37th Annual
4-H Community Dinner
Cake Auction & Silent Auction
Saturday, January 16th from 4 to 7 pm
Mother Lode Fairgrounds

Tickets
$12 Adults
$8 Seniors 65 & older
$8 Children under 12

On Sale from
4-H Members
At the Door
At the 4-H Office

Family Ticket $40
Pre-sale only, limit 5 people
For members of an immediate family all living together
4-H families larger than 5 may purchase their family
tickets at the 4-H Office by January 14.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 4-H DINNER
Each club has a “dinner job” as well as a serving time (see page 2).
Posters need to be up by Monday, January 11.
Food prep is on Wednesday, January 13th, 4 pm for potatoes and 5 pm for Tri-tip at the Posse Grounds.
The ticket contest ends Thursday, January 14 at 5 pm.
Deliver decorated cakes Saturday by 1 pm, posters by 3 pm
Volunteers needed to
- Transport supplies back to the 4-H Office after the dinner
- To box up & store supplies, Sunday, January 17, 1 pm at the 4-H Office

DECORATED CAKE AUCTION at 5:30 pm. Be there to purchase your favorite cake!

SILENT AUCTION Specialty cakes, theme baskets, you name it! Please bring your donations on Saturday by 3 pm.
Complete the Silent Auction donation form in the December Tooter & on the website.

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.
4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
If you have questions, please call Ron Hamilton, Dinner Chairperson, at 928-1815, or the 4-H Office.

Club “dinner jobs”
Foothill 4-H: Set up the building
Groveland Highlanders: Silverware & Decorations
Lucky Trails: Silverware & Poster Contest
Mountain Rangers: Dessert table
Sonora Cloverleafs: Cake Contest
Tuolumne Pioneers: Kitchen, BBQ, Cake Auction
All Star & Leadership Teams: Greeters & Emcees

In addition, thank you to
Linda Hembree: Pre-sale tickets
Shelly Wyatt & Kris Hamilton: Door ticket sales
Sharon Smale: Serving supervision
Denise McKenzie: Beverages
Emily & Anita Hamilton: Silent Auction
Terri Arington: Barbecuing
Columbia College Culinary Arts: Baking the potatoes

SERVING There will be two serving lines which take 12 adults/older teens per shift. Other members seat diners, pour coffee, serve dessert and clear tables. One adult per shift should help supervise the members “working the floor.” Members, wear your uniform or club T-shirt if possible, pin or tie your hair back and have clean hands. Serving times are:

4:45-4:30 Groveland Highlanders, Lucky Trails
4:30-5:15 Tuolumne Pioneers
5:15-6:00 Foothill 4-H
6:00-6:45 Sonora Cloverleafs
6:30-7:00 Mountain Rangers

CLEAN UP
Please let Ron know who will stay for cleanup from your club. So we don’t detract from the Auction, we wait until it is over, then strip the tables, put away the decorations and supplies, pick up the trash and clean up the kitchen area.

SERVICE PROJECTS We would like every club and project to provide a display showing their community service. Contact the 4-H Office to reserve a space. Ron Hamilton challenged 4-H to provide 100 2x4 studs for Habitat for Humanity. You may purchase them for $2.50 each at the Dinner & personalize them.

ICE CHESTS
We need 30-40 medium sized ice chests. Please make sure they are CLEAN and labeled with your name. Bring them to the 4-H Office January 11-12 or to the Posse Kitchen on Wed., Jan. 13 between noon-4 pm.

FOOD PREP
Wednesday, January 13 at the Posse kitchen. Come at 4 pm to wrap potatoes. At 5 pm, Ron Hamilton and an adult crew will trim the tri-tip. Contact Ron to help with the meat as we have new food service rules about the knives we can use. Also contact Ron if you have free time during the day and can help unload the food when it is delivered.

FLYERS
The Dinner flyer is on the website and copies are at the 4-h Office. Print some or pick them up to pass out and display in businesses, church, school, and community bulletin boards. Thank you for advertising the dinner!

TICKET SALES
We hope all 4-H families are assisting with dinner promotion by selling tickets. This is our main 4-H fundraiser for the year and it is a really fun event so invite everyone you know to come!

