



DECEMBER 2010

HOLIDAY NEWS

With all the snow we've been getting this week and the decorations already lit in downtown Sonora, it feels like the holidays are here. I hope you have enjoyed the break from school (and maybe work) during Thanksgiving, were able to dig out, and got to play in the snow.

December is a quiet month in 4-H. We purposely keep our 4-H calendar free so families can have more time to spend together. Clubs will be meeting, and many have parties that you can participate in if you want. If you are interested, we encourage you to attend one of the community parades to cheer the 4-H entries. There are many opportunities to be involved in service projects this month. Every club will be discussing them at their meetings.

Thank you for making the holidays a little brighter for your neighbors. Every small gesture is important, especially when they are multiplied throughout the community by many.

The deadline for news for the January Tooter is December 15. County offices, including the UCCE/4-H office, will be closed for 2 weeks from December 18 until January 3rd. This includes 3 holidays and 7 employee furlough days. If you have a pressing question, e-mail or leave a phone message. I will check periodically to retrieve messages.

~ Sue Moore

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Tuolumne County 4-H new member enrollment deadline is **December 15th**. This is not a postmark deadline - this is the deadline for your forms and \$15 fee to be **received** at the 4-H Office. This deadline is for new members who want to be eligible to show in a 4-H class at the 2011 Mother Lode Fair or any other 4-H competitive event or participate in the Hi 4-H Disneyland trip.

CONFERENCES FOR TEENS



We were so sorry to cancel the **Teen Retreat** due to bad weather! The All Star and Leadership Teams had awesome sessions planned and the decorations and name tags were even made. It's a good thing we did though as there were several feet of snow and power outages that night. We have two choices for rescheduling so let the 4-H Office know what you prefer. Would you rather have it a Saturday-Sunday in March (3 Links Camp is booked until then) or an all-day-into-the-evening Saturday at another location, maybe the Sheriff's Posse grounds?

LCORT (Leadership Conference of Regional Teens) will be at Wonder Valley Ranch near Fresno on January 28-30. LCORT is for members in grades 7-9 from the 12 counties in the South Central Section. It is always a great conference with about 300 teens, workshops, a motivational speaker and a dance. Forms are on the UCCE Office website <http://tuolumne4h.ucdavis.edu> and at the 4-H Office. The fee is \$130 per person if received by December 1st and \$10 extra after that.

CAN YOU HELP SERVE?

Members in 8th grade and up are needed for a community service activity. Sonora Regional Medical Center is having their staff dinner on December 7th at the Fairgrounds. 4-H members have been asked to assist. The time is 4:30-5:00 to approximately 10 pm. You need to wear black pants, white shirt and 4-H tie/scarf or red bandana. Contact Ida Ponder at 984-5515/743-0578 or Sharon Smales at 532-5036 if you can volunteer. Dinner is included. SRMC will make a donation to Tuolumne County 4-H in return for our help.



NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Do you want to be a 4-H volunteer leader this year? Are you an adult planning to chaperone on the Hi 4-H Disneyland trip? If so, you need to contact Sue at the 4-H Office to schedule a leader orientation session. New leaders need to be oriented by December 15 so the 4-H Office can finalize project and leader lists.



JAMIE SMITH CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Jamie was honored by the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce as the 2010 Citizen of the Year. He is the youngest person ever to receive this award. He was recognized for successfully bringing the All American Soap Box Derby back to Tuolumne County. This included raising funds to repave Pine Street, recruiting families to participate, holding clinics, and a full day of racing. Jamie is a teen leader in Tuolumne Pioneers 4-H club, an All Star and this year is serving as a 4-H State Ambassador. He is a graduate of Sonora High and is attending University of the Pacific as a mechanical engineering major and playing in the college band.

Jamie is in fine company as Ron Hamilton won this award in 2009 and Sue Moore in 2005. This speaks highly of the 4-H program and the emphasis we place on community involvement at every level - staff, Council and clubs, and youth membership.

ALICIA MAGDALENO STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Alicia was honored at the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce banquet as the 2010 Student of the Year for Sonora High School. She is the ASB (Student Body) President and serves with dedication and passion. She is a 4-H All Star, past President of Sonora Cloverleafs and now a teen leader in Tuolumne Pioneers. We are very proud of both Jamie and Alicia!

