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CLUB NEWS

EMERALD STAR PROJECT FINALE



Lizzie Prader (right) from Buena Vista 4-H braved a chilly day in DC to watch the inauguration of the 44th president.

In October, Lizzie Prader of Buena Vista 4-H presented her Emerald Star project by holding a Mock Election for 4Hers in Monterey County. With over 40 members participating, she presented a PowerPoint about the meaning of democracy, the presidential election process, a brief description of the candidates and their parties, plus presented a speaker from the Monterey County Elections Department to underscore the importance of each vote. At the end of the evening, the members had projected John McCain the winner.

This January, however, Lizzie travelled to Washington, D.C., to join 7,300 other teen members of the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference in witnessing Barack Obama's Inauguration as the 44th President of the United States. This conference was sponsored by the group "Congressional Youth Leadership Council".

During her four day stay, she heard speeches by Colin Powell, Al Gore, and Desmond Tutu; learned about campaigns, leadership, and debating; and attended an Inaugural Ball entertained by Daughtry. This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

COUNTY NEWS

PROJECT FIELD DAY

Saturday February 21, 9:00 a.m. at the 4-H Office

All 4-Her's are invited once again to participate in the Monterey County Project Field Day. What is Project Field Day? It is a way to learn lots of new things, earn credits for your Record Book and have lots of FUN.

Here's how...

- You can **enter an educational poster in the poster contest**. Posters in junior, intermediate and senior categories scoring the required number of points will receive gold medals.
- You can **enter a dessert in the Dessert Contest**. Spring 4-H's dessert contest chairmen, Allyson Heston and Baillie Buhler would like to invite you to enter a dessert in the contest. The categories are: cakes, cookies, pies, other, most original or 4-H related. Prizes will be given out for each category, plus the overall winner which is the People's Choice Award. Don't bake? Come to taste and cast your vote!
- **Do the Judging Contest**. As a participant, you'll practice your judging skills to rank a variety of displayed items from 1st place to 4th place on a score card. Gold medals will be awarded to the 4-H'ers scoring the highest number of points in junior and senior age divisions. (County Record Book Winners and Medalists are invited to bring a 4-item display for the rest of the participants to judge.)
- **Learn about and participate in Livestock Judging** from Anthony Cruz's Emerald Star Project.
- **Participate, practice and learn about Vegetable Judging** from San Benancio 4-H's Vegetable judging project members
- Join All-Star Jocelyn Kelzer for her talk on her **Emerald Star Project on Vegetable Judging curriculum** for each club in Monterey County
- Listen to Hana Ferguson's Emerald Star **Presentation on How to do a demonstration**.

Please have your posters &/or desserts at the 4-H Office no later than 8:45 for check-in. Project Field Day usually ends by 12 noon. **Jacque Palmer can answer any questions that you may have at 726-1348.**

EMERALD STAR PROJECTS at Project Field Day

Vegetable Judging Curriculum – Jocelyn Kelzer

Monterey County 4-H was awarded a \$750.00 grant from the Dean Memorial Legacy Fund that was applied for to develop Vegetable Judging curriculum for the vegetable judging projects. Each club will receive a binder with the CATA curricular activities code, lists, identification sheets and placing cards. A CD is included with pictures of the various vegetables, weeds, insects, pests and seeds for identification. In addition, sample seed kits will be distributed to clubs. Come to Project Field Day to see the curriculum that will be offered and if you might be interested in starting your own Vegetable Judging project! If you are a Community Club Leader you may pick up your curriculum kit that day.

Livestock Judging – Anthony Cruz

My name is Anthony Cruz. I am 13 years old and I'm from Lockwood 4-H. For my Emerald Star Project I will be holding a Livestock Judging Contest at Project Field Day. Come join me for a fun filled day. If you have any questions you can call me at 805-472-0123.

“It’s All in the Presentation” – Hana Ferguson

Attention to all Community Leaders! My name is Hana Ferguson, I'm 17 and this is my 8th year in the Buena Vista 4-H club. As part of my Emerald Star project I'm producing a DVD of my demonstration called "It's all in the Presentation." This is my demonstration on how to do a demonstration, for which I received a gold medal at State last year.