If you are entering the ticket contest you may turn in your stubs, unsold tickets and money to the 4-H Office. The contest ends on Thursday, January 14 at 5:00 pm.

If you are not entering the contest, please turn in stubs, unsold tickets and money to your club in January.

Club ticket chairs, please call Linda Hembree at 532-8656 or the 4-H Office before 5 pm on January 14th to report other names and amounts for members selling over $150 of tickets. Or bring them to the 4-H Office that afternoon before 5 pm.

TICKET CONTEST
Sell at least $150 of tickets and turn in by 5 pm on January 14 to receive a movie theater ticket. Sell at least $350 and turn in by 5 pm on January 14 to qualify for the top 3 prizes. Top sales wins an 8 Gb iPod Nano. Second place overall wins $50 cash. Third place overall wins $25 cash. One prize per person.

DINNER POSTER CONTEST
Complete rules were in the December Tooter. Posters must be displayed for at least 5 days. Deliver your poster to the dinner by 3:00 pm to be judged.

DECORATED CAKE CONTEST
Complete rules were in the December Tooter. Deliver your cake to the dinner by 1:00 pm to be judged.

SILENT AUCTION
Bring donations to the 4-H Office; or to the dinner before 3 pm. Use the Donation form in the December Tooter and on the website. If you can help check in items or supervise the tables, call the Hamiltons at 928-1815.
HANDLING FOOD
It is important for 4-H members and leaders providing food for the 4-H Community Dinner, bake sales, potlucks, or any other food activity to follow safe food handling guidelines.

When preparing your food:
♦ Wear clean clothing.
♦ Pin back loose hair, use a rubber band, put in a scrunchie, ponytail or braid.
♦ Remove loose jewelry from your hands.
♦ Wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds. Re-wash them if you touch your face, sneeze or cough, eat something, or use the restroom. If you have a cut or sore on your hand, wear disposable gloves or, if at a fundraiser, do another job.
♦ Use clean equipment-bowls, spoons, etc.
♦ Keep your cooking and prep area clean.
♦ Do not chew gum or eat while preparing food.
♦ Keep eggs refrigerated before using them.
♦ Keep food from contamination while it is being transported to your activity.

TAX TIPS FOR 4-H VOLUNTEERS
4-H volunteers (leaders, parents, teens) who incur out-of-pocket expenses or make a direct contribution to 4-H may be able to claim income tax deductions for:
♦ The fair market value of property and materials donated to 4-H
♦ Cash contributions to 4-H
♦ Cost of raising a guide dog puppy
♦ Cost of travel while serving as a volunteer
♦ Unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses for postage, telephone calls, refreshments, copying, etc. incurred in rendering volunteer services

You can’t claim the value of your volunteer services, time, or costs of transporting or paying expenses for your own child. Consult with your tax advisor and keep all receipts.

READ THE TOOTER ONLINE
The Tooter is posted each month to the UCCE Office website the same day it is mailed. Go to http://cetulolumne.ucdavis.edu, click on the 4-H clover, then go to the Tooter newsletter. The online version will be slightly different, plus it’s in color! If you subscribe by entering your e-mail address, you will automatically receive a message when the Tooter is posted.

CALAVERAS FAIR INFO NIGHT
Calaveras Fair Livestock Information Night
January 4th, 6:30 pm in the Frogeteria
For leaders and parents. Learn what’s new for 2010. Bring your questions for the Livestock Superintendents, Fair Staff and Auction Committee.

MEAT GOAT SEMINAR
January 9th, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton
Check in 8:30-9, Seminar 9:15-1:30, Sale 3 pm
General management practices, Feeding & Nutrition, Selection of wether goats, sires & dams, Showmanship, Marketing, Special Guest – Bronc Fleming. Pre-registration is required, $10 each, by January 3. Contact Chris at 209-607-1157

MURPHYS 4-H RABBIT SHOW
Double youth show on Saturday, January 9 at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds in Angels Camp
ARBA sanctioned show & showmanship
For information contact Jane Melenchek at janem56@comcast.net or 728-0531 or go to http://cecalaveras.ucdavis.edu/news.htm