FREE TO GOOD HOME

2 Friendly Wether Pygmy Goats
Born Feb 2007. Micro-Chipped & De-Horned.
Great pets and lawnmowers.
We're moving and can't bring them along.
Dakota Siebert 532-3241 or 662-4655

EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING HELP

RE HORSE RESCUE RANCH: for Gabriel and other rescued horses. www.rehorserescue.org. PO Box 494, Jamestown, CA 95327 or at Sonora Feed, Radovich Hay, or Hurst Ranch Feed 209-984-3016

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER: Food, monetary donations, and children's presents are needed as well as people to help prepare and serve the dinner. Anyone in the community is invited to attend and enjoy the 28th annual free community-sponsored Christmas Eve Day Dinner at the fairgrounds from noon to 6 pm. Music, dinner with all the trimmings, gifts, Santa and more. No take out meals but orders for "To Go" must be reserved by Dec. 20th and picked up by noon on Dec. 24th. For more information or to arrange a ride to and from the dinner, call 586-4802.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER: 6th annual Free Dinner at the Sonora Opera Hall from 2-5 pm features dinner with all the trimmings, entertainment and gifts for children. Meals can be delivered and rides can be arranged for people needing transportation to the dinner. It is organized by James Winters, who is a former 4-H All Star. Contact James at 770-0536 with donations or to assist.

ATCAA FOOD BANK: The Jamestown-based food bank assists over 2500 households in the county and the need for food assistance is increasing. Several 4-H clubs already help the food bank with food donations and sorting/bagging food. If you need to apply for a holiday food basket or you can help with donations or your time, contact ATCAA Food Bank at 984-3960.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 4-H Council, 7 pm
- 15 TOOTER deadline
Enrollment deadline for new members

UCCE/4-H Office closed December 20-January 3.

JANUARY 2011

- 3 UCCE Office opens after holidays
- 5 4-H Council, 7 pm
- 8 Sue Moore's retirement party
- 10 Dinner poster display deadline for contest
- 13 Dinner ticket contest deadline, 5 pm
- 15 Community Dinner
- 18 Office closed, holiday
- 18 Small Livestock Association, 7 pm
- 28-30 LCORT sectional conference



4-H COMMUNITY DINNER ~ JANUARY 15 DECORATED CAKE AUCTION & SILENT AUCTION



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Each club will have a serving time and also be in charge of a part of the Dinner so ask about it at your club meeting. This is the main fundraiser for Tuolumne County 4-H and it takes all of us to put on a successful event.

All members are encouraged to sell tickets, bring in donated items or gift certificates for the Silent Auction, make a poster to advertise the dinner and create a decorated cake to auction.

TICKET CONTEST

Tickets are available to check out at your club meetings. The ticket contest ends at 5:00 pm on Thursday, January 13. The prize for the overall top ticket seller is a Kodak EasyShare M575 digital camera with a 4 GB ultra SDHC memory card. It is 14 MP, with a 5x zoom, a rechargeable battery and share button for Facebook. Wow!

Adult tickets for age 12 and over are \$12. Youth (11 and younger) and Seniors (65 and over) are \$8. Adult and Youth/Senior tickets are the same price pre-sale and at the door.

Family tickets for up to 5 people are \$40, pre-sale only. All family tickets must have the number of people written on them when they are sold.

If you are a 4-H family with over 5 people (immediate family living in your home) have Sue at the 4-H Office sign your ticket. We want to take care of our larger 4-H families, but prevent the general public from taking advantage of the family ticket to feed all their children's friends.

SILENT AUCTION

Besides the decorated cake auction we also offer a Silent Auction table. These are for

- Home made, undecorated specialty cakes like German Chocolate, a decorated cake made by a member who isn't able to be present for the live auction, or a decorated cake made by an adult
- Gift baskets
- Donated items
- Gift certificates

If you solicit a donation for the Silent Auction, be sure to complete the donation form in this Tooter. Bring the top half to the 4-H Office or to the Dinner with your item.