I will be sending a copy of my DVD to all community leaders, and I'm also offering to personally come to your club meeting to give the demonstration myself. This would be a great opportunity if you have members who are interested in participating in Presentation Days, but don't know where to go to begin. Additionally, I will be attending the upcoming county Project Field Day to give my demonstration there. If you would like me to come to your club meeting, please contact me. My phone number is 455-1585 and my e-mail is hanaofthedead@gmail.com.

MONTEREY COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY 2009 **Friday March 6 - 6 p.m. at La Gloria School in Gonzales** **Hosting and BBQ provided by Gonzales 4-H**

All members from 5-19 years may participate in Presentation Day. Primary or mini-members will receive participation certificates only. Members 4th grade or 9 years of age by January 1 are judged using the Danish system (gold, red or blue). Everyone will receive comment sheets from the judges to help them improve their presentation skills. Members who are awarded a Gold Medal may elect to continue on the Sectional Presentation Day April 18 and if a Gold Medal is awarded at Sectional they may advance to the state level competition May 30 at the University of California Davis.

Monterey County will follow the state/regional guide, “Presentations for 4-H Members”. This guide is available at <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu/4%3DH%5FProgram/PresentationDays.htm>
Registration forms are available on the County Website: <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu>.

BBQ MENU

From 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gonzales 4-H will provide tri tip sandwiches for \$5, hot dogs for \$1, and sodas or waters for \$1 at La Gloria School. The Gonzales Clover Buds will host a bake sale. For \$25 you may purchase 1 full tri tip, a bag of salad, 4 rolls and a 2 liter of soda at the BBQ site at 325 Center Street in the alley next to the Gonzales Fire Station for drive through service. The proceeds benefit the Gonzales 4-H livestock projects.



LEADERSHIP GET-A-WAY/MINI CONFERENCE 2009 **10:00 a.m. Saturday March 21 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday March 22** **At Porter Youth Center in Seaside**

We will be partnering with our Military Club, The Lakers at the Porter Youth Center on the former Fort Ord. Now that a location has been found, the focus will be on developing speakers, topics and the agenda. Mark your calendars now for this informational and fun event. More information will be emailed to Community Club Leaders when available and in the March News Notes.

CAMP 2009
Sunday June 21 through Saturday June 27 at Hidden Falls
Calling all Camp Chaperones and Counselors!

Next informational meeting is Thursday February 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Ag Office.

SALINAS VALLEY FAIR 2009

The Salinas Valley Fair "Stirrup A Good Time In 2009" will be held on May 14 – 17th, with Weigh-in Day on May 13.

The fair office hopes to have the entry guidebook online at www.salinasvalleyfair.com the beginning of March.

Miss Salinas Valley Fair Contest - April 4, 2009

On behalf of the Salinas Valley Fair, we wish to extend you an invitation to vie for the Title of Miss Salinas Valley Fair. The contest will be held Saturday April 4, 2009 at The Salinas Valley Fairgrounds in King City. For more information www.salinasvalleyfair.com.

FROM 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.

New events this year...

Mark your Calendars! This year the Monterey County Fair has many new and exciting events for you to enjoy, here are some important dates and facts you should know:

- The Monterey County Horse Show will be held April 19, 2009 at 9:00 am at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. In the case of rain, the show will be rescheduled.
- NEW-The first ever Monterey Bay Classic Livestock show will be held May 1-2, 2009 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Livestock Exhibitor Experience will be held on Friday, May 1 after weigh in has ended.

NEW RULES THIS YEAR:

- **The Monterey County Fair will allow all livestock exhibitors to show two (2) small animals of any specie (same or mixed) with only one (1) being allowed to sell at the Junior Livestock Auction. Exhibitor must make the decision of which animal will sell at the Auction by one (1) hour after the second animal shows: exceptions being that the top five market goats and all champions must sell.**
- **The Junior Poultry and Junior Rabbit Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and 1st place Weight Champion in each class to sell at the Junior Livestock Auction for no more than three lots total sold. If you have questions please call the Fair Office at 757-3110.**

Entry forms, Schedule of events and further information can be found at www.montereycountyfair.com.