POULTRY FUN DAY
Sunday, January 10th, 9 am to 3 pm
UCCE Stanislaus, Harvest Hall Ag Center
Workshops topics will include housing, diseases, vaccines & general health, Choosing birds, raising chicks & showmanship. Sales area. Food booth benefitting 4-H. Pre-Registration is required. Go to http://groups.ucanr.org/Stanislaus4H/4-H_Events

SOS = SAVE OUR STYROFOAM
Styrofoam collection day hosted by the Tuolumne County Master Gardeners
Keep Styrofoam out of the landfill!!
Drop off your clean #6 Styrofoam
Remove tape, tags, labels, etc.
No packing peanuts or food containers
Saturday, January 16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, January 17, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
At Waste Management, 14959 Camage Ave in Sonora
Turn onto Camage and follow the signs

2010 JUDGING CONTESTS
The State Qualifying Dairy and Livestock Judging Contests will be April 17th at Fresno State in conjunction with a state FFA judging contest. Applications are due February 19 to the State 4-H Office. Entry fee is $25/team or $5/individual. Forms are at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/livestock/index.asp.
Contact Mitch Ylarregui, State 4-H Livestock/Dairy Judging Chairperson at 559-706-3988.
4-H INFORMATION FOR YOU!

INSURANCE COVERAGE
Three types of insurance for the 4-H program come with payment of the enrollment fee.

1. Medical Insurance
All members and volunteer leaders are covered under this policy when taking part in or attending a scheduled supervised 4-H activity. They are also covered while traveling to or from a club activity and while traveling between home and a group meeting place for a scheduled activity. This is the “Hartford Insurance.”

2. Sickness Insurance
This insurance is also through Hartford and covers a member or leader who becomes sick while attending a 4-H sponsored camp or other trip.

3. Liability Insurance
All volunteer leaders are recognized as agents of UCCE, which provides general and automobile liability insurance for its formal volunteers. UC has a brochure explaining this coverage. View it at http://danr.ucop.edu/riskmanagement/

Note: The University does not provide insurance for livestock. Families are encouraged to purchase animal mortality insurance and to clarify with their insurance carrier the extent of their homeowner’s insurance regarding livestock.

WHO PAYS FOR PROJECTS?
The 4-H member and their family are responsible for project costs, so should consider this when signing up. The project leader should be able to estimate the project cost before you begin.

What about things the leader supplies? The leader may provide publications, photocopied materials, or supplies and may pass on the cost of these to the members, with prior authorization. The leader may arrange for group lessons or equipment rental, where the member would pay the rental business, with prior parent approval. The leader cannot charge for their time, their services, lessons that they provide, or rental of their equipment. If an adult is charging a fee to the member for services, lessons, rental, or any related type of charge, even once, it is not a 4-H project. Discuss project details with your leader so you understand what to expect.

WHO’S WHO IN 4-H
♦ All Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders in the 4-H program are volunteers. They serve as leaders because they enjoy working with and teaching 4-H members. Please respect and thank our volunteers and consider becoming a volunteer yourself. Without active volunteer leaders, we would not be able to have the 4-H community club program.

♦ Junior leaders are members in the sixth through eighth grade. They assist leaders with projects and events. They are available to answer questions about their projects and 4-H. They complete the Jr/Teen Leader report for record book credit.

♦ Teen leaders are members in the ninth grade and above. They may lead project groups (with an adult leader present for insurance purposes) or assist an adult leader with projects, events, or a club. Teen leaders provide an important service when they answer questions about 4-H from younger members and new families. They complete the Jr/Teen Leader report for record book credit.

♦ Leadership Team members are 8th grade and up when they are chosen, with at least Silver Star rank. They complete a written application and group interview. They assist with county events, attend State Leadership Conference and gain public speaking and leadership experience. Current team members are Dakota Siebert, Alicia Magdalen and Stephanie Hankins.

♦ All Stars are 4-H members in 9th grade and up when chosen, with at least Gold Star rank. They demonstrate excellent public speaking and leadership skills with a written application, record books and an individual interview. They represent 4-H, run county events including Teen Retreat, teach sessions at LCORT, speak at clubs and promote county activities. Current All Stars are Jodi Hembree, Jamie Smith and Emily Hamilton. Emily is also a California 4-H State Ambassador, the highest rank at the state level.

