



## 2012 El Dorado County Fair Junior Livestock Auction

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Mountain Democrat writer

Staff writer It was a lively Saturday afternoon as 4-H and FFA youths offered their animals for sale at the Junior Livestock Auction.

As the auctioneers chattered away at lightening speed, youths showed off their animals to an enthusiastic audience of buyers.

In total, buyers spent \$236,743 to purchase 18 steers, 118 hogs, 48 lambs, 20 goats, 16 rabbits and 11 poultry, which included chickens and turkeys. The average sale price for steers was \$2.92 per pound; for hogs \$3.66 a pound; for lambs \$4.40 per pound; for goats \$4.80 per pound; for rabbits \$318 a pen; and for poultry \$481 a pen.

Tara, 16, and her brother Zachary Schnetz, 12, of Georgetown, were two of the 4-H youths who had livestock for sale. Tara was selling her sheep Rossie and her brother was selling a lamb. "I could get \$200 for her on the market but I get more for her here," said Tara.

All the livestock were healthy and well-groomed for the event and many were also decorated to increase their appeal. Sheep and goats had flower wreaths around their necks. One steer was sprinkled with gold stars in its coat. Bunnies were dressed in coats and makeshift hats. And one bunch of chickens came suggestively loaded in a picnic basket.

Humor was also part of the day. When three rabbits came up for sale, the auctioneer noted that, "by the time you get them home, you'll have 25."

Many of the buyers at the auction were grocery stores, small business owners, and people who came to purchase some meat, support the youths or make a donation to a local charity.

One of those was Aron Hunt from Fresh Pond. He said his son was in 4-H. "Possibly I'll buy a swine or goat for food. By and large it's to support 4-H and FFA," he said.



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## Tracy Celio the New 4H Youth Development Program Representative

El Dorado County 4-H and UCCE welcomes Tracy Celio as 4H Youth Development Program Representative. Tracy holds a BA in Social and Environmental Science from San Diego State University. She brings with her 15 years of experience working for volunteer driven organizations specifically in youth development and community building. She has worked for Habitat for Humanity, San Diego School Garden Project and most recently, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas. Tracy also served in the United States Peace Corps in Central America as an Agriculture Extension Agent.

Tracy is a native to El Dorado County and graduate of Ponderosa High School. She left the county in 1991 and returned in 2012 because she wanted her children to grow up in a rural setting and have a sense of belonging to a community. Tracy and her husband Tyler have two boys, Carlo (9) and Oliver (3). Both are really excited to be part of a thriving 4H community. Carlo is already to show his Silkie Rooster, “YoYo” and join a robotics project! Oliver may join a new Cloverbud program.

Tracy is passionate about youth, health and building vibrant communities. It is this energy she brings to the 4H program with the intention of growing existing programs, expanding into new project areas as well as retaining and cultivating members, volunteers and donors.

We know that change can be difficult and appreciate your patience as Tracy learns the ins and outs of her new position. Tracy plans to have an open door policy, she welcomes feedback, new ideas and is here to assist you. Weekly office hours will be set at Tuesday 9am-1pm and Wednesday 12pm-4pm. She asks that you drop in for a visit, to introduce yourself and share your vision for 4H.



## El Dorado county 4H Collected 196 Pounds of Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities®

The official weigh in was announced at the El Dorado County Fair 4H awards. El Dorado County 4Hers collected 196 pounds!! Collecting the most pop tabs per member goes to the Happy Sundowners and the Shingle Springers came in 2nd place.

A pop tab is the small metal tab on the top of aluminum beverage cans. The Sacramento Ronald McDonald House collects these pop tabs to recycle and puts these proceeds towards the Adopt-A-Family Program. This fund helps subsidize the cost of families staying at the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House.

The House receives thousands of pop tabs each year collected by families, church groups, service clubs, auxiliaries, and student organizations.

Saving pop tabs from aluminum cans is an easy and environmentally-friendly way of supporting the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House. A simple plastic bag on the side of your refrigerator is an easy way to get started. As your bag fills, you can drop them off or mail them to the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House. For larger groups, use containers with wide mouths such as oatmeal boxes, paper milk cartons and coffee cans. You can even print out labels and attach it to the side of your container with clear tape.

