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Greenfield 4-H members who participated in the parade



Hilda and Sammy Hernandez riding their horses while Mayala Tinajero, left, throws candy to the crowd.



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October 16, 2011, was the Greenfield Harvest Festival. Greenfield 4-H participated in the parade carrying banners, posters, and clover cutouts. Some members followed on their horses. After the parade, members volunteered at the Arts and Crafts booth helping kids with various art projects.

Submitted by Chris Magallón, Community Club Leader

COUNTY NEWS

RED, WHITE AND BLUE - THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE NEEDS YOU!

Monterey County 4-H'ers are encouraged to join together for a special opportunity! Would you like to participate in a citizenship activity that honors our nation's veterans? 4-H'ers are invited to walk in the 1st annual Monterey County Veterans Day Parade November 11th at 2pm. The route will be the same as the Kiddie Kapers Parade in Salinas. The Buena Vista club is taking the lead and any club can send members as long as you have your own adult in charge. A waiver of release of liability form must be signed for you to walk in the parade and they are available from your community club leader. An entry form has been sent in to the Veteran's Day Parade committee so they are aware that 4-H will be participating. 4-H members will wear full whites and carry foamboard signs that have various messages such as Thank you veterans, Thank you Dad, Thank you Grandpa, Got Freedom?, etc. CCL's please let Deirdre O'Grady know if anyone from your club will be participating so that we can add your club name to the announcer's script. Questions? Deirdre 455-9446, ogrady@ultimanet.com

CAMP

4-H Camp - changes, challenges and commitment. The County Council has set a meeting on November 15th at 6:00 pm for current volunteers and parents along with new interested adults to discuss 4-H camp plans for next year. The meeting will take place at the county offices on Abbott Street before the council meeting.

Hosted by Council President Mary Hughes, the meeting is designed to allow families to present their ideas and commitment for 4-H camp for summer 2012. Please note, no dates or camp location have been set. If you cannot come but would like your thoughts to be shared, please email them to Mary Hughes at busymama27@yahoo.com

MEET YOUR MILITARY 4-H CLUBS!

If your club is looking for a cool way to offer outreach, share leadership or even show off your small animals consider meeting with the Bayview or Teen Tech club.

These 2 military clubs are part of an after school program at the former Fort Ord and Naval Post Graduate and would love to meet your club!

Contact the Military Program Representative Mrs. Lorin Hofmann-Lurz for more ideas!
lhofmannlurz@ucdavis.edu

4-H FOOD BOOTH 2011

I would like to thank all the clubs for working their shifts this year. A special thank you to San Benancio and Buena Vista for their help in cleaning, hauling and packing up the booth and thank you to Victor Lurz for all his help. This was a good year the food booth profit was \$7,911.10. Thank you, Jo Ann Etchison

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

Fantastic 4-H Field Day

Saturday February 4, 2012 from 9 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: First Baptist Church
Corner of Blanco Rd & San Vicente Ave, Salinas

This fun filled day is one of the most popular 4-H events of the year. Plan to attend!

Don't miss out on:

- Judging Contests
- Poster Contest
- Dessert Contest
- "How to" workshops
- Good food, good games
- More, more, more & more

More details coming in future News Notes

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

Fantastic 4-H Field Day needs your desserts, treats and sweets

The Buena Vista 4-H club will host a dessert contest on February 4th. Be sure to tell your baking projects there will be a contest to enter.

Check next month's News Notes for details.

STATE NEWS

State Leader's Forum THE MAGIC OF 4-H: TRANSFORMATION-SLF November 11, 12, 13, 2011

Come this November to the State Leader's Forum in Pacific Grove. Stay at the historic Asilomar conference grounds, enjoy walks on the beach, meet new friends, and re-connect with old friends. Coming to any conference is always a rejuvenating experience – it gets you 'revved-up' for the year to come. You hear new ideas and get excited to try that 'same ole' project in an entirely new way. And this year's conference is guaranteed to do all of the above, and more.

We have top-notch speakers lined up: Andrew Bosworth, former Diamond Star and current Director of Engineering at Facebook; Carolee Hazaard, who calls herself an 'opportunist' and community service activist; and Ralph Flynn, local businessman with a goal to keep everyone motivated to do the best they can. Plus you'll hear from Sandy Cohen (the State 4-H Leader's Council president); Shannon Dogan (our Associate Director of 4-H Program and Policy); Annette Leland (Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation); and Steven Worker (4-H SET Coordinator) – to name a few.

The workshops we have are terrific: communication, technology, project work, healthy living and much, much more. There will be time to visit with friends, time to ask your questions, and time to enjoy the day. Go to: www.ca4h.org; click on 'programs' and then 'conferences'. Download the registration forms (one for the conference, and one for your room) and sign up today and be transformed!

Remember – Council has budgeted \$100 to send one delegate per club!