POSTER CONTEST

Members are encouraged to make and display posters or flyers to publicize the Dinner. Posters & flyers may be entered in the contest and judged for awards. The contest has separate divisions for Primary members, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. Rules are:

1. Poster: hand made or computer-generated, made directly on or affixed to standard poster board, 11x14" to 22x28". It may be produced in any medium as long as it is flat enough to hang in a window.
2. A flyer is computer generated on 8-1/2 x 11" paper
3. It may be vertical or horizontal in format.
4. It may not incorporate copyrighted material like Peanuts.
3. It must be made by the member only. One entry per member. The member's name, club, and grade in school must be written on the top back.
4. Display it in a public place for at least five days before the dinner, and have it initialed by the business owner or manager. Put it up by Monday, January 10.
5. All important information should be on the poster: 4-H Community Dinner; January 15, 2011; 4-7 p.m., at the Fairgrounds, ticket prices: \$12 adult, \$8 seniors 65 & up and children 11 & under. Tickets are available from 4-H members and at the door.
6. Posters must be received for the contest by 3:00 pm in the John Muir building at the fairgrounds.

PROJECT DISPLAYS We would like every club and project to bring a display to the Dinner. A display about your community service project is always welcome. Or create a display about an educational activity your project or club is involved in. Contact the 4-H Office to reserve a space, either on a table or the floor. We have science fair boards you can use as well as larger bulletin boards. Let us know how we can help you create your display!

FOOD PREP

Information will be in the January Tooter about the food prep day and time. 4-Hers are invited to wrap potatoes for baking and a crew of adults and older teens will trim and season the tri-tip.

ICE CHESTS

We will need 30-40 medium sized ice chests, clean and labeled with your name. Bring them to the 4-H Office.

MORE COMMUNITY DINNER

DECORATED CAKE CONTEST

We have separate divisions for Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Groups and new this year- Adults. You do not need to be in a Cake Decorating project. **Cakes will be received in the John Muir building from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm only** on January 15. When delivering your cake you will be asked your name, grade, club, type of cake (chocolate, yellow, carrot, etc.) and the cake's theme. If someone else is bringing your cake, write this information down and attach it to your cake board.

JUDGING RULES: Cakes must be made and decorated by the youth member or youth members of a group. Any cake made and/or decorated by an adult must be entered in the adult class. All decorations on the cake must be edible. If you bring your cake on cardboard or a disposable plate, the buyer won't have to return your plate. Cakes may be any flavor, shape or size, using any design that is 4-H appropriate. They may not contain alcohol. New this year - 12 decorated cupcakes in paper liners may be substituted for a cake.

Judging is based on overall appearance, artistic quality and neatness. Every cake receives a ribbon. In addition, judges will award medals to the top cakes in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior classes.

DECORATED CAKE AUCTION

All cakes entered for judging will be sold during the Auctions, beginning at 5:30. Members must be present to sell a cake in the Live Auction. Cakes made by adults and by members who can't be present for the live auction will be sold in the Silent Auction. You are encouraged to wear your 4-H uniform or 4-H T-shirt for the auction. The money received for the cakes is a donation to 4-H Leaders Council. Donating a cake counts as a community service in your record book.

DINNER FLYERS are available at the 4-H Office and on the website for you to display in the community. You can also print page 8 of this Tooter. Please help publicize YOUR DINNER.



4-H WEEK BABY

Chloe Ann Dolman, the first 4-H Week baby, visited the 4-H Office with her family to receive her basket of gifts. Thank you to every family and club who participated! There were so many cute clothes and toys, as well as practical diapers and baby products. See the photo on the back page!

SUE'S RETIREMENT PARTY

It may not seem possible because she is still working so hard in our program, but Sue Moore is retired. She retired June 30, 2010 but is still our 4-H Staff until the University and County can create a way to fill her position.

In honor of her many years (almost 20) as the Tuolumne County 4-H Program Manager, the Tuolumne County 4-H Council is hosting a retirement dinner in her honor. The event is January 8, 2011 at Bannys at Mountain Springs. ALL are welcome.

Social hour is 5:30 to 6:30 and Dinner is served at 6:30. Cost for the buffet and party is \$25.00. Please contact Ron Hamilton 928-1815 or mail checks to: P.O. Box 175, Tuolumne, Ca. 95379. Checks should be payable to the Tuolumne County 4-H Council

FROM CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIR

November 16, 2010

Dear Livestock Exhibitor:

Due to our increasing space demands, only residents of Calaveras County will be permitted to show in the 2011 Calaveras County Fair Livestock divisions, except Horse. It is our goal to increase our barn space so we will not have to limit entries in the future. We would like to encourage you to participate in the open shows available at the Fairgrounds:

January 8, Rabbit Show

March 27, Gold Country Beef Show

And a poultry show this spring.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Fair office.