While they do not have the storage space to collect and recycle the entire aluminum can, they do also encourage supporters to cash in their own cans and send a check with the donation to the address listed below.

For more information contact Dawn Brown at 916.734.4230. Pop Tabs do not need to be counted and can be mailed or dropped off at the Sacramento Ronald McDonald House located at 2555 49th Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

Recordbook committee  
needs 3-4 more people for  
the Committee. Interested  
parties can contact Kerri  
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Tracy's email is  
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# Central Sierra 4-H Enrollment Update

Hello 4-H Families.

I hope your 2011/2012 4-H program year has been a rewarding and fun experience. There have been so many changes within the four counties and I appreciate your resiliency. Over the last five months, I have met many amazing families with heartfelt stories about how 4-H has impacted their lives. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have higher self-esteem, do better in school, and are less likely to participate in risky behaviors such as drugs or alcohol. I am proud to be a part of such an amazing organization.

The national recession has hit hard over the past few years. Because we are a part of the first multi-county partnership in the state we have been able to counter balance some of the economic downturn by consolidating our resources. While this has been an adjustment for our Program Representatives and Administrative Assistants, we are still able to offer quality programming for youth across the region. In an effort to ensure we have the resources to continue having one of the largest and best youth development programs in the nation, we made the difficult decision to increase enrollment fees. As other funding sources begin to diminish, we need to find ways to keep the program running.

Starting this year, program fees will be \$35 per youth. Fees are used for many things including salaries for State and Local staff, curriculum, supplies, facility rentals, and more. I understand this increase may be difficult for some families. Please know that I am committed to working with each county Council to create a scholarship fund for those families who need it. Our program is inclusive to all youth regardless of families' ability to pay. If you are unable to pay the registration fee for one or more of the children in your family, please contact your Program Representative to fill out a short scholarship application. This application will be confidential and will only be seen by your Program Representative and myself. If your family has fared well over the financial recession and you are able to help families in need, please consider making a contribution to your county's scholarship fund.

Enrollment for returning members starts July 1st and ends October 15th. To be eligible for fair, new members must enroll by December 1st. Please log onto <https://www.4honline.com/> to begin the process. Families who used the 4-H Online system last year should already be in the system and will only have to update their information. To make things easier this year, youth will not have to turn in a paper "Waiver of Liability" form to the office. Within the online enrollment system, make sure to check the box asking you to accept the "Waiver of Liability". Club Leaders and Project Leaders still need a paper copy of the Medical Release and Health History for each youth. Lastly, I encourage you to use the online payment system using a credit card. There is a link on our local UCCE registration webpage and is not processed through 4-H Online.

If you have any questions regarding the enrollment fees for the current year, please call me at (209) 533-5686. If you have specific questions about the process of enrollment, please contact Nancy Starr, our Enrollment Coordinator, at (530) 621-5503.

I look forward to working with you during the 2012/2013 program year!

Take care,

JoLynn Miller



### POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- **Positive Youth Development, Skill Building and Thriving**

In California, 4-H is built upon key youth development practices known by researchers to support positive youth and early-adult outcomes – these are **safety, relationship building, youth engagement, community involvement, and skill building**.

The practices of **safety** (both physical and emotional), **relationship building, youth engagement** and **community involvement** are the foundation to **skill building**. That is, if youth feel safe and are encouraged to build relationships with both youth and adults, then they feel connected to the program, each other, and the community and will be more engaged in the program. All of these help support skill building.

#### **In 4-H we approach skill building in a unique way**

The thriving practices (aka 4-H Thrive) to identify sparks, develop a growth mindset, learn and practice goal management skills, and self-reflection ARE how 4-H does skill building. They are integral to the 4-H brand of positive youth development. In the upcoming program year, we will continue to advance youth development skills specifically with Junior and Teen Leaders enrolled in a Leadership Development Project. Clubs who have not yet started this project are encouraged to talk to your UCCE 4-H staff to attend training and move your members on the path to thriving the 4-H way!