The 2012 California 4-H Camping Conference

“Save the Date!” - will be held **March 23 – 25th, 2012** at Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek, CA. There will be hands-on training for adult and teen leaders who help plan and administer 4-H camping programs. More details will follow in the next edition of Updates.

2012 Study Travel Adventures for Teens and Adults

California Focus

June 15 - 19, 2012

Sacramento, California

Teens - \$550 Adults - \$650

Enrollment is open to all adult 4-H leaders and to youth members that have completed the 8th grade.

Washington Focus #1

Road to Democracy

June 24 - July 2, 2012

\$2,190.00

For those who wish to travel on a 10 day trip to Washington, D.C., Jamestown, Yorktown, and Williamsburg.

Heritage Trail I

June 24 - 30, 2012

\$1,840.00

For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus #2

Global Journey

July 8 - 17, 2012

\$2,330.00

For those who wish to travel on a 11 day trip to Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York.

Heritage Trail II

July 8 - 14, 2012

\$1,840.00

For those who prefer to limit their travel to Washington, D.C.

Washington Focus Programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR UPDATES

As I shared last month, current research indicates that there are five youth development practices or supports and opportunities that young people should experience in all major settings in which they spend time, including 4-H. These five supports and opportunities include: 1) safety; 2) supportive relationships;

3) meaningful youth participation; 4) community involvement; and 5) skill building activities.

This month we will focus on relationship building. Relationship building is the development of caring, supportive relationships between adults and young people, and among young people and their peers. Research tells

us that the presence of supportive and caring adults in a young person's life is the leading indicator of his/her future success. Relationship building means that young people:

- Experience emotional and practical support from adults and peers
- Experience guidance from adults
- Build knowledge of adults and peers

Here are five things you can do now to encourage relationship building:

- Make sure that each young person has one adult who knows him/her well.
- Begin each meeting with a check-in circle and let each person speak briefly.
- Develop group agreements.
- Hold a conflict resolution training for young people.
- Participate in a training that focuses on group process and collaborative learning.

How do you know if you are creating a supportive environment for building relationships? Here are a few indicators:

- All youth are greeted by adults.
 - Youth are asked about their interests, skills, and passions (sparks!).
 - During activities, adults generally smile, use friendly gestures, and make eye contact.
 - Youth exhibit inclusive relationships with everyone in the program, including newcomers.
 - To help youth understand and resolve conflicts and negative behavior, they are encouraged to examine the relationship between their actions and consequences.
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- Youth have structured opportunities to get to know each other.

Set at least two goals for building relationships in your work with young people and assess whether these indicators are present. All youth seek to learn and grow but they have needs that must be met – building relationships is one of those needs. Next month we will explore youth participation.

POLICY

The additional following changes in red were discussed at the October council meeting. Further discussion and a vote will take place at the November council meeting. Plan to join us at that November council meeting if you have input you wish to share.

Monterey County 4-H Participation Requirements

**The Monterey County 4-H year is from July 1 through June 30
ENROLLMENT**

1. AGE REQUIREMENTS:

The age requirement for regular 4-H membership, (including participation in competitive events and fairs) members must be 9 years old **OR** in the 4th grade by December 31st of the program year (July 1st to June 30th) and must not have reached their 19th birthday by December 31st. Home schooled children are to enroll based on their chronological age. **Special needs members may request an extension beyond the age of 19 from the county director which must be approved annually.**

2. PRIMARY MEMBERS:

Primary age members must be 5 years old **OR** in Kindergarten by December 31st of the program year. Primary age members are not eligible for any competitive events. For instance, if the event offers premium money,

placings (competitive or Danish systems), and the primary age member is only eligible if there is a special division/category which gives non-competitive awards (i.e. participation). In addition, primary age members are not allowed to participate in large animal projects. Approved animal projects are dogs, rabbits, rats, cats, poultry, cavy, mice, embryology, entomology, marine science, pygmy & Nigerian goats and therapeutic animal project.

3. ENROLLMENT DEADLINE:

You may enroll in 4-H at any time. However, to be eligible for local 4-H sponsored competitive events (i.e. Presentation Day, Record Book competition, Fashion Revue, conferences and fairs, **youth must be enrolled in the Monterey County 4-H Program and all projects by December 15**. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H prior to receiving credit for attending 4-H functions, such as club meetings, project meetings or 4-H events.

4. CLUB & PROJECT TRANSFERS:

Members may transfer clubs only once during the program year. **Members in good standing (that have met all the requirements of their club, projects and the county) may transfer to another club's project(s).**

5. FFA:

Members are allowed to participate in FFA and 4-H simultaneously. Members who are both Future Farmers of America and 4-H members are not permitted to take the same species of animal in both programs. Members are permitted to transfer projects between programs once per year. Transfers must take place not less than sixty (60) days (or the number of days required for ownership and supervision of respective species – whichever is greater) prior to the exhibit or award recognition of the project. The Livestock Project Transfer Form must be on file at the county 4-H office for the transfer to be considered complete.

