VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are still seeking a Countywide Poultry Project Leader. If we can not find a leader, we will no be able to offer the project for 2014-2015, which will greatly impact many of our members. If you can assist with this project, please call Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 as soon as possible.
We are always searching for new projects and project leaders. If you have friend or family member you think would make a great 4-H Leader, don’t be shy! Ask them about volunteering! Adults interested in volunteering can call Melanie Curtis at 533-6990, email her at makwast@ucanr.edu, or find information on our website at: http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/4-H_Youth_Development/Volunteering_in_4-H/
In addition to project leaders for 2014-2015, we are searching for an event chair for Everything But Animals Day. The event chair may be an adult or an older youth. Please contact Melanie Curtis if you are interested in this leadership opportunity.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
October 5, 6:00 p.m., Sonora Elks Lodge
Mark your calendars for Achievement Night! All 4-H members who turned in a complete record book for the 2013-2014 4-H year will be recognized at Achievement Night. This is a great way to celebrate your hard work and accomplishments over the last year. We hope to see everyone there!

THE GREAT SIERRA RIVER CLEANUP—Community Service Opportunity
The Great Sierra River Cleanup is the premier volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of waterways throughout the Sierra Nevada Region. This cleanup is an annual event coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and held in conjunction with California Coastal Cleanup Day. The Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD), the Tuolumne County Land Trust (TCLT) and University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) are working together to organize the cleanup. We will focus on sites around New Melones Reservoir, as declining water levels are revealing more and more trash. The Great Sierra River Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. 4-H Clubs are being invited to join the Cleanup efforts this year. Call 209-533-6993 for more information.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BBQ—PROJECT EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY
Tuolumne County is hosting an employee barbecue on Friday, September 19th from 4:30 to 8:00. p.m. They have invited our 4-H members to come and exhibit their animals as part of the event. For more information or to sign up to exhibit animals at the event, please contact Ron Hamilton at 588-3848.

PM CLUB OUTREACH
All 4-H members who would like to share information about their 4-H projects with one or more of the local PM Clubs may volunteer to do a presentation at a PM club site. You can bring in an animal, do a simple foods demonstration, do a craft, or share any knowledge or skill you think will be of interest to other young people. This is a great opportunity to share the 4-H community club program with while building your public speaking skills and earning presentation credits for your star ranks. If you would like to volunteer, contact Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 or simply complete the online sign up form at: http://ucanr.edu/PMOutreach.
4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
All 4-H families save the date! Saturday, January 17, 2015 is the 42nd annual 4-H Community Dinner. This is the main fundraiser for the year for our county 4-H program. We cook and serve tri tip dinner to about 1000 people, auction decorated cakes made by 4-H members, and fill the John Muir building at the fairgrounds with project displays. There are contests for posters, ticket sales and cakes and many opportunities for families and clubs to help. The community service project for the Dinner will be helping the ReHorse Rescue Ranch purchase hay. Watch for more Dinner information in the next Tooter!

IRONSTONE CONCOURS d’ELEGANCE
Saturday, September 27
Concours d’Elegance is a classic car show at Ironstone Winery in Murphys. It is a fundraiser for 4-H in the foothill counties, FFA, and State Fair scholarships. Tuolumne County 4-H members and families volunteer to help with the event and in return, the Ironstone Concours Foundation helps support our program. What can you do? We need members of all ages to give presentations, bring project displays, bake cookies, and work in the different venues at the event. Presentations can be individual or team and are given from 11-12:30. The impromptu speaking contest is 12:30-1:30. Displays are set up from 9:30-2. Members stay with their displays to talk to the general public about 4-H. Presentations and displays can be about any 4-H project or activity. Small live animals are always an attraction. Our county is responsible to supply 15 dozen home-made cookies for the award bags given to the car show winners. Cookies should be packed 4-6 to a small ziplok baggie. 4-H members of all ages and adults to supervise are needed to take tickets, hand out programs, assemble the award bags, and assist in the merchandise booth. All Stars and Leadership Team members help at the Gala Lunch and Awards Ceremony.