- 4-H Thrive is the statewide approach to positive youth development for the California 4-H Youth Development Program. This intentional model will standardize how 4-H helps young people to reach their full potential. As we continue to move forward, it is our expectation that each county will have adopted and implemented the components of thriving in all of their programs. Support, coaching, and continuous training for volunteers and staff are being provided through a Monthly Newsletter entitled the Monthly Morning Memo and an online blog called [4-H Volunteer Café](#).
- More and more users are accessing and using the 4-H Online Record Book. Here are our latest statistics as of June 12, 2012: 3122 people statewide are currently using ORB, 4723 club meetings registered, 17809 Developmental Activities have been entered, 752 Presentations added, 2168 Photos uploaded, 741 Comments were made and 3526 Promotions received.
- For general information and help about the Online Record Book, please check out the following resources:
  - ORB Webinar Archives— <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/ORB/>
  - ORB Login Help— <http://www.ca4h.org/files/121045.pdf>
  - ORB Support (if you aren't sure how to do something in ORB)—Please contact your county office
  - ORB Bug Report (if a feature within ORB is not functioning correctly please tell us)—  
<http://www.ca4h.org/recordbookbugs/>
- **National Directory of 4-H Materials**  
<http://www.4-hdirectory.org/>  
The 4-H National Directory of Materials is a searchable database of educational materials currently available throughout the Cooperative Extension System. Here you will find 4-H individual and group project materials, volunteer and professional development materials, as well as many other resources.
- **Toddler Express: Newsletters for You and Your Toddler**  
Children grow in the blink of an eye—but they can't do it alone! Designed for parents of children ages 18 months to 3 years, the Toddler Express newsletter series will help you better understand your toddler and their various stages of development. Learn about and enjoy the wonders of toddlerhood just as your child is experiencing these exciting developmental changes! This is the perfect extension of the [Parent Express](#) newsletters, which focus on newborns and infants. This Age-Paced version consists of 5 **printed newsletters** organized chronologically by age. Each issue focuses on a different age range of toddlerhood, providing you with valuable information about specific areas of toddler development (thinking, social skills, physical growth, eating, and nutrition). The cost is \$15.00. To purchase go to: <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/Items/21541T.aspx>

# El Dorado County Council is looking for a Vice President for 2012/2013

## Vice Presidential Duties

1. Attend monthly 4-H Club Council meetings
2. Attend Executive Committee meetings
3. Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President
4. Succeed to the office of President if that office should become vacant between elections
5. The Vice-President will be responsible for the County 4-H Club Council Policy handbook
6. The Vice-President will be the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee
7. [The Vice-President will serve as Chairman of the EL DORADO COUNTY 4H COUNCIL Program Committee.?](#)
8. Have signature authority on the El Dorado County 4H Council checking account and savings account.
9. The office of Vice-President may be an adult volunteer or a youth 4-H Member.

## Corresponding Secretary

1. Attend monthly 4-H Club Council meetings
2. Attend Executive Committee meetings
3. **Take minutes at El Dorado County 4H Council meetings when the Recording Secretary is absent**
4. Handle all county 4-H Club Council correspondence directed to the Council, President, or Cooperative Extension
5. Act as the County 4-H Club Council historian
6. Have signature authority on the El Dorado County 4H Council checking account and savings account.
7. Provide external communications with media, i.e., radio, newspapers, etc.
8. Provide internal communications (or delegate to another volunteer) via a county 4-H newsletter with members, participants, volunteers, and staff, regarding El Dorado County 4H Council activities.
9. The Corresponding Secretary will provide training, support and assistance to 4-H unit reporters and historians as necessary and requested.
10. The office of Corresponding Secretary may be an adult volunteer or a youth 4-H Member.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Rifle Discipline

Concord, CA

**Saturday, July 28, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 29, 2012 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at the Concord Police Association Range, 5060 Avila Road in Concord. 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](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu) (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at:

<http://concordpoa.org/contactus.php>

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As the day wore on, the temperature climbed to the mid-90s and youths worked to keep themselves and their animals comfortable.

