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CLUB NEWS

CHRYSANTHEMUM DAY AT McSHANE'S NURSERY



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Salinas Mayor Dennis Donohue speaks Saturday at McShane's Nursery during the Salinas City Flower official kickoff event. Donohue read a proclamation declaring the Chrysanthemum the official city flower.

Members from the Buena Vista and Spring 4-H clubs took on a successful citizenship activity Saturday, November 1st.

Partnering with the City of Salinas and McShane's Nursery, the clubs kicked off the newly selected official flower for the City of Salinas - The Chrysanthemum. The event was centered around pride in their community, being a part of a historical addition to the city and working together.

Weeks before, members hand cut and painted old election signs into colors and shapes of 15 inch Chrysanthemums. Each was adorned with a reason why Salinas is a great place to live by members and then hung along McShane's iron gate for all commuters to see. Photo flower cards were developed as were artificial chrysanthemum flower pens.

With the help of parent volunteers, press releases about the event were distributed and horticultural agencies were invited to take part in the day giving customers a variety of free information.

Members volunteered to bring out the potted chrysanthemum, help customers to their cars, work at the sales table for the pens and gift cards and even to serve chrysanthemum tea.

Speakers at the official ceremony included Buena Vista Club President Ivy Lurz, Mo. Co. All Star Jocelyn Kelzer, County Council President Nancy Thorp, McShane's owner Steve McShane and Mayor Dennis Donohue, each giving motivating talks about the commitment of 4-H and the future of the City.

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COUNTY NEWS

“REEL IN THE FUN” AT THE MONTEREY COUNTY FAIR

Mark Your Calendars...“Reel in the Fun” at the Monterey County Fair Tuesday, August 11 – Sunday, August 16, 2009. Look for our Entry Guide Book online in May. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the 2009 Entry Guide Book please call the Fair Office today at (831) 372-5863 to reserve your book. Be sure to visit our website www.montereycountyfair.com for further information, events and updates.

STATE & NATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

- 4-H members may enter the **2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest**. The 2009 essay topic is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>
- The **2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009, have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP, and conduct team projects. Applications are due **March 31, 2009** and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.

4-H POLICY

What is a self determined project?

There is always some confusion on what self determined means. The question that often comes up is, “Since there isn’t a beef project in my club can I do beef as a self determined project?” The answer is No, because it is a project that is listed in the master project list. If your club doesn’t offer Beef you could do a project transfer to another clubs beef project. If you have questions contact Wendy at 831.759.7386

COUNTY 4-H YDP OFFICE RECORD RETENTION GUIDELINES

Financial Records (VMO & Club) - Should be retained for 5 years in a Secure Storage

- Annual Financial Statements
- Budgets
- Peer Reviews
- Inventories
- Bant Statements (End of Year)

Affirmative Action - Should be retained for 3 years in a Secure Storage

- Outreach records (forms, press releases, posters, flyers, calendar notes, announcements, personal letters, and newsletters)

FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP.

Wendy Grennan

GOING GREEN by cutting back on our use of paper...

Notice a new look for the News Notes? We have begun to reformat for online only, which we hope to launch in January 2009. Stay tuned for more updates.

COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER'S:

- During the enrollment process please remember that members enrolled in livestock projects must also be enrolled in a non-livestock project in order to enter their animal at fairs.
- The State will be revising the format for Club Constitutions and By-Laws once again before the New Year. We plan to distribute the new format on disc's for your convenience when available.
- At the December Council Meeting, we will continue reviewing the Livestock Policy. At the October and November meetings the need for new menu items for the Food Booth was discussed. Please bring any new dessert and snack ideas you may have along with the recipe. Samples would be nice, eat, meet and be merry!

Five Birds and Good Intentions

Five birds are sitting on a telephone wire. Two decide to fly south. How many are left? Most people would say three. Actually, all five are left. You see, deciding to fly isn't the same as actually doing it. If a bird really wants to go somewhere, it's got to point itself in the right direction, jump off the wire, flap its wings, and keep flapping until it gets where it wants to go.

So it is with most things. Good intentions are not enough. It's not what we want, say, or think, that makes things happen; it's what we do.