♦ The Tuolumne County 4-H Council is 4-H adult leaders and teen members whose purpose is to plan, coordinate and conduct the many activities of the 4-H youth program. Council raises funds to sponsor events and activities. They work with 4-H staff to develop policy and follow national and state guidelines. All meetings are open to members, leaders, and parents. Ron Hamilton is the Council President.

♦ The 4-H staff is part of the UC Cooperative Extension Office. Sue Moore is a county employee. She supervises the community club program, teaches the embryology project in local schools and provides staff training for the PM club afterschool programs. Contact her at 533-6990 or samoore@ucdavis.edu with questions about 4-H. The County Director/Farm Advisor is Scott Oneto.
COMING EVENTS

SMALL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION
January 18
This group meets on the third Monday at 7 pm at the UCCE Office. It is open to any adults and teens interested in planning and working on activities for youth who raise small animals, including activities at the Fair. Is someone in your family planning to sell in the Small Livestock Auction at the Fair? Then you should volunteer to help. For more information, contact Sue at the 4-H Office, 533-6990 or samoore@ucdavis.edu

RECORD BOOK HELP
Project Linda and Jodi Hembree are teaching a record book project which will meet at 6 pm on the second Wednesday, before Foothill 4-H club meetings. It is open to members in other clubs too. First meeting is January 13. Contact the Hembreees at 532-8656.

Workshop Join Sue at the 4-H Office on Thursday, January 28 at 6:30 pm for a record book workshop. Bring your list of activities and events and learn where to count them. What is required to complete the year, show at Fair or earn a star rank? You must RSVP to Sue at 533-6990 or samoore@ucdavis.edu.

LIVESTOCK LOANS
February 15
Lowell Martin Memorial Livestock Loans are offered by the Sonora Rotary Club to assist 4-H and FFA members with the expenses of purchasing and raising market animals for the Mother Lode Fair.

Members showing financial need may apply for interest-free loans of $250 for Sheep or Swine or $150 for Market Goats. The applications are on the UCCE Office website and at the 4-H Office. Completed applications are due to the 4-H Office by February 15.

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS RELAY TEAM GAME NIGHT
February 27
This is a benefit for the Tuolumne Pioneers Relay for Life Team. Contact Shelly Wyatt, 662-4655

EVERYTHING BUT ANIMALS FIELD DAY
March 6
This year’s event will be chaired by Dakota Siebert as an Emerald Star project. If you would like to host an activity, booth or provide a judging class please contact the 4-H Office. We will be featuring activities from the two national 4-H Initiatives: SET and Healthy Living.

HI 4-H PANCAKE BREAKFAST
March 14
8:00 to 11:30 am at the Sonora Elks Lodge

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY
March 20
Hosted by Foothill 4-H club at Summerville Elementary School.

ROLLER SKATING PARTY
April ??
This event needs a host club

REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY
April 17
This event is hosted by Merced County for 2010

HI 4-H DISNEYLAND TRIP
April 23-25
Open to Hi 4-H project members and adult leader chaperones.

COUNTY FASHION REVUE
May 2?
County Fashion Revue is open to all 4-H members. Additional requirements must be met to advance to State Fashion Revue. Categories offered will be Traditional, Recycled, Consumer Science - Purchased, Embellished, and Vest Challenge

ROUNDUP FOOD BOOTH
May 8-9
This is a 4-H fundraiser plus you get to see the Rodeo!

RELAY FOR LIFE
May 22-23 at Sonora High
Tuolumne Pioneers club will have a Relay for Life team. There will be other opportunities for 4-H members to assist with this event for service credit. Relay is not a 4-H event but your club may sponsor a team, support a team or assist with the event.

STATE FIELD DAY
May 29 at UC Davis
This includes several events held simultaneously: State Presentation Day, State Fashion Revue, State Judging Contest, Interview Contest, along with SET activities and community service opportunities.

HORSE CLINCS & LEVEL TESTING
To be scheduled
SAFETY FIRST FOR KIDS TO FLOURISH
~ Marianne Bird, 4-H Youth Development Advisor, Sacramento County

When we think of safety and the things we do to ensure it, generally images of physical safety and risk reduction come to mind. An evacuation plan for camp helps guarantee we know what to do in case of fire, and our 4-H policy prohibiting young Primary members from working with cattle is a safeguard protecting small children from handling large animals. We carry health forms for children when we transport them, we review safety rules before using potentially dangerous tools or equipment, and adequate supervision is a must for all 4-H activities. These things obviously promote the physical well-being of children. We should be certain youth know how we've planned for safety in our activities, so that they feel secure in the environment and with the task at hand.