MONTEREY COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL FOOD BOOTH DONATIONS

It is that time of year again, to begin planning for the Monterey County food booth at Monterey County Fair August 11-16. **NOW is the time to start soliciting for donations!** Visit the county website at <http://cemonterey.ucdavis.edu> to download the letter for donations request. (Click on the 4-H program, then click on events and scroll down to the food booth section.). Please have checks made payable to Monterey

County 4-H Council and mail them to the 4-H office, 1432 Abbott Street, Salinas California 93901 – Attention Food Booth Chairman by August 3, 2009. Meeting this deadline will ensure all names are listed on the banner for sponsor recognition. Please call Jo Ann Etchison at 424-0451 if you have any questions.

SAN BENITO COUNTY FAIR

OCTOBER 2-4, 2009

Once again, Monterey County 4-H has five lottery spots for the San Benito Fair in October. If you are interested in putting your name in for the livestock drawing, please call Wendy at 759-7386 or email wdgrennan@ucdavis.edu. The drawing will be held April 1.

The 2009 San Benito Fair will not have Mandatory Pre-Tagging, with the exception of BEEF. Beef tagging will be held on Saturday May 30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the San Benito County Fair grounds.

A workshop will be held for 4-H and FFA leaders to handout tags and provide training for remaining livestock species. The date is still to be determined. **If there are any questions, please call the Fair office at 831-628-3421.**

STATE & NATIONAL OPPORTUNITES

The State 4-H Equine Education Advisory Committee announces the following events, dates and locations:

March 28 & 29, 2009: State 4-H Horse Classic, Educational Contests, Reedley College, Reedley, CA. (25 miles southeast of Fresno) Entrees are due March 1. Late entries will be accepted until March 15 with a \$5.00 late fee. Rules and entry forms are now available online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. Questions for junior participants are listed on the web site.

June 26 -28, 2009: State 4-H Horse Classic, Championship Horse Show, Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, CA.

If you have any questions, contact Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Education Advisor, at 530-527-3101 or jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu.

Enter the State 4-H Horse Classic Artwork Contest!

All 4-Hers are invited to enter the design contest for the artwork for the “State 4-H Horse Classic – Championship Horse Show” for t-shirt sales. The winning entry will receive a free t-shirt with their design. The event is held in Watsonville, CA at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. For design ideas, check out the neighboring landscape and tourist attractions. It can be comical or serious. Be creative!

Please submit your artwork on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper in black/white and color versions. It may be computer generated or hand drawn. Make it simple for a screen print with a maximum of 3 colors.

Please attach your name, address, city, telephone number, and age to the entry. And place in a secure cardboard envelope labeled ‘do not bend’ for mailing. Send entries to Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Education Advisor at 1754 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080 by April 1, 2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS

County 4-H:

It is that time of year. Monterey County 4-H Council is pleased to once again offer graduating 4-H members the opportunity to apply for council scholarships. The Council awards \$4,000.00 in scholarships of up to \$1,000 each. Applications are due Monday August 3rd this year and can be downloaded from the county website <http://ce.monterey.ucdavis.edu>. For more information call Wendy at the 4-H office at 759-7386.

State 4-H:

4-H Statewide Scholarship Information and applications are now available. High school seniors and those in college are eligible to apply. Scholarships are available in a number of various criteria and award amounts. Visit <http://ca4hresource/ir/index.asp> for the links.

Monterey County:

Central Coast Young Farmers and Ranchers:

<http://www.montereycountyfarmbureau.org/Programs/scholarships.htm>

Monterey County Farm Bureau Scholarship Program: www.montereycgb.com

California Women for Agriculture: www.salinascwa.org

4-H POLICY

STATE

COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS AND CLUB TREASURERS - Highlights from the State Banking Policy 704.2 implemented July 1, 2008

VMO – Volunteer Management Organization (Council) – Units (Clubs)