ATTENDANCE

6. MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Members are required to physically attend 80% of **both** general and project meetings to be considered in good standing or to be signed off by project volunteers for entries into the fairs.

7. ADULT ATTENDANCE:

Two certified adult volunteers, or one certified volunteer and another adult (over 25) or a 4-H YDP staff member are required for all 4-H programs, events and activities.

PROJECT MEETINGS

8. PROJECT MINIMUM:

There must be a minimum of **6 hours** of instruction to complete a project.

9. MAKE UPS FOR MISSED PROJECT MEETINGS:

Are at the clubs discretion and could include the following in their Bylaws:

Members must have prior approval from their Project Volunteer before counting one of the following as make up for a missed meeting.

- Organize a project/activity
- Give a demonstration at county Presentation Day
- Give a demonstration to a project group, classroom or another club's project meeting and get verification from the adult in charge.

- Other – upon approval of your Project Volunteer

12. PROJECT MEETING ATTENDANCE:

If a member misses 20% of the project meetings, the Project Volunteer must notify the member and the Adult Volunteer Organizational (Club) Leader that the member is in good standing. If the member is dropped from the project, the 4-H office must be notified.

CLUB MEETINGS

11. MAKE UPS FOR MISSED CLUB MEETINGS:

Are at the clubs discretion and could include the following in their Bylaws:

For the club meeting that you are unable to attend, you must have prior approval from your Adult Volunteer Organizational (Club) Leader before you can make up the missed meeting with one of the following options.

- Attend another Club’s meeting with prior approval of their Club Leader. Give your Club Leader a signed note from the Club Leader of the club meeting you visited and report back to your club about the meeting.
- Serve as a chairman for a committee for a club activity/event. (The activity/event must take place and you must be in attendance to receive credit for the activity/event).
- Give a demonstration at County Presentation Day or at club level.
- Video a county wide event to present to your club or take picture and write an article of a county event for the News Notes. (Submit a copy to your Club Leader for review and approval before sending to newspaper and/or 4-H Office.
- Participate in one community service project conducted by the club for each meeting missed.
- Attend a 4-H Council Meeting and report back to your club.
- Other – upon approval of your Project Volunteer

12. CLUB MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Once a member has missed 20% of club meetings, the Club Leaders must notify the member of their attendance status.

RECORD BOOKS

13. RECORD BOOK REQUIREMENTS:

State 4-H policy states “4-H record books are not required for membership or participation in 4-H activities such as club events and activities, or for attending 4-H camps or conferences.” Monterey County 4-H requires record books for star ranks and scholarships that were turned in, on time, at the club level. Club Project Leaders may require record books. It is highly recommended that Livestock Project Leaders require record books. Members must be made aware of the project’s record book requirement through the project rules. Required record books must be satisfactorily completed, including all signatures in order for the member to remain in “good standing” with the project and club.

LIVESTOCK

14. ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

To show or exhibit an animal project at an endorsed fair, exposition or other sponsored event , it must be owned and supervised the number of days outlined below:

Poultry, Rabbits & Feeder and breeding animals must be owned and supervised for not less than 30 consecutive days and be enrolled the project for not less than 60 days.

Market sheep, swine, veal and goats must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 consecutive days

Market beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days.

Horses - must be owned /leased and supervised for not less than 120 consecutive days

15. ADDING A LIVESTOCK PROJECT:

Members enrolled by/on December 15 may add additional livestock projects **by/on December 15 to participate in** Salinas Valley, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito fairs unless expressly prohibited in a club project agreement or bylaws. A hard copy, add form **must** be turned into the 4-H office. **New & re-enrolled 4-H members may not add livestock projects after December 15th and may not attend the fairs with the livestock project (including animals) they did not get added before the December 15 deadline.**

FAIRS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Members must be enrolled in 4-H and projects a minimum of 5 months (by/on December 15) to participate with those particular projects in any of the fairs at the end of the year.
- The fair season begins in May with Salinas Valley Fair, and includes Monterey County Fair in August, Santa Cruz County Fair in September and San Benito Fair (a lottery fair with 15 spots for Monterey County 4-H) in October.
- Primary members who “graduate” to regular members in July also must complete the 5 months as a regular member in order to participate in the fair season.

16. NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECT REQUIREMENT:

Members participating in livestock projects are required to also enroll in and complete a non-livestock 4-H project. Some fairs may require an entry of a non-livestock project in addition to the livestock entry. Check the fair guidebook for requirements.