What we don’t always think about is how we build an emotionally safe environment for our kids. Teasing and goofing around may be a natural interaction for people who are familiar and comfortable with each other, but for those on the outside—especially those new or shy—the scene may be very threatening.

What does “emotional safety” mean? It means being safe from teasing, bullying, and degrading comments, of course. It means knowing that our feelings and self-esteem are protected. But I would challenge that an emotionally safe environment requires more than the absence of malice. It requires helping kids feel connected and cared for.

Children feel emotionally safe when they are known, when they feel listened to and understood. Children feel safe when adults (and peers) are interested in them and seek them out. In fact, this is not just true for children; this is the foundation of safety for adults, too.

Think some more about what an emotionally safe place feels like. You are spoken to respectfully. It’s an inclusive environment, free of cliques. You are allowed to be heard, you know that what you say is important and that your voice counts. You feel you are as important as the next person, and can speak up without being ostracized or marginalized. People know your name. People would know and care if you weren’t there.

How can we create this feeling of security in 4-H? Think about your own project or club meeting. How do you greet children when they arrive? Do you seek kids out for conversation and really listen? Do you call them by name? Do they feel included, even those who may be shy or new? How do children treat each other? How do you recognize youth so they know they’ve been heard or that you care? And how might these principles apply to the teens with whom you partner?

Creating this sense of safety is step one for children to explore, to learn, to grow.

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS

4-H is partnering with the Corporation for National Service to participate in the 2010 Martin Luther King Day of Service that will be held on January 18. This event will kick off a year of service for 4-H members, leaders, and their families as they engage in their communities to make a lasting, positive impact. To aid in this effort, the 4-H Citizenship Mission Mandate Task Force is providing a tool kit or guide for service activities to help you manage your project. This tool kit is available at: http://ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/

Habitat for Humanity Partnership. Thanks to the Lubeck Lucky Clovers 4-H Club in West Virginia, The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) has established an understanding with Habitat for Humanity so 4-H clubs across the U.S. can partner with their local Habitat for Humanity (HFH) affiliates to plant trees at recently completed homes. HFH and 4HMT are both announcing this partnership this week, and 4-Hers are encouraged to contact the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate now to organize future planting events.

Calling all 4-H youth, 7-12th graders and adults working with 4-H youth! You are invited to attend the 7th Annual North Coast Youth Summit. This year's theme is: "Connect for a Cause!" and will be held on February 27 at the College of the Redwoods, 9am-3:45 pm. Full details and registration forms are on the web at www.ysummit.org
Do you know the 4-H Creed for Members? It really is something all of our members should know.

**THE 4-H CREED**

I believe in **4-H Club** work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **HEAD** for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my **HEART** for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my **HANDS** for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful, and useful.

I believe in the training of my **HEALTH** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my county, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, and am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

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**THE 4-H CREED CONTEST**

For 2009, we are adding a 4-H Creed Contest to our Presentation Day. It is open to Junior, Intermediate and Senior members (not Primary). Stanislaus County 4-H has been holding this contest for several years and our 4-H Council thought it would be an exciting addition to Presentation Day.

There will be two Divisions in the competition.

1. for members reading or using a written version of the Creed
2. for members reciting the creed from memory

Each member will recite the 4-H Creed and be asked a series of three questions by the judges. A list of questions that could be asked will be provided in the Tooter. All participants in each Age Category and Division will be asked the same questions. The Creed contest will be in a separate room at Presentation Day. Members will be called in one at a time starting with Juniors. They may stay and watch members after them, but not those before. Families and members not competing in the Creed Contest are invited to be audience. The audience must remain quiet and respectful during each member’s presentation. Members and audience may not discuss the questions or answers with anyone until after the close of the contest. Like other presentations, the Creed Contest will be judged using the Danish system of judging. Members may receive a green seal, blue seal or gold seal/gold medal. The judging forms are being developed. As the Creed Contest is not a presentation category offered state-wide, members are not eligible to advance to the regional or state level.