The final results for the grand champion and reserve grand champion were as follows:

The grand champion steer, owned by Anna Marie Repetto of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$2.90 a pound to Patrick White, Rich Moran, and Safeway Stores. The grand champion swine, owned by William Boring, also of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$4.50 a pound to Finley Properties. The grand champion sheep, owned by Tara Schnetz of Dusty Divider's 4-H, sold for \$4.25 to Finley Properties. The grand champion rabbits, owned by William Winter of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$250 to Investment Properties. The grand champion poultry, owned by Sarah Neff of Dusty Divider's 4-H, sold for \$200 to First Friends Montessori. And the grand champion goat, owned by Kristi Schnetz of Dusty Divider's 4-H, sold for \$4.50 a pound to Bacchi Ranch Big Horn Cattle LLC.



The reserve grand champion steer, owned by Colby Stanwood of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$2.35 a pound to Jason Jester. The reserve grand champion swine, owned by Sierra Allen of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$4.25 to Safeway Store of Placerville. The reserve grand champion sheep, owned by Joshua Walker of Ponderosa FFA, sold for \$3.75 a pound to Raley's Store. The reserve champion rabbits, owned by Breanna Winter of Southside Topnotch 4-H, sold for \$200 to Carrie's Chocolate Cowpatty Cake Co. The grand champion turkey, owned by Jessica Kim of Ponderosa FFA, sold for \$200 to Les Schwab. And the reserve grand champion goat, owned by Olivia Strauss of Ponderosa FFA, was sold for \$4.75 a pound to Les Schwab.

Many of the buyers bought livestock and then donated the animal or proceeds to different charities. Those on the receiving end included M.O.R.E., the Women's Shelter, the El Dorado Community Foundation and Upper Room.

## **All Stars**

### **All Star Team Application Information**

All Star Applicant Essays are now being accepted for the 2012/2013 4-H Program Year. Note: you must be in high school and have at least your Gold Star.

Essay to be a minimum of 1.5 pages, double-spaced using the 12 font.

Please include the following:

Name

Age/Grade

4-H group you are a member of.

Number of years in 4-H.

What do you want to accomplish as an All Star?

Why you would like to be an All Star?

What qualities can you add to the All Star Team?

In what ways would you like to promote the 4-H program to the public?

If you could choose one community service project, what would it be and how would it relate to 4-H?

The deadline for application is September 30, 2011. Bring your completed applicant essay and your up-to-date record book to the El Dorado County 4-H office by 5:00 PM on that date.

Upon receiving your applicant essay and record book, you will be expected to attend the All Star Team Interviews (date/time will later be announced). Thank you so much for considering membership of our team, we have a lot of fun. Remember to be creative in your essay and be yourself.





# Awards Ceremony



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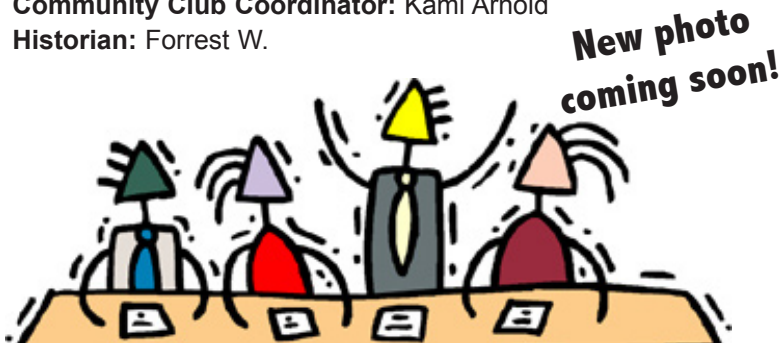


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**President & Mediator:** Elizabeth Boehm (Liz)  
**Youth President:** Sarah M.  
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NEXT COUNTY  
COUNCIL MEETING:

**TUESDAY**  
**August 21, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**

**Community Club Leader Meeting:**  
**August 21, 2012**  
**5:45 pm**

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### UCCE OFFICE HOURS

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

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### Next Hotline: September 2012

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