HOLIDAY NEWS
Happy Holidays from the 4-H Office! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! With Achievement Night finished and enrollment wrapping up, it is really starting to feel like Christmas around here. As far as the 4-H Office goes, December is a fairly quiet month. After catching up on some paperwork, it’s time to focus on the Community Dinner!

With the holidays come some office closures. The entire UCCE Office which includes the 4-H Office, will be closed from December 26th– January 2nd. The office will reopen as usual on January 3rd. No one will be available to answer phones or email during this time. As always, the office is closed on Fridays. In addition, the January Tooter will be published towards the end of the first week of January.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays! Hope to see everyone at the Community Dinner in January! Jennifer Alderson, 4-H Program Manager

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
Tuolumne County 4-H new member enrollment deadline is December 16th. 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 2012 Mother Lode Fair or any other 4-H competitive event. Also, if you are a returning member who has not turned in payment or your waiver you must have these forms turned in by December 16th as well. Your enrollment deadline was October 19th! We still have quite a few members who are missing paperwork and/or payment. Failure to turn in this items will make you ineligible to show at fair and participate in any 4-H competitive events or conferences after December 16th. No exceptions! If you have questions regarding enrollment or need assistance in paying your 4-H fees please call the 4-H Office.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Thank you to everyone who attended Achievement Night this past Sunday. We apologize for the late start! Other than a few minor setbacks, Achievement Night was very successful! We had a good crowd and recognized many 4-H members and leaders for their achievements over the past year. Complete results will be available in the January Tooter. Thank you to Tuolumne Pioneers for decorating, Groveland Highlanders for providing refreshments, the All-Star and Leadership Team and everyone else who worked hard to make this event a success! If you were not able to make it to Achievement Night you can pick up your awards and year pins at your next club meeting.

LEADER OF THE YEAR
Congratulations to Countywide Rabbit project leader Gail Aruta! Gail was selected as the 2010-2011 Leader of the Year in 4-H and was honored at Achievement Night. She received a lovely plaque, a bouquet of flowers and a very generous round of applause from the crowd. Gail is very dedicated to her project and is an amazing asset to 4-H. If you see Gail, be sure to congratulate her!

EVERYTHING BUT ANIMALS DAY
February 11th 2012
Sonora Elementary School
Save the date! Everything but Animals Day will showcase projects and activities that do not involve animals and will also include a judging class for participants. 4-H is much more than just animals! We hope everyone will join us at this great event!

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills
CHICO STATE SWINE DAY
January 28, 2012, 8am
Chico State University Farm Pavilion
The Chico State University Swine Unit is putting on this great event! The keynote speaker will be a National Pork Checkoff Representative. Workshops will include livestock evaluation, showmanship, show day fitting, carcass fabrication and evaluation, swine health and swine nutrition. Following the workshops, Chico State will auction 10-15 of their best show pigs. $5 covers all workshop fees and activities. An additional $5 will buy a delicious pulled pork sandwich meal for lunch! This is a great opportunity for all members in swine projects or anyone wanting to learn more about swine!

HORSE CLINIC
February 11th
Rock Creek Ranch, Jamestown
Lori Mills will be hosting a horse clinic at her home on February 11th. She will have a veterinarian, trainer, farrier, equine dentist and a representative from both Animal Control and ReHorse Rescue Ranch on hand to give presentations. There will also be a BBQ. The cost to attend the BBQ will be $5 per 4-H member and $7 for non-4-H members. Registration forms will be available in the January Tooter. Please call Lori at 984-0447 for more information.

December Calendar
7 4-H Council, 7 pm
16 Enrollment deadline for new members
UCCE/4-H Office closed December 23-January 3.

Coming in January 2012...
3 UCCE Office opens after holidays
4 4-H Council, 7 pm
12 Community Dinner Tickets Turn-In
14 Community Dinner
16 Office Closed, Holiday
27-29 LCORT Youth Conference
30 Junior Livestock Auction Committee 5:30pm

Mark Your Calendars!
With the new year quickly approaching it’s time to get those calendars out! Here is a tentative list of County 4-H events in 2012:

January 14th Community Dinner
(Mother Lode Fairgrounds)

February 11th Everything But Animals Day
(Sonora Elementary School)

March 10th County Presentation Day
(Summerville Elementary)

March 11th Hi 4-H Pancake Breakfast
(Sonora Elks Lodge)

April 14th Section Presentation Day
(Sonora High School)

May 6th County Fashion Revue
(Mother Lode Christian School)

July 12-15th Mother Lode Fair

ATTN: LEADERS!
Have you turned in your enrollment forms? We still have a few leaders who have not turned in the forms necessary to process their enrollment. If you are a new leader, you need to have your prints completed and all new leader paperwork turned in before holding any meetings. Returning leaders also need to get their Volunteer Self-Disclosure Form, Waiver of Liability and payment to me ASAP. I cannot process your leader cards or verify your projects without your paperwork! The fee for all leaders is $6 and must be turned in with your paperwork as well. If you have any questions please call the 4-H Office.
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 12.