**4-H PRESENTATIONS**

The public presentation program is often credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers.

If you’d like information on researching, writing and giving oral presentations in 4-H, check out the State Presentation Day manual on the California 4-H website, http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/. It also gives information about the competitive categories included in 4-H county, regional and state level Presentation Days.

Our county Presentation Day will be March 20. All members are invited to participate with a prepared presentation or come be audience and give an impromptu. Members receiving gold awards can advance to the regional event which will be April 17 in Merced county. A gold award there qualifies the member to present at the State event on May 29 at UC Davis.

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*May we all give and receive in abundance, within and outside of our expanding 4-H community.*
FOOT HILL 4-H
Howdy 4-Hers,
We had a great Christmas cookie exchange at our December meeting. Thanks to everyone for bringing such tasty cookies and making it a fun success. Our next club meeting will be on January 13th at 7:00 pm.

A reminder to everyone that the Community Dinner is on January 16, 2010. Keep selling those tickets and bring them to the January meeting to turn in. Foothill’s serving time is 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm. We would also like for members to help set up tables at 9:00 am. Please bring silent auction items to the dinner; this is 4-H’s big fundraiser for the year.

Our Foothill swine group will hold a project meeting at the Humane Society on January 4th at 7:00 pm. Remember, keep track of all your 4-H meetings and activities for your record books!

Rachel Rosasco, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our December meeting, we initiated our new members, gathered boxes of stuffing for the Groveland Community Christmas baskets, and had an ornament exchange. At our January 12th meeting, we will wrap silverware for the county Community Dinner and discuss decorating for the dinner tables.

Reporter, Bryce Ewen

LUCKY TRAILS
Merry Christmas and see you next year! Have a wonderful vacation. Lucky Trails will meet Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Office meeting room. For information about our club, contact Sue Griffiths at 532-9313.

MOUNTAIN RANGERS
Thanks to all the members and families who participated on our "Land of Misfit Toys" float in the Twain Harte Christmas Parade. We had a wonderful time. We did our annual Christmas shopping for Avalon Health Care seniors on the 14th. Our club buys Christmas gifts for seniors that otherwise don't get a gift. Our next meeting will be held Thursday, January 14 at the 4-H office at 6:00 pm. We will be making the February 4-H display. Bring any Mountain Ranger photographs! We will be making our final plans for the Community Dinner Dessert table at this meeting. You will be able to sign up for your service time. Officers will meet at 5:30. See you at the 4-H office!

Mark Carlson, Reporter

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Happy New Year Cloverleafs,
Thanks to all who braved the icy roads to attend our December meeting. It was short but sweet. Thank you to the members participating in the Angel Gift Community Service Project. Thanks to the members who brought candy bars for the Christmas Candy Bar Exchange.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 12. Please plan on turning in ticket money and any unsold tickets at our January meeting. We will also finish signing up for jobs at the Community Dinner. We will also have a guest speaker leading a fitness game in honor of Family Fitness Month. The foods project will have a special treat for members to make after the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or sheffy@msn.com.

Deniel Sheffield, Club Leader

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
The December meeting was great! We would like to thank our speaker, Officer Neil Evans from the Sheriff’s Department. A big thank you to our club. We collected gifts for 50 families for the Family To Family Christmas drive. Congrats to our Relay for Life Team. They have raised over $1,000 so far for this year’s Relay. Please check the schedule for the Community Dinner so you remember our club serving times, and SELL THOSE TICKETS!

Our next meeting will be Monday January 11 at 7:00. The Relay for Life Meeting will be before the club meeting at 6:00.

Merry Christmas from your Club Leaders!

FREE RABBITS
Male, friendly, lop eared, black & white
Call Alexis at 928-5775

2 rabbits need a good home, call Logan at 768-4003

FREE WESTERN HAT
White western hat sized for small woman or teen
Contact the 4-H office for the phone number

FOUND AT LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY
Gray fleece jacket, size M. Pick up at 4-H Office
COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

ARCHERY
The fall Archery Project Shootout was held on November 21. Awards were given in two categories.