Admission and lunch are free for 4-H members volunteering and/or presenting. Admission is free for supervising 4-H adults. For more information and to sign up to present or volunteer, go to: http://ucanr.edu/concours by September 20. If you can bake and donate cookies, let Melanie know at the 4-H Office. If you are paying for admission, tickets are $20 per adult or $35 per couple or family of 4, and children under 14 are free.

COUNTY LEADERS COUNCIL
All Tuolumne County 4-H members in 9th-12th grade and leaders and may be active participants in our Leaders Council. The Leaders Council makes important program decisions, establishes local 4-H policies and plans countywide 4-H activities. The Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month (excluding March, July, November and December) at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Office. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

4-H WEEK BABY BASKET
This is a traditional activity to honor the first baby born to Tuolumne County parents during National 4-H Week. Every 4-H club is invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to the 4-H Office, your club meeting or Achievement Night in October.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK RECRUITMENT AND FUNDRAISING EVENT
We will be holding a recruitment and fundraising event at Tractor Supply on Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with 4-H Event and the Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help with activity booths and perhaps a small petting zoo. Our 100 for 100 campaign T-Shirts will be sold at a special discounted price—$12 per shirt or 2 shirts for $20 at this event ONLY!! There will be craft and science projects for kids to complete onsite and take home and we will enroll new members onsite! Join us and bring some friends! For more information or to volunteer, contact your community club leader or Melanie Curtis at 533-6990.
STATE FASHION REVUE
Announcing State Fashion Revue 2015 categories, service projects, cover art contest and first committee meeting! The SFR committee meets October 4 from 10-2 at the San Joaquin Robert J. Cabral Agriculture Center, 2101 East Earhart Avenue, Stockton. Bring lunch and your fabulous ideas. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the SFR 2015 program cover art contest to illustrate the theme "Through the Looking Glass." Original art work is due by December 15, 2014 to http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest. Participant categories returning for SFR 2015 are Traditional, Upcycled, and Consumer Science Purchased $40 limit. The two new categories are Jacket Challenge and Costume Challenge. The service projects this year are pillowcases (sewn) and hats (sewn, knitted or crocheted). Please see the SFR website for more details on joining the committee, the cover contest, the categories and service projects or the event itself at (note new address) http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/

STATE 4-H LEADERS FORUM 2014
Time of Inspiration - When was the last time you felt inspired at a 4-H project meeting? This year for the California State Leaders Forum– “101 Way’s 4-H Thrives” we aim to rekindle our capacity for inspiration and innovation; for the inspiration of what we do in 4-H, for relishing the inspiration of the people we know in 4-H, for the inspiration of strengthening our vision for the future of 4-H. Come join your fellow 4-H leaders and staff for an inspiring and innovative experience, a networking opportunity; inspiring and refreshing your 4-H commitment at the State Leaders Forum in Sacramento on Nov. 14 – 16, 2013. We will be updating the web page http://ucanr.edu/slf2014 for information, soon.

REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY SERVICE LEARNING MINI-GRANTS
The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is dedicated to fostering an environment where youth and adults work together as equal partners to gain new skills and create positive community change. 4-H groups can apply for up to $1,000 to identify, plan, and carry out a service-learning project in their community. Projects will be focused on the three key content areas that form the core of all 4-H programs, Science, Healthy Living, and Citizenship. Want to contribute to your community but need an idea how? Look at what other clubs have done visit http://ca4hfoundation.org/.

RIDING IT FORWARD
Joe Ostaszewski, Biggest Loser finalist and former Florida State University defensive lineman, says the Biggest Loser show saved his life. Now, he’s “riding it forward” in a 2,900-mile bike ride across the country to inspire others and help save American youth from the dangers of childhood obesity. He will be making stops in San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties to motivate local 4-H youth to take the pledge to live a healthy lifestyle and join the fight against childhood obesity. You can “Ride it Forward” too:
1. Follow Joe at @joeostaszewski. Applaud his effort and promote 4-H Healthy Living. Share your own healthy living commitment using hashtags #RidingitForward and #ca4h.
2. “Join Joe”/Pledge to Exercise During “Riding it Forward”
   “Match Joe's Miles Across America” with a commitment to exercise a certain number of miles during the months of August to September. Chronicle your commitment to healthy living online—share photos and inspiration using the hashtags #RidingItForward and #ca4h
For more information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsDDB0oCxOo