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 14. 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.
39th Annual
4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
& Decorated Cake Auction

Saturday, January 14, 2012
Mother Lode Fairgrounds, 4 to 7 pm

TRI TIP &
all the fixin's

Baked potato, Green Salad, Roll
Ice Cream & Cover’s Cookie
Vegetarian entrée available

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, contact the 4-H office, 533-6990
Proceeds benefit the Tuolumne County 4-H Program for local youth
TUOLUMNE COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY DINNER
January 14, 2012
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 12. If you are bringing the donation to the Community Dinner on January 14, 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: _______________________________________________________________

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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
FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE

36th Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day
March 3rd, 2012
UC Davis
The UC Davis CA&ES Field Day is the 2012 California 4-H State Qualifier for Poultry, Dairy and Livestock judging. To register, go to http://www.calaged.org/registration. Select the event (2012 U.C. Davis Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day). Choose the link “Get Access Code”. Complete the information on the form and click the register button. Please include 4-H next to your club name on the registration form. On the following page save the registration code and register later or simply continue with the registration at this point. Note that you may only register once so be prepared to complete the registration or contact us if you have any changes. After your chapter is registered, we request that you submit a printed copy of your online registration along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to “UC Regents” and mailed to:
Attn: Francesca Ross
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Deadlines:
November 14: Registration opened
February 10: Agriscience Fair and Job Interview materials due
February 10: Registration closed
February 17: Payments must be postmarked – We are now enforcing a $25 late fee for payments postmarked after the 17th. For questions email fieldday@ucdavis.edu or visit http://caes.ucdavis.edu/fieldday.

No BULL Challenge
Deadline: March 15, 2012
Students in sixth through twelfth grade are challenged to start an anti-cyberbullying campaign in their school or community, use video to document their campaign, and then submit their project to the NO BULL Challenge website. Win prizes such as a $10,000 production deal, a trip to the Sundance Film Festival, scholarships and much more! Visit nobull.votigo.com for more information.

State Shooting Sports Leader Meeting
April 28 & 29, 2012
Oakdale Sportsman’s Club
Shooting Sports Leaders mark your calendars! There will be a State Shooting Sports Leader Meeting at the Oakdale Sportsman’s Club in Stanislaus County on April 28th and 29th. There will be hands-on sampler sessions for adult and teen leaders as well as updates on policies and programs. More details will be provided in the next edition of Updates.

2012 California State 4-H Field Day
May 26th, 2012
UC Davis
The State 4-H Field Day is a fun-filled event for the whole family, with a day of 4-H contests, activities, picnics, and meeting others. The event is composed of the State 4-H Presentation Day, State 4-H Fashion Revue, Plant Science Contest, Film Festival, Photography Contest, Interview Contest, Judging Contest, and many others! Information on the event will be available in January 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/. If you want to host an educational exhibit, display, or hands-on activity, complete the form by April 2, 2012 at http://www.ca4h.org/files/59519.pdf.

The Million Pillowcase Project is a national community service activity adopted for 2012 by 4-H State Fashion Revue. To participate, sew a standard-size pillow case, 20” x 30”. Bring it to State Fashion Revue on May 26 at UC Davis or have a delegate from your county deliver it. The SFR committee will collect the pillowcases and donate them to charitable organizations throughout California. Get creative with your pillowcase fabric! Add a decorative border! Design a pillowcase for a foster child, a homeless person, or perhaps a nursing home resident. For ideas and sewing instructions, go to www.allpeoplequilt.com and click on Million Pillowcase Challenge. Our goal is 500 pillowcases from California 4-H. Contact ashleyandtara@gmail.com with pillowcase questions.

Special Recognition at 2012 State Presentation Day
A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on healthy living. This year’s focus area is healthy food. Potential topics may include USDA’s My Plate, serving sizes, sugar-sweetened beverages, nutrition facts labels, preparing a healthy meal on a budget, food groups, nutrients, healthy snacks, whole grains, food safety, dairy products, dietary fiber, and more. Visit www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities for details.
FOOTHILL 4-H
Looking forward to Christmas? I know I am! At our next club meeting we are having a candy bar exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped, disguised candy bar of your choice. Also, please remember to bring food for ATCAA. Our next meeting will be the 14th of December!! Have a Merry Christmas!
Grace Bloom, Reporter

GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS
At our November meeting, we initiated our 10 new members, collected can goods for the Angels Boxes Project, and decorated pine cone turkeys for the Groveland Thanksgiving Dinner. Our December meeting will be Tuesday, the 13th, we will have an ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped ornament, and two boxes of stuffing. We will also make posters for the 4-H Community Dinner.
Nikki West, Reporter

LUCKY TRAILS
November was a busy month! On November 5th we handed out over 2000 seedlings at the Capitol Christmas Tree Celebration at the Fairgrounds. We also had a potluck for our November meeting. On the 25th we sold hot cocoa and popcorn at the Sonora Christmas Parade. It was our biggest sale to date! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to our two community service projects. We will be donating to Heifer International and helped spay a dog named Sharky at the local Humane Society.