Senior Short Range Division
Raw Score: 1st Place - Hollie Swenson
2nd place - Kayla Swenson, 3rd place - Liam Simard
4th place - Mark Carlson

Handicapped Score: 1st place - Hollie, 2nd - Mark, 3rd - Kayla, 4th - Liam

Intermediate Short Range Division
Raw Score 1st Place - Daltin Canida
2nd place - Logan Simard

Handicapped Score 1st Place - Daltin, 2nd place - Logan

We had a great time and we are looking forward to the Spring Archery Project. Watch the Tooter for information on our starting date. It will be March or April depending on the weather.

Don Carlson, Project Leader

DOG CARE & TRAINING PROJECT
We are having our get-acquainted meeting on Tuesday, January 5th, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H office. 4-H members are requested to bring a parent to this meeting. Dogs are not invited, but they will be actively involved in future meetings. Please bring a photo of your dog and a list of your goals. In this project we plan to focus on dog care and health, showmanship, and obedience. Dogs must be 4 months or older and well-socialized; no aggressive dogs. We are very excited to offer this county-wide project and look forward to meeting all of you.

Mary Barrett, 536-0526, thebarretts9622@sbcglobal.net
Jo-Ann Gritz, 532-7593, jgritz@mlode.com

EXOTIC BIRDS
Our January meeting is on Sunday the 17th, 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Office meeting room. We will have a wing and nail trimming clinic so bring your bird if it needs to be trimmed. For more information contact Mike Mainguth at 533-3135 or mainguth@mlode.com or Deb Wilson at 533-8287 or deckayw16@att.net

HI 4-H
We hope everyone had a good holiday! All Hi 4-H members going to Disneyland, if you haven’t sold all your ads yet, get out there and sell. All placemat ads must be turned in by the January meeting. Remember to try businesses that have bought in the past and also go to any other business too. You never know which ones will buy. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm at the Sonora Youth Center. Any questions call Linda Mager, 532-5896 or Anita Payne, 532-8309.

GLASS ETCHING
Meets Tuesday, January 19 at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office. Leader is Rick Nelson, 352-0476

HOMING PIGEONS
Learn about racing, breeding, and feeding. You do not need to have your own birds. At the end of the year we will have our own race series. Call Alicia Encoyand at 768-0281 for project details.

KNITTING PROJECT
We will be having our kick off meeting on Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 at the By Hand Yarn store on Washington Street in Sonora. Class size is limited to 10. You will learn the basis of knitting and will select a project to complete for the County Fair. Any questions, please call Trish Magdaleno at 532-3288.

POULTRY
Our January meeting is Thursday, Jan 21 at 7:00 pm. Project members wanting to raise turkeys for fair need to have their order placed by this meeting. Turkey poults will be delivered at our February meeting. If you need more information please call Lynn or Greg Hummel at 586-2784. Happy New Year!

PYGMY GOATS
We had a yard sale to raise funds to pay for the project manuals the members are using. Also everyone gathered at our home to learn how to properly trim hoofs. Just a reminder that we meet the first Tuesday of each month from 6-7 pm at the 4-H office. Anyone interested in getting involved please join us. If you want a pygmy goat for the project, we have several contacts who are offering animals to 4-Hers at a reduced price. Give us a call if you have questions! Rod or Beth Moore at 840-1725 or 840-3463.

RABBITS
TLC Rabbit project is meeting January 27 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office. If you have questions about your rabbits or want to join our project please call us! Gail Aruta at 532-5257 or gailaru@yahoo.com or Heather Swenson at 586-1922.

SHOOTING SPORTS - RIFLE
Signups for the winter session are on January 5th. The project will meet Tuesday nights at the Mother Lode Gun Club on Jamestown Road. Meetings begin at 6 pm. Be early on sign up night. A parent/guardian must sign the MLGC registration form. The $25 fee includes use of the MLGC equipment. Youth must be at least 10 years old during 2010 to participate. For more information, contact Steve Finigian at sfinigian@gmail.com or 532-4926.
JANUARY 2010

1 UCCE Office closed
6 4-H Council, 7 pm
11 Dinner poster display deadline for contest
13 Dinner food prep
14 Dinner ticket contest deadline, 5 pm
16 Community Dinner
17 Sort & repack Dinner supplies 1 pm
18 Office closed, holiday
18 Small Livestock Association, 7 pm
28 Record Book Workshop
29-31 LCORT sectional conference

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