Sincerely,

Laurie Giannini

Director of Marketing

PO Box 489, Angels Camp CA 95222

209-736-2561, laurie@frogtown.org



TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 15, 2011
SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

Please complete the form below and return with the donated item to your 4-H Club or the 4-H office by January 14. If you are bringing the donation to the Community Dinner on January 15, please bring it by 3:00 pm.

Donor or Company Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____ website- www. _____

This is a donation of ____ Actual Merchandise ____ Gift Certificate

Description of item: _____

Retail Value \$ _____ Expiration Date _____

Restrictions or conditions: _____

Donor's Signature _____ Date _____

4-H member receiving the donation (print name) _____ Club _____

(Cut here, fill this portion out, and give it to the Donor)

Thank you for donating an item to the Tuolumne County 4-H Silent Auction to be held at the 4-H Community Dinner on January 15, 2011 at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.

Donor or Company Name: _____

This is a donation of: ____ Actual Merchandise ____ Gift Certificate

Description of item: _____

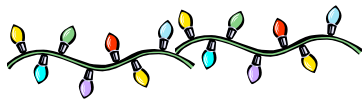
Retail Value \$ _____

4-H member receiving the donation (print name) _____ Club _____

If you have any questions, please contact
 Ron Hamilton, 4-H Community Dinner Chairperson, at 209-928-1815 or krishnaron@frontiernet.net
 The Tuolumne County 4-H Youth Development Program office at 209-533-6990

Thank you for supporting Tuolumne County 4-H





“UPDATES” FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE



Healthy Living Grant program

California 4-H is offering mini-grants for youth-directed healthy living projects. 4-H members are encouraged to apply for funding, lead the project, and partner with one or more adults throughout the process. The proposed healthy living project must be implemented with a focus on service-learning, leadership and/or youth-adult partnerships. For more information, please visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving. The deadline for this opportunity is January 15, 2011.

Quilters and Sewers

CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011 would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded soldier. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred. If you make 12 ½” x 12 ½” squares then they can be combined with squares made by other people for a whole quilt. Bring or send your squares, quilt tops and quilts to State Fashion Revue at Olson Hall, UC Davis during State Field Day, May 28, 2011. Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning SFR workshop. Please contact Lisa Kuntz, SFR youth co-chair, creulgirl101@yahoo.com with questions.

The **State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee has a new event manual for counties, participants, families and judges. You can access it at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/>. The manual explains what SFR is, who may enter, the age divisions and outfit categories, and introduces the rubric scorecards which will be used at the state event in 2011. It is not required for this manual to be adopted by county or sectional competitions, but it is recommended that it be used as the state-wide standard for 4-H Fashion Revues. We hope counties will be including the \$15 Challenge category in their county events; see the flyer at the same website. For information about SFR or to join the committee, contact Karli Draxler, Youth Chair, at chat2kd@unwiredbb.com.

Do Something Youth Grants

U.S. and Canadian citizens 25 or under are eligible to apply for \$500 Plum Youth Grants. These grants are designed to further the growth and success of a recently created community action project or organization. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and grants are awarded weekly. For more information and to apply click [here](#) or go to <http://www.dosomething.org/grants/general/apply>

Cruising to 4-H Excellence

All 4-H leaders, their families, and friends are invited to Cruise to 4-H Excellence. The 2011 Western Regional Leaders Forum will be held on the Holland America cruise ship M.S. Westerdam. The ship departs Seattle May 7, will make stops in Juneau, Hubbard Glacier, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Victoria, B.C. and return to Seattle on May 14. Having our 4-H Leaders Forum on the ship will provide a great venue for our many workshops, give people time to socialize, and offer educational opportunities to learn about different ports and local attractions.

A special 4-H price with Holland America is available to forum full time registrants, companions and even family and friends. The total price starts at \$1000, depending on choice of cabin and shore excursions.

The cruise will feature a focus on the natural and cultural beauty of Alaska and the Northwest. While cruising, you will enjoy distinctive dining showcasing Alaskan seafood and produce. A park ranger will provide commentary and native interpretation while cruising at Hubbard Glacier. An Alaska Travel Guide will be on board to share insight on Alaskan culture, geology, wildlife and history.