We would like to welcome new member, Cari Gregory to our club!

Our next meeting will be December 14th at 6:30pm. We will be having our Christmas party and gift exchange. We hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Reminder: We are having a livestock meeting December 10th at 1pm at the 4-H Office. If you are planning on exhibiting livestock at the fair please attend this meeting.

SONORA CLOVERLEAFS
Our last meeting was the Cloverleafs’ annual potluck meeting. It was fun to share a lot of good food with friends and family. A big thanks to all who brought in food for our canned food drive. At our next meeting we'll have Officer Installation. If you are an officer wear your 4H shirt or your 4H whites. Our T shirt design contest is at the next meeting. The designs must be a black and white drawing. There can be no name on your designs and must have Sonora Cloverleafs and a 4H clover on it somewhere. Cookie decorating will also be next meeting. The cookies will be donated to Lambert Center, so remember to stay after to decorate. It's awesome and best of all it's for a good cause!!! Our Community Dinner will be on January 14th at the Sonora Fairgrounds. We need to sell all of the tickets and there will be a ticket contest with a grand prize of $100, so treat your tickets like money and make sure to turn in all of your stubs by January 12th. Also make sure that all checks are made out to TC 4-H. Remember that December 4th is Achievement Night at the SHS Auditorium.
August Pearson, Reporter

TUOLUMNE PIONEERS
Our next club meeting will be Monday, Dec 12, 2011 at 7pm at Summerville Elementary School. Candles will be available for pickup up at the Dec club meeting. Should you need them sooner, please contact Shelly Wyatt at 662-4655. Please remember to bring your gift card or donation to the Dec meeting for the Brick Family. Any member interested in turning in food for the Angel Box project, please do so at the Dec mtg. Reminder-Please turn in all dinner ticket money each time you check out additional tickets.
Shelly Wyatt, Co-Club Leader
The final meeting of the Fall Archery Project was held on Monday, November 14, 2011. Six members competed in the Junior Division (10 yr. olds) and seven members competed in the Intermediate Division (11 - 13 years old).

Results: Junior Division/Short 7 yards
1st Place: Jason Vaccarazza, Mountain Rangers
2nd Place: Gabby Hickey, Mountain Rangers
3rd Place: Anna Bruno, Mountain Rangers

Intermediate Division/Short 10 yards
1st Place: Emily Wright, Foothill 4-H
2nd Place: Austin Hickey, Mountain Rangers
3rd Place: Victoria Coffman, Foothill 4-H

Look for information regarding our Spring 2012 Project in the March 2012 addition of the Tooter.

Don & Patricia Carlson

Our first meeting will be December 14th at 6:30pm at the Humane Society in Jamestown. It will be held prior to the Foothill 4-H club meeting. If you are planning to be in this project please contact Lindsay at 559-9066.

Anita Vicini, 559-6257

The GPS project is expected to start in January and is pending leader confirmation. Please check the January Tooter for more information.

Our next meeting will be December 21st, from 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. Please bring a disguised candy bar for exchange. There will also be a potluck, so bring your favorite food. Any questions about Hi 4-H please call Linda Mager, 532-5896, Anita Payne, 532-8309 or Linda Hembree 532-8656.

HORSE (RANCH RIDERS)
Our next meeting will be December 11th at 1pm. The location of the meeting will depend on the weather. We will contact you the Friday before the meeting to confirm our plans. If you have questions please call Jennifer, Melissa or Sarah.

POULTRY
We will be taking more orders for Turkey Poults at our January meeting (There is no December meeting), this will be the last meeting we will be taking Turkey Poults orders. Turkey Poults will arrive mid February and the cost is $2.00 per Poul! Brooders & Housing is the material will be covering on our next meeting 1-19-12 @7PM in the 4H office, see you then! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Greg & Lynn Hummel, 586-2784

This project is expected to start in January. Please call the 4-H Office if you are interested. More information will be available in the January Tooter.

PYGMY GOAT
We will be meeting on December 10th from 3-5pm at Patsy Norvell’s house. We will be having a holiday celebration and gift exchange. Please call for directions and/or more information.

Kaycee Thompson

SHOOTING SPORTS-RIFLE
Signups for the 4-H Shooting Sports-Rifle project will be on Tuesday, January 3rd at 6pm at the Mother Lode Gun Club on Jamestown Road. BE EARLY. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Youth must be at least 10 years old in 2011 to shoot on the range and must be accompanied to signups and all sessions by a parent or guardian. The sessions will then run every Tuesday until November. The cost is $25, with all equipment provided. The MLGC junior shooting program is open to the public as well as 4-H members. For more information, please contact Rodger Tidball at 984-4933.
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