For more information: http://ucanr.edu/sfrcovercontest
CLOVERBUDS
Cloverbuds will be meeting October 6th. At the 4-H office at 6pm. We will be doing an activity. Hope to see you there. For any questions please contact Dedra Danicourt 209/770-6279

FOOTHILL
Hello Foothill 4-Hers! Welcome back returning members and welcome to new members! Hope you all had a great summer and a happy beginning of the school year. Our meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month.
So, our first meeting is Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m at the Posse Grounds in Jamestown. If you have any questions or can't make it to the meeting call Sharon at 532-5036 or Ida at 984-5515. See you there!
Belle Bloom, Reporter

Foothill projects: The Gold Country Cowgirls will be open only to Foothill members this year. For more information, contact Renee Clopton at 247-0784.

GOLD RUSH COUNTRY
The first meeting of the new 4-H Club Gold Rush Country Kids will be Thursday September 11, 2014 at the Gold Rush Country School. The Meeting will be held in the Cafeteria at 16331 Hidden Valley Road. There are home economic projects like sewing, cooking, and Cake Decorating. We also offer animal projects such as sheep, swine and beef for those who want to sell an animal at the Mother Lode Fair. If you would like to get more information call Emily Hamilton at 206-3020.

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
Meets at Tenaya School, 19177 Hwy 120, Groveland, 95321, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Community Club Leader: Carol Willmon, willmon@hughes.net or 962-7528. The first meeting will be September 9th at 6:30 to 7:30 – bring a friend to join 4-H!

HI 4-H
Hi 4-H is both a project and a club for 4-H members at least 12 years old by December 31st. Hi 4-H is a club for those members who want to participate in Haunted House and Hi 4-H only. If a 4-H member wants to do other projects, such as raise an animal, then the member joins another club and participates in Hi 4-H as a project. Most Hi 4-H members, also join the Haunted Project. Throughout the 4-H year, Hi 4-H adopts a family during the holiday's, organizes a pancake breakfast in March and then take a 3 day trip to Disneyland. Hi 4-H meeting are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7 PM at Sonora Youth Center. The first meeting is Sept 17, at 7:00 pm Any questions please call Linda Mager, 532-5896 or Linda Hembree, 532-8656.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Mountain Rangers meet the second Wednesday of the month in the Soulsbyville Elementary school cafeteria at 6pm. Our first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 10th. If you are an executive officer please show up at 5:30 for the officers meeting. If you have any questions please contact Anita Vicini.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Hello Cloverleafs,
The new 4H year is starting for the Cloverleafs on Tuesday, September 9th at 7 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Please pay attention to the date! We have moved our meeting back up to the second
Tuesday of every month. Mark your calendars! I am looking forward to a great new year with new officers in charge. We will be meeting soon to work on fun and educational activities for our club. We still need a reporter. Is anyone interested? Please try to enroll on line as soon as you can and please bring me your signed medical release forms. I need to have one for each of you on file. As always, adult and teen volunteers are needed to lead projects for our club. Any hobby or interest can be turned into a project. Any questions or need more information? Please feel free to contact me, Deniel Sheffield, at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com.

Deniel Sheffield

Cloverleafs Projects: Public Speaking will be held at the 4-H Office on 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Our first meeting will be held on Sept. 16. Call Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 for more information.

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
I hope everyone had a great summer. The new year is here and we are ready to rock. You can sign up online anytime or we can do it at the first club meeting on September 8, 2014. The meeting will begin at 7:00 at the Mother Lode Christian School. See you there.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES (SEWING)
4-H sewing projects focus on garment construction, machine & hand sewing, community service, and creating entries for Fashion Revue. If you are interested in joining a sewing project, contact Sue Moore at 743-2020 or 2moores@mlode.com or Rachel Jones at 743-5761 or sierrascoop@sbcglobal.net by September 20. Several project groups will be formed once we know who wants to sew. Last year’s members, please let your leader know if you are returning. Parents are welcome at project meetings and additional leaders and assistant leaders are always needed!