Participants will be able to choose from over 50 workshops, enjoy gourmet food, and take advantage of the ships amenities including the culinary arts center, spa, digital workshop, nightly entertainment, and club rooms for youth and teens. To learn more about the cruise visit <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html>

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation

(LCEF) Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)3 status and public agencies operating in communities where Lowe's stores and distribution centers are located are eligible to apply. Grant funds are available for community improvement projects. Grant amounts range from \$5,000 to \$25,000. Application awards are ongoing. To apply, organizations will need to take an eligibility test. For more information and to apply, click [here](#) or <http://www.lowes.com>.

4-H Eco Challenge Game from IBM is an online interactive game for middle school and high school youth that teaches how daily choices impact the planet and guides young people on a journey to making a difference. It challenges users to test their knowledge of environmental issues including water use and quality, transportation, pollution and waste management. It is a great compliment to the learning in the 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H20. To play the 4-H Eco Challenge game, visit the 4-H National Youth Science Day website at 4-H.org/NYSD and click on the game icon.



MORE STATE 4-H UPDATES

Adult Volunteers are the Heart of the 4-H Program

For nearly a hundred years the 4-H Youth Development Program (4-H YDP) has capitalized on the powerful influence of caring adults in the lives of children and youth. Central to the success of 4-H are the talented and dedicated adult volunteers, who are the heart of the 4-H program, providing valuable programmatic leadership and build caring and nurturing relationships with 4-H members. Research over the past three decades continues to show that caring adults can be a protective factor in high risk situations and provide safe environments for youth to develop independence and confidence. Resilient youth who thrive despite obstacles, typically have one or more caring adults who are active and present in their lives, coaching their perseverance.

Every county in the state is in the process of appointing, highly motivated teams of adult volunteers, older youth, and staff who will attend regional trainings this spring on the 4-H Thriving framework. Each team is committed to extending the training to their county 4-H volunteers to enhance their work in assuring our 4-H members *ignite their spark, flex their brains and reach their goals... Growing Youth Who Thrive!* Watch for more ways to get involved!

Regards,
Sharon Junge
Acting Director, Statewide 4-H YDP



2011 4-H SET Workshops

February 5, 9am-4pm, registration due January 24, Free <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/Workshops/>

Counties are invited to send a team of 4-H teen leaders, 4-H volunteers, 4-H staff, and afterschool partners to the 2011 4-H SET Winter Workshops. This professional volunteer development opportunity will help prepare 4-H volunteers, teens and staff to incorporate science, engineering, and technology into 4-H projects and activities in a hands-on, experiential manner.

Locations and Curricula

Oroville: Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science, presented by Matthew Portillo, max 40 people

UC Davis: There's No New Water! presented by Steven Worker, max 40 people; Youth Experiences in Science presented by Marianne Bird, max 24 people; Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science, presented by Martin Smith, max 30 people

Merced: Junk Drawer Robotics, presented by Richard Mahacek, max 40 people

Watsonville: TechXcite Engineering, presented by Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, max 30 people

Los Angeles: Exploring your Environment, Biosecurity in 4-H Animal Science, TechXcite Engineering

Special Recognition at State 4-H Presentation Day

In 2011, California 4-H will offer a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas: Science, Engineering and Technology, Healthy Living, and Military Youth. Participants may only choose one focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the primary topic of the presentation.

Resources: Science, Engineering and Technology

(SET) All youth can be scientists! 4-H engages youth in learning about the natural world by using science skills, such as observing, questioning, comparing, relating, inferring, designing and building. This year's focus is on the *natural properties and the human interactions with water*. Presentation topics may focus on the science of water (chemical, physical, biological), water on the earth (watersheds, water cycle, bodies of water), human history of water (water use around the world, transportation, culture, philosophy), the human impacts on water quality and quantity (conservation, pollution), or more. For additional information about 4-H SET, visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET.

Resources: Military Youth "Speak Out for Military Kids" is a special project between the U.S. military and 4-H. Military and non-military youth are encouraged to create presentations that *generate community awareness* of issues faced by military youth when a parent is in the deployment cycle. For more information about the 4-H Military Partnership, visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/MilitaryPartnership.