RESPONSIBILITY

17. PROJECT VOLUNTEER AND PARTICIPANT:

Project Volunteers and participants are personally responsible for reading fair premium books to check eligibility and entry guidelines; including entries of non-livestock projects. Fair eligibility rules may be stricter than 4-H rules, but only affect eligibility for specific fairs, not for 4-H. The 4-H office does not interpret **or have jurisdiction over** fair policy.

18. AGREEMENT:

I have read the 4-H policies above and agree to abide by them. Failure to sign and/or agree to the terms of this document will result in ineligibility for exhibition of livestock in 4-H divisions. If you do not understand these rules, or need clarification, please call the 4-H Office at (831) 759-7360.

4-H Member Signature
(I have read both sides of this form and agree to the terms.)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature
(I have read both sides of this form and agree to the terms.)

Date

Approved 04/21/09 Revised 10/18/11

FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP.

Wendy Grennan

Many of the great ACHIEVEMENTS of the world were accomplished by TIRED AND DISCOURAGED people who kept on WORKING!

EMERALD STAR PROJECTS:

I have a few ideas for projects this year. You can google the sites below to check them out.

- Abigail's Bling for Balding Beauties (making headbands for young cancer patients)
- Dress a Girl Around the World (sewing pillow cases into dresses)

Or projects around the 4-H office:

- VHS tape review (of our older curriculum resources)
- Publications review (to see if they are still usable and worth keeping)

If you are interested or have questions, please give me a call at 759-7386.

- We are thankful for you taking the time to read the news notes so in appreciation please contact the 4-H office at 831-759-7360 for a chance to win a five dollar gift card from Starbucks. Only one per family, prize is for the first three callers. Happy Thanksgiving!

FAIRS

Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation

Dear Students & Advisors,

The Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation would like to invite all active 4-H and FFA participants to apply for this year's Heritage Foundation Scholarship and the chance to raise the 2012 Heritage Animal. Along with raising the Heritage Animal, the scholarship winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship (see requirements below) and a \$500 cash prize, following the 2012 Salinas Valley Fair.

Basic Student Requirements (for complete list of requirements, see page 2)

13. Must be a Monterey County high school student, who will be attending an accredited trade school, junior college or university.

14. Must be willing to raise an animal for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation.

15. Submit the scholarship application, three letters of recommendation and attend an in-person interview with the scholarship committee.

16. Must attend the Salinas Valley Fair Kick off Dance, typically held in April 2012

17. Act as an ambassador for the Heritage Foundation through the 2012 Salinas Valley Fair

Scholarship Winner Receives

- \$1,500 scholarship – must provide proof of enrollment
- \$500 cash prize
- Reimbursement for expenses related to raising the 2012 Heritage Animal, including: Animal purchase, feed and basic equipment (with prior approval).

All materials must be postmarked no later than December 2, 2011. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of December 12 – 16 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in King City.

The Heritage Scholarship winner will be recognized in press materials and the 2012 Salinas Valley Fair auction program.

Over the past nine years, the sale of the Heritage Animal has contributed more than \$865,000 to the Heritage Foundation. Since the Topo Ranch Events Center and Rava Ranch Arena are now paid off, we have begun plans for a new livestock office and restroom facilities. Please consider applying and helping be part of Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation history.

Questions or comments, please contact:

Ralph Rianda Scholarship Chair 831-385-0383, home 831-320-5299, cell rrianda@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO SHARE

NOVEMBER 2011

Fri. – Sun. November 4-6	State Leaders Forum in Asilomar
Friday, November 11	HOLIDAY, office closed Salinas Veteran's Day Parade
Tuesday, November 15	Leaders Council meeting, 7 pm at the 4-H office
Wednesday, November 16	News Notes articles and pictures due
Wednesday, November 24	HOLIDAY, office closed
Thursday, November 25	HOLIDAY, office closed

DECEMBER 2011

Thursday, December 1	LCORT applications
Wednesday, December 14	News Notes articles and pictures due
Thursday, December 15	Last day to enroll in Monterey County 4-H to participate with projects in the fairs
Monday, December 26 – Friday, December 30	HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE

Saturday, January 7	Bowl-O-Rama
Friday, January 27	LCORT

Next Leader's Council Meeting:
Tuesday, November, 15
7 p.m.
at the 4-H Office

November 2011

Every adult volunteer and all youth Members 14 years of age are eligible to be active members of the County Council. Please come and give your input, guidance, direction and Leadership to the Monterey County YDP.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 State Leaders Forum at Asilomar	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 HOLIDAY office closed	12
13	14	15 Leaders Council meeting 7 pm at the 4-H office	16 News Notes articles and pictures due to the 4-H office	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 HOLIDAY Office closed	25 HOLIDAY Office closed	26
27	28	29	30			

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 News Notes articles and pictures due	15 Last day to enroll in Monterey County 4-H to participate with projects in the fairs	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED	27 HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED	28 HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED	29 HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED	30 HOLIDAYS, OFFICE CLOSED	31

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