January is the month for resolutions. Have you thought about your 4-H resolutions for the year?

IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER 2008

5th State Record Book Judging – Davis
16th Leader's Council Meeting,
7 pm at the 4-H office
17th News Notes articles or
pictures due at noon to Wendy
24th Office closed – Christmas Eve
25th Office closed – Christmas Day

JANUARY 2009

1st Office closed – New Year's Day
19th Office Closed – Martin Luther King Day
20th Leader's Council Meeting,
7 pm at the 4-H office
21st News Notes articles or
pictures due at noon to Wendy
30th LCORT through Sunday February 1st

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE:

Saturday February 21st - Project Field Day – 4-H Office, 1432 Abbott St.

Friday March 6th – County Presentation Day – La Gloria School, Gonzales

Saturday March 21st – Leadership Get-Away-Mini Conference - TBA

Saturday April 18th - Tri-County Presentation Day – Santa Cruz County



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY



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FIELD TRIP SAFETY

Clover Safe notes are intended primarily for 4-H volunteers and members nine years and older.

Field trips are an important element of the University of California 4-H YDP. Insuring that field trips are rewarding, educational, productive, enjoyable, successful, and safe experiences requires careful and thorough planning on the part of all participating 4-H staff, volunteers, and members. This Clover Safe note provides information that may be used to address field trip safety issues.



Photograph Courtesy of Elkus Youth Ranch

4-H Staff and Volunteer Field Trip Safety Responsibilities

- Prior to a field trip, assure all 4-H members have completed and turned in required medical and permission forms to the 4-H volunteer leader or staff. Copies of the forms shall be taken on the trip.
- It is a prudent and recommended practice to visit unfamiliar field trip destinations before the trip to evaluate whether any potential hazards or security issues are present.
- If potential hazards or security issues are present at the field trip destination, then 4-H staff and volunteers should identify mitigation actions such as informing attendees of the hazard, security, and safety concerns, requiring personal protective equipment (PPE), pre-trip training for attendees, or if concerns are serious, changing the field trip destination or canceling the field trip.
- Assure adequate supervision is present during field trip travel and activities. A ratio of one adult to 6 - 8 attendees is a typical practice. With younger attendees the ratio should be decreased.
- If the field trip includes an overnight stay, assure there are an adequate number of chaperones of the appropriate gender.
- Formulate a field trip emergency plan that includes directions to the trip destination and closest emergency care facility. Dial 911 to contact emergency responders.
- Validate that an emergency cell phone, medical treatment forms from parents or guardians, first aid kit, and other emergency supplies for adverse weather conditions such as reflectors, shovels, and blankets are being bought on the field trip.
- Develop and distribute a trip itinerary that includes a schedule and reminders about what personal items to bring such as medications, PPE, money, food, and water.

4-H Member Field Trip Safety Responsibilities

- Wear PPE appropriate to the field trip weather conditions: jackets or windbreakers during cool weather, and light clothing, sunscreen, sun glasses, and a hat during warm weather. Wear closed-toed shoes.
- Always wear seat belts if they are available in the transportation vehicle.
- Follow transportation vehicle rules and do not distract the driver.
- Stay with your field trip group and volunteer or staff leader. Do not wander off on your own.
- Be alert for hazards and aware of your surroundings at all times, whether on a field trip to a rural or urban area.
- Do not take a ride from or talk to a stranger. If you are not comfortable with the actions of a stranger or other person, immediately contact the field trip leader.
- Always protect your purse or wallet from theft.
- Follow the volunteer or staff leader's instructions during the field trip.
- If you notice that a member of your field trip group is missing, immediately notify your project leader, parent, or guardian.
- When traveling to show an animal, make sure your animal is properly fed and watered.
- Remember when you are on a field trip you may interact with the public and therefore, your conduct should represent the high standards maintained by California YDP members.



December 2008

Next Leader's Council Meeting:
 Tues. December 16th,
 7 p.m.
 at the 4-H office -
 1432 Abbott Street.

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. We will continue reviewing the Livestock Policy for revision.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16 LEADER'S COUNCIL MEETING 7PM	17 NEWS NOTES ARTICLES DUE AT NOON	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

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