Resources: Healthy Living

4-H provides youth with opportunities that will increase the knowledge, skills and adoption of healthy habits. This year's focus area is *injury prevention*. Potential topics may include bullying, bicycling safety, animal and livestock safety, protective equipment (seatbelts, helmets), athletic training (stretching, warming up), hunting equipment, ATV safety, teen drivers, water-related injuries, dating violence, fire safety and more. For additional information about 4-H Healthy Living, visit www.ca4h.org/Projects/HealthyLiving.

California 4-H Photography Contest and Film Festival

at the 2011 State 4-H Field Day. *Event on May 28, 2011. Registration due by May 6, 2011.*

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

Start thinking now about the photography contest and film festival being planned for the 2011 State 4-H Field Day on May 28, 2011 at UC Davis. The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team will release the themes for both events in January 2011. Both are open to all 4-H members (age 9 through 19).

38th Annual
4-H Community Dinner
Decorated Cake Auction
Silent Auction

**TRI TIP &
all the fixin's**

Baked potato, Green Salad, Roll
Ice Cream & Cover's Cookie
Vegetarian entrée available by request



Saturday, January 15, 2011
Mother Lode Fairgrounds
4 to 7 pm

Tickets: from 4-H members & at the door

\$12 Adults

\$8 Seniors 65 & older

\$8 Children under 12

\$40 Family ticket is pre-sale only, limit 5 people

For information, please contact the 4-H office, 533-6990

Proceeds benefit the Tuolumne County 4-H Program for local youth



CLUB NEWS

FOOTHILL 4-H

We are having a candy bar exchange for our Christmas party at the December 8th meeting. Members and siblings who want to participate, bring a wrapped candy bar. We are collecting paper towels and cat and dog toys for Christmas for the Humane Society as our community service project. For club information, contact Sharon Smales at 532-5036 or Ida Ponder at 984-5515.

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS

Hey Highlanders,

At our last meeting we had All-Star Stephanie Hankins install our new officers, and we also initiated four new members. We had a decorating committee meet, who made pumpkin decorations for the Groveland Community Thanksgiving Dinner. In addition, we had a speaker, Sydney Avey from Southside Senior Services, who spoke to us about the programs and services available for our community. Our next meeting will be the second Tuesday, December 14 at 7 pm. Please bring one or two packages of stuffing mix for the Community Christmas Baskets, and a wrapped ornament for our annual Christmas Ornament Exchange. See you there! Call club leader Carol Willmon for information, 962-7528.

Caitlen Amos, Reporter

LUCKY TRAILS

Welcome new member Emily Wright and new leader Nancy Anders. We are having a cookie exchange at our December meeting. Bring one dozen of your favorite cookies to share. See you on December 14 at 7 pm. For information, contact our club leader, Sue Griffiths, at 559-9044. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody in 4-H!

MOUNTAIN RANGERS

The Twain Harte Christmas Parade is Friday, December 3rd. We will be meeting at Eproson Park at 4:30 to decorate our float and we will also be having pizza. Our theme is "Winterize your pets." Please bring any decorations that you may have. You may also bring your pets. The parade starts at 6:00, so dress warmly because it will be chilly! We will not be having a December club meeting. For more information contact Gwen Swenson, 586-1922 or Patricia Carlson, 586-2628.

Haley Gragg, Reporter

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS

At our last meeting Dr. Dyer gave a presentation about hand washing. I'd like to thank all of you who volunteered for the presentation. Dr. Dyer is holding a hand-crafts project for our club. Anyone who'd like to join may. I'd also like to thank those of you that brought food to the potluck & made the \$1 donation.

Katie Juarez won the t-shirt design contest. She will receive a free 4-H t-shirt. Congratulations Katie!

All Star, Dakota Siebert, came to install our 4-H officers. They are: Ruger Pearson, President; Jimmy Kress & Rima Pandel, Vice President; Syndey Sheffield, Secretary; Mary Suess, Treasurer; Emma Fray, Sargeant at Arms; Kaarina Thompson, Reporter; Kristiina Thompson & Kaarina Thompson, Historian; August Pearson, Refreshment Chairman; Katie Juarez & Megan Popovich, Telephone Chairman.

