



### CLUB NEWS

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### CLUB PUMPKIN PROJECT HARVESTS EXPERIENCE AND FUNDS!

*King City Rural 4-H Club first-time pumpkin crop yields successful fundraising project.*

*By Club Reporter Ivy Hearne*

King City, CA - As our most recent fundraiser, King City Rural 4-H's farming project planted 4000 pumpkin plants on 3 acres. They were harvested on October 1, 2011. Project Leaders, Jerry Rava and Matt Kelley, expected this to be a great fundraiser for the club, as well as an excellent learning experience, and I can say as a member of the project that it was! Fellow project members also learned about the costs of production, harvesting, processing, and other costs associated with growing a crop. King City Rural 4-H offered these pumpkins for sale at the King City Firehouse Rib BBQ on Sunday October 9, as well as at The Garden House. Surplus pumpkins were sold to markets as far away as Los Angeles. King City Rural 4H expects that this will now be a yearly project.



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### **4-H PRIDE AT VETERAN'S DAY PARADE**

Members of the Buena Vista, Spring and San Benancio club walked in the first ever Salinas Veteran's Day Parade on 11/11/11. It was wet and windy but that did not dampen the spirits of these dedicated 4-Hers who waited in the rain for over an hour to get their chance to thank all local Veteran's for their service. The parade route followed the Kiddie Kapers route around Old Town Salinas and the audience was extremely supportive of 4-H.

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### **CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THE "SENIOR CITIZENS"**

**Sponsored by Royal Oaks 4-H**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR  
THE  
"SENIOR CITIZENS"**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011  
1:00 P.M. AT THE PRUNEDALED GRANGE**

**Dinner is free for all Senior Citizens**

**For more information call 831-234-5387**



# COUNTY NEWS

## COUNTY LEADERSHIP DAY

Make it a 4-H Day... on Saturday, January 7th Natividad 4-H club will host a County Leadership Day. Registration will be at 9 a.m. at the Sheriff Posse Grounds in Salinas. There will be speakers, games breakout sessions and a community service project. We will end the morning with a free BBQ and then send all the members to the 4-H Bowl-O-Rama at the Valley Center Bowl beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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### MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H BOWL-O-RAMA

Once again, King City Blue Ribbon is putting together an afternoon of pure 4-H fun, the annual Bowl-O-Rama! There will be a bowling competition, so form your team with your club or project and BRING IT ON!

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 7, 2012

**WHERE:** Valley Center Bowl in South Salinas

**TIME:** Check in time is 12:30-1:00 p.m., bowling 1:00-3:00

**WHO:** Any Monterey County 4-H Member or Volunteer

**WHY:** Have fun, meet other 4-Hers, and have a friendly competition

**COST:** \$10.00 for bowling and shoes and \$3.00 for a slice of pizza

Please RSVP by December 15th or sooner, by email to: [busymama27@yahoo.com](mailto:busymama27@yahoo.com) (please include your name, club, and age) or call Mary Hughes at 385-4220.

You will also need to medical release form filled out and brought with you the day of the event.

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**Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date**

### Fantastic 4-H Field Day

Saturday February 4, 2012 from 9:00 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

The following is a list of Clubs hosting Field Day events:

*Aromas - Judging event and tabulation*

*Buena Vista - Dessert Contest*



*Greenfield - Coordination*  
*Lockwood - Livestock Judging*  
*Mission - Entertainment/activities*  
*Royal Oaks - Poster Contest*  
*San Benancio - Registration*  
*Spring – Lunch*

## **Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date**

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### **PATHWAYS TO YOUR FUTURE PROJECT**

Pathways to your future is a new project designed to help you succeed in the university system. Are you worried about being admitted into college, facing the challenges of attending a university or figuring out which direction to go once you are there? These questions and more will be answered through this new project. Each project meeting will focus on preparing you for the university system and how to graduate with a degree in the field of study you are passionate in.

#### Details:

- Free
- Open to 4-H members currently in grade 9, 10 and 11 in the following clubs:
  - Greenfield
  - KCBR
  - KCR
  - Lockwood
  - Mission
- Open to the first 25 members to register.
- Parents welcome
- Counts as a 4-H Project and record book credit
- Location: TBA, most likely in Greenfield area
- Dates:
  - January 18 (6 pm start with dinner provided): Planning your future: Identifying your skill, passion and spark
  - February 22 (7-9): Exploring Career Choices: How to translate your career choice into an educational program
  - March 14 (7-9): Making the Transition to College: How do I get there?
  - April 18 (7-9): Exploring Options: UC, CSU, Community College, Technical School
  - May 10 (7-9): Sharing your Path: Celebrating how this project supports your goals
- Campus tours to UC Davis, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz tentatively scheduled for:
  - February 25
  - March 10
  - March 31
- Parents will be needed to provide transportation – all mileage will be reimbursed
- Register at : <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7556>
- For more information contact 4-H Youth Development Advisor Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty: [lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu), 831-763-8026

## **4-H Camp - changes, challenges and commitment. – What’s going on?**

A camp restructuring meeting was held before the November 15 council meeting. Several interested volunteers attended to share support and ideas and will set up a meeting for December to move forward with finding a new camp director. The Council set timelines for completion of certain issues. If you cannot come but would like your thoughts to be shared, please email them to Mary Hughes at [busymama27@yahoo.com](mailto:busymama27@yahoo.com). Watch the January News Notes for more information.