- All 4-H VMO's and units must be chartered to use the 4-H name and logo to raise, allocate, and disperse funds in support of 4-H programs, projects and groups. Authorization to establish **one checking** and **one savings** account is obtained from the UCCE county director upon approval of the unit's charter. **Additional accounts require further approval from the UCCE county director.**
- Establish its own checking and/or savings account at a financial institution with at least two signatures.
- The signatures must be from **two unrelated individuals**, of whom one can be a 4-H youth member and the other a 4-H adult volunteer. (Few banks will allow minors to be the only signatory on bank accounts. However, a youth can still be the second signature on a check).
- 4-H VMO's and units **are not allowed** to apply for or use automatic withdrawal or credit cards. (Debit cards or on line banking).
- All 4-H VMO and unit bank accounts must use **the UCCE mailing address** as the address of record.
- The UCCE County Director, or designee, must review all the monthly 4-H VMO and unit's bank statements for any discrepancies.
- Bank statements must include **copies of cancelled checks**. If you have chosen a bank that does not provide copies of checks or charges for them, you must either pay for the copies or go get the copies yourself each month.
- **A 4-H VMO's or unit's failure to follow the above policies can result in the revoking of the 4-H VMO or unit's charter.**

FROM YOUR PROGRAM REP. Wendy Grennan

January Leader's Council Meeting highlights:

Mary Hughes, the Community Club Leader for King City Blue Ribbon 4-H, talked about the benefits of a large club and how she handles it. She shared her secret of how she places her focus within her younger membership, mentoring and modeling community involvement for a more active/productive club. She also confessed that 4-H is her real job and that she just teaches part time to accommodate 4-H. King City Blue Ribbon and Monterey County are lucky to have you Mary!

Each month at the Council meeting, we will have a selected Community Club leader speak on their club's forte. Since no two clubs are the same, come learn something new! Our next meeting is Tuesday March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H office.

DEALING WITH DEADLINES:

Deadlines are a part of everyone's life! Adults have bills to pay, taxes due, forms to fill out and information to submit. Students have to get to school on time, do homework, write papers, manage class schedules and maybe even have scholarships to apply for. Children possibly have church activities or sports including meetings and practices as well as household chores. 4-Hers have registration forms, event sign ups, club meetings, project meetings, animals to feed and record books. Deadlines can drive you crazy, but they also give direction in life.

One story says the word was coined during the American Civil War. Soldiers were on the move, so there were no jails in which to put prisoners. The custom was to assemble prisoners in one place and draw a line on the ground to mark the perimeter of the detainment area. The captives were told if they stayed within the designated area they would be protected, but if they crossed over the "dead" line they would be fired upon. This was serious stuff.

Deadlines are serious stuff. Consequences for unmet deadlines can lead to disappointment, penalties, poor grades, and missed opportunities.

"Promptitude is not only a duty, but is also a part of good manners; it is favorable to fortune, reputation, influence and usefulness; A little attention and energy will form the habit, so as to make it easy and delightful!" -Charles Simmons

**CLOVER SAFE NOTES on Holding And Attending 4-H Meetings
In Private Residences <http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/files/38603.pdf>**

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



February 2009

Next Leader's Council Meeting:
Tuesday March 17,
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
1	2	3	4	5 Salinas Farm Day 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day 
15	16 President's Day  Office Closed	17	18 News Notes Articles or Pictures Due at Noon	19	20	21 Project Field Day
22	23	24	25	26 Camp Meeting 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office 	27	28

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March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 COUNTY PRES- ENTATION DAY La Gloria School 6 pm	7 Camp Work Day 10 am—12 noon 4-H office parking lot
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Council Meeting 7P.M.	18 News Notes articles or pictures due	19 King City Farm Day 	20	21 Leadership Get-A- Way/Mini conference At Porter Youth Cen- ter in Seaside—10 am
22	23	24	25	26 Camp Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office 	27	28
29	30	31				

IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 2009

- 5TH Salinas Farm Day
- 16th President's Day – Office Closed
- 21st Project Field Day
- 26th Camp Chaperone & Counselor meeting 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office

IMPORTANT DATES TO SAVE:

- Friday March 6th – County Presentation Day – La Gloria School, Gonzales - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday March 7th - Camp workday 10 a.m. to 12 noon – at the 4-H office parking lot
- Tuesday March 17th - Leaders Council Meeting 7 p.m. – 4 –H office
- Thursday March 19th - King City Farm Day
- Saturday March 21st – Leadership Get-Away/Mini Conference – 10 a.m. at Porter Youth Center in Seaside
- Thursday March 26th – Camp Chaperone/Counselor meeting – 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H office
- Saturday April 18th - Tri-County Presentation Day – Santa Cruz County



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