from there! 4-H gave me the knowledge and confidence to start my own breeding business. I currently have approximately 30 chickens, have bred and sold dozens of birds over the years, and have more on the way! Some of my fondest memories are leading and helping the younger 4-Hers. One year I was asked by the Grizzly Flat poultry project to come and teach them how to do showmanship. My mother and I went there and spent the afternoon teaching them how to handle their birds as well as answer their questions. Then last year I led a poultry showmanship seminar at my house for the Shingle Springers. It was so much fun that we decided to run the project this year! It has been such a great experience to have the chance to pass along what I know and share the excitement with a new group of 4-Hers.

Another way 4-H has influenced my life is in all the leadership opportunities it has provided. I have been a junior leader not only for Beginning 4-H, but also a teen leader for the market lamb project and vet science project. I have been a club officer on three different occasions where I have served as club historian, communication officer, treasurer, and a junior counselor at 4-H camp. I really enjoyed being a junior counselor. I helped plan the evening activities and was in charge of younger members in my cabin. I was also given the opportunity to be a member-at-large in the livestock Advisory Committee (LAC) for 2 years. 4-H leadership provided the knowledge and abilities that I will need to succeed.

The vet science project was extremely instrumental in my decision to go into the animal science field with a hope of becoming a vet someday. Thanks to everything I have learned in the vet science, poultry, and market lamb projects, I feel I have begun working towards that goal. Now it is time to take the next step. I know that getting into vet school can be challenging and difficult. There are always people who tell you the reasons why you will not get in and try to discourage you; but 4-H has taught me that you should work for your dreams.

Thanks to 4-H, I know that I have the skills necessary to be successful both at college and in my career path. I hope one day to be able to come back and be a leader, watch my own kids follow in my footsteps and find out how life-changing 4-H can truly be.

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responsibility, friendship and most of all love.

Through this amazing program I have had so many opportunities that I wouldn't have had anywhere else. 4-H has truly transformed who I am today, from the different projects I have taken the leadership positions I have held, the different camps and conferences I have attended and the number of people who are as passionate about this program as I am. It has become such a big part of my life, that I don't know how to live without it. 4-H has influenced me to use my developing skills, applying them to my everyday life, by helping me have communication to get a job, talk in front of big groups, and to stand up and lead group of all ages, because I have those skills. As 9 years of being an officer has taught me a lot about responsibility and how to efficiently work with others to get the job done. I have seen so many members come and go throughout my 10 years as a 4-H member but I have discovered that's its those kids that have stuck with this long have truly been affected by the program, and influenced them and I to do great things as well.

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NEXT COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING:

TUESDAY
August 16, 2011
7:00 pm

Community Club Leader Meeting:
August 16, 2011
5:45 pm

UCCE OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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