Our next meeting will be December 14 at 7:00 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Remember to bring donations for the Lambert Center such as towels, blankets and D batteries. We will also be decorating candles for the holidays at the meeting. If you have any questions contact our club leader, Deniel Sheffield, at sheffy@mlode.com or call her at 536-9791. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving Sonora Cloverleafs!

Kaarina Thompson, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS

Thank you to the All Stars who installed our officers at our last meeting, and congratulations to our new officers! This year the Family to Family project has been cancelled so instead we will be supporting a few families in need and buying gift cards for them for Christmas. These are due at the December meeting.

ATCAA food bank needs volunteers to help sort food as they will be getting a lot of deliveries for the holidays. This will be December 6th at the ATCAA food bank from 4-6 pm. contact Ron Hamilton at 928-1815. Our December meeting will be December 13th at Summerville Elementary at 7.

Thank you to all those who worked at the ATCAA Food Delivery for Thanksgiving. 4-H made a great impact at the event.

Sydney Jones, Reporter



COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS



BEEF The County-wide Beef project will meet on Wednesday, December 8th at 5:30 pm at Round Table in the Junction. Bret Taylor is the new Project Leader and Ashley Taylor is the Teen Leader. For information, call 928-3219.

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Sue & Jan's project will be meeting December 5th and 12th, beginning members from 1-2:45 and older/advanced members from 3-5:30. Contact Sue at 743-2020.

EXOTIC BIRDS Our next meeting will be on Sunday Dec. 19th at the 4-H office meeting room from 6:30-8:30. We will be making edible treats and bird toys for our birds. Please remember to bring your avian folders and a pen. For more information contact Mike Mainguth at 533-3135 or email mainguth@mlode.com

GPS Alex Encoyand will be the GPS project leader again. Interested project members, contact Alex at 768-0281.

HI 4-H Our officers were installed at our November meeting. Thank you All Star Alicia Magdaleno. The Disneyland trip is planned for April 1 thru April 3, 2011. Anyone going to Disneyland must sell placemat ads for our Pancake Breakfast, which is Sunday, March 13, 2011. Pancake breakfast ad packets were passed out at the November meeting. If you are planning to go to Disneyland and did not make the last meeting, please call so you can get ad information. Extra ad packets are at the 4-H Office.

On December 4th, Hi 4-H will be serving food at the annual Clampers dinner. On December 11th, Hi 4-H will be shopping for a family we will adopt for Christmas through Victim Witness. Anyone interested in the upcoming Hi 4-H activities, please call Linda Mager at 532-5896.

Our next Hi 4-H meeting on December 15th will be our Christmas party, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please bring a wrapped and disguised candy bar for an exchange. You will be contacted before the meeting and asked to bring a something for a potluck dinner. Any questions about Hi 4-H call Linda Mager (532-5896), Anita Payne (532-8309), or Linda Hembree (532-8656).



POULTRY We will not be meeting in December, so see you at our next meeting on January 20th at 7 pm at the 4H office. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Turkey orders will be due at the January meeting for final numbers. Turkey poults are provided to participating poultry members signed up for the market turkey project. If you need more information please call us at 586-2784. Merry Merry! Greg & Lynn Hummel

PUBLIC SPEAKING meets Thursday, December 2nd at 6:30 at the UCCE/4-H Office. We will be practicing how to give a demonstration. Contact project leader Sue Moore for information, samoore@ucdavis.edu or 743-2020.

PYGMY GOAT We invite all 4-Hers interested in Pygmy Goats to come to our project meetings the first Tuesday of each month from 6-7 pm at the 4-H Office. We walked our goats in the Sonora Christmas Parade (see photo on back page)). Call Beth and Rod Moore at 840-3463 if you have any questions.

RABBIT (Tuolumne Lepus Club)

Our November meeting was cancelled due to the storms and we are not meeting in December since our meeting would be so close to Christmas. This means our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 26th (the 4th Wednesday) at 6:30 pm at the UCCE/4-H Office. For more information contact Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com, or Heather Swenson at 586-1922.

RACING PIGEONS

This project focuses on the sport of Homing Pigeons. We cover all aspects of raising Homers, from housing, feeding, breeding, racing and much, much more. We will also be taking a couple of field trips. Any member who is interested in pigeons is welcome to join; you don't need to own birds. Contact Alicia & Alex Encoyand for information at 768-0281.





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