GOATS
The Tuolumne County-Wide Goat Project meeting will be held on September 11th at the 4-H office at 6:30pm. We will be discussing upcoming events and introduction to goats. For more information please contact Dedra Danicourt 209/ 770-6279.

HAUNTED HOUSE
Haunted House is a project for 4-H youth in 7th grade and above. We also welcome parent participation in this project. The Haunted House is located at the red barn near the railroad tracks on South Washington St in Sonora. Construction on the Haunted House will begin on Aug. 30th at 9 am. Please enroll in 4-H, online, as soon as possible. Contact the 4-H office if you need assistance with enrollment. All members must have a medical form on file at the Haunted House. Always wear older clothes and close toed shoes when working. We will work weekends doing construction until the start of performances. Performance dates this year will be Oct 22-25 and Oct 28-31. If anyone has any questions call Jay Wallace, 770-3724, Linda Hembree, 532-8656 or Linda Mager, 532-5896.

HORSE—ROCK CREEK RIDERS
The Rock Creek Rider's first meeting will be on September 13, at 9:00am at my house. We will be discussing the year plan for our group. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 209-499-4304 or 209-984-0447, see you soon! —Lori Mills
COUNTYWIDE PROJECTS, CONTINUED

POULTRY
We are in need of a new Countywide Poultry Leader for 2014-2015. If we do not have an adult step forward to volunteer, there will be no Poultry project next year.

SCIENCE EDUCATION TEAM
The Science Education Team teaches youth various science curriculum with the goal of team members visiting the PM club sites and delivering that Science Curriculum to them. Members of the Science Education Team are generally at least in 6th grade, but younger members with a strong interest in science may participate in the group and assist in sessions at PM Clubs led by older members. This year’s training sessions will take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the UCCE/4-H Office, beginning September 16th. For more information, please contact Melanie Curtis at 533-6990 or makwast@ucanr.edu.

RABBITS
The first meeting of the 4-H Countywide Rabbit Project – Tuolumne Lepus Club – will be held on Wednesday, September 24 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonora Moose Lodge for members new to the project, and at 6:30 for returning members. You don’t need to have a rabbit to start the project and several breeds will be on display for discussion about what rabbit might be just right for you. Please contact project leader Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

The Big Valley Rabbit Association will be holding an all-breed ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) sanctioned show on Saturday, Sept 20th at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds in Stockton starting at 8:00 a.m. This huge show runs for several hours and offers a great opportunity to see many of the 48 ARBA sanctioned breeds of rabbits with a lot of stock for sale. If you have any interest in owning and/or showing a rabbit just like people show dogs and cats, this is the place to check out what goes on. To enter a rabbit in the show, or for more information, contact Dolores Morris at morrisrex@yahoo.com

SHOOTING SPORTS—RIFLE
IMPORANT INFORMATION!
Signups for the winter session will be on September 2nd, and will be done ONLINE at the Mother Lode Gun Club web site http://www.motherlodegunclub.com/Juniorrifle.php The project will meet at 6:00pm Tuesday nights at the Mother Lode Gun Club on Jamestown Road beginning on September 9th (for those missing club meetings for your project meetings, it will be an excused absence). Youth must be at least 10 years old during 2014 to participate and need to be signed up by a parent or guardian (on line). There is limited space so log on and sign up as early as possible on September 2nd for it is first come first served until the class is filled. The $25 fee covers all supplies and the use of MLGC indoor range and equipment. For more information call or text Rodger Tidball at 768-0261.

Don’t see your project news here?
If you are a Project Leader and would like a news article published in the monthly Tooter please email or call the 4-H Office by the 25th of each month with your submission. This is a great way to keep your members and parents up-to-date on project meeting dates and activities!
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**TOOTER NEWS**
Articles about 4-H or on topics of general interest to families are welcome.

News for the October Tooter is due September 25th.