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### **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](mailto:lhofmannlurz@ucdavis.edu)

## **STATE NEWS**

### **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 in October, current research indicates that there are five youth development practices or supports and opportunities that young people should experience in the 4-H Youth Development Program (YDP). 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 youth participation. This involves more than young people showing up for the program and being engaged in the program activities. Meaningful youth participation means that youth:

- Have opportunities to participate in decision-making
- Have opportunities to develop and practice leadership
- Experience a sense of belonging
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True youth-adult partnerships happen when projects or activities are initiated by young people and decision-making is shared between youth and adults. This empowers and builds the skills of young people while at the same time enabling them to access and learn from the life experience and expertise of adults.

Here are five things you can do now to increase meaningful youth participation:

1. Give youth opportunities to develop program, club, or project goals
2. Get young people involved in activity planning, training, and evaluating the program
3. Give young people choices in the program or activity
4. Give every young person an opportunity to help others
5. Ensure that adults are serving as a mentor and facilitator in all aspects of the 4-H Youth Development Program with young people taking the lead

How do you know if you are creating an environment that fosters meaningful youth participation? Here are a few indicators:

- Adults share control of the meetings, planning, activities, etc. with youth
- The program schedule allows time for youth to make choices about how they use their time
- Youth have multiple opportunities to set goals and make plans for projects and activities
- Youth are engaged in an intentional process of reflecting on what they are doing or have done
- Give youth opportunities to provide feedback on activities and changes are incorporated accordingly

Assess these indicators of meaningful youth participation and think of at least two ways you can strengthen youth participation. Set specific goals and re-evaluate your progress. Through these practices you will communicate the message to young people that “What you think and what you do matters!”. Next month we will explore community involvement.

# POLICY

## 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, caviae, 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

##### **10. 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 not in good standing. If the member is dropped from the project, the 4-H office must be notify

## 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 completed record books for star ranks and scholarships that were turned in, on time, at the club level.. Community Club Leaders may require completed record books. 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. Club Project Leaders may require projects reports. Members must be made aware of the project report requirement through the club project rules.

## 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) that were not 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 (with the exception of primary members that were enrolled in poultry, rabbits or pygmy goats projects).

### **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.

EMERALD STAR PROJECTS:

## RESPONSIBILITY

### **16. 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.

**17. 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 sides of this form and agree to the terms.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
Approved 04/21/09 Revised 11/15/11

# FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP. Wendy Grennan

## 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)

## THANK YOU

- I appreciate you taking the time to read the News Notes. For the second straight month I am offering a free \$5 Starbucks gift card for the first 3 callers (one per family, please). Call the 4-H office at 831-759-7360. An email blast will be sent out when they have been claimed. Happy Holidays!

# 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)

11. Must be a Monterey County high school student, who will be attending an accredited trade school, junior college or university.
12. Must be willing to raise an animal for sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Salinas Valley Fair Heritage Foundation.
13. Submit the scholarship application, three letters of recommendation and attend an in-person interview with the scholarship committee.
14. Must attend the Salinas Valley Fair Kick off Dance, typically held in April 2012
15. 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](mailto:rrianda@hotmail.com)

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO SHARE**

### **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

### **JANUARY 2012**

Monday, January 2	Holiday, office closed
Saturday, January 7	Bowl-O-Rama
Monday, January 16	Holiday, office closed
Tuesday, January 17	Leaders Council meeting 7 p.m. at the 4-H office
Wednesday, January 18	News Notes articles and pictures due
Friday, January 27- Sunday, January 28	LCORT

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE**

Saturday, February 4	Field Day
Thursday, February 9	Salinas Farm Day

**Next Leader's Council Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, January 17,**  
**7 p.m.**  
**at the 4-H Office**

# December 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 <i>LCORT applications due</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>News Notes articles and pictures due</i>	15 <i>Last day to enroll in Monterey County 4-H to participate with projects in the fairs</i>	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

**2011-2012 Monterey County 4-H Leaders Council**

# January 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>HOLIDAY Office closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Bowl-O-Rama</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>HOLIDAY Office closed</i>	17 <i>Leaders Council Meeting, 7 pm at the 4-H office</i>	18 <i>News Notes articles and pictures due to the 4-H office</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>LCORT begins</i>	28
29 <i>LCORT ends</i>	30	31				

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