



Clover Chatter

Sutter and Yuba Counties

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February 2007**Special Points
of Interest**

- * Loan information for purchasing animals and other income-producing project supplies
- * FREE Admission at Sacramento Museum Day
- * Japanese Exchange Program
- * Literacy Tutor Training



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

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"I Have A Dream"

by Willa Davis

... **"I have a dream** that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

... **I have a dream** that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

... **Let freedom ring.** And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring — when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics — will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

These are excerpts from the historic public speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he spoke of his desire for a future where people of color would coexist and live in harmony as equals. King's delivery of

the speech on August 28, 1963 from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the 'March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom' was a defining moment of the American civil rights movement.

As most of us celebrated the birthday of Dr. King last month by being given the day off from school and work, I wonder what each of us did to recognize the work of this great leader who used non-violence as a means to achieve his goals for all citizens of America.

I wonder what we did to reach out to others in our community who are not part of the Sutter/Yuba Counties 4-H Youth Development Program, especially those who are from what's now termed, "underrepresented" or "underserved" populations. These individuals, both youth and adult, include not only those from cultures and ethnicities that are different from a white European background, but also persons who have special needs whether they be physical, mental, or emotional.

Every 4-H club is required to submit an "Outreach Efforts" report by January 1st of each program year. The activities listed on this (cont'd on pg. 5)

LEADERS' DINNER

More than 60 Community Club and Project Leaders and their spouses attended the annual "Leaders' Dinner" on January 11, 2007. They were treated to ham and lasagna that the Bi-County Council provides as well as a variety of delectable food that comprised the potluck dinner that kicked off the evening.

Milton Greathouse was recognized and honored for the many years of service and dedication to the Sutter/Yuba 4-H Youth Development Program. And, as is customary, there was a fund raiser auction that raised over (cont'd on pg. 3)

**For more information and to help plan event,
contact Pat Dickens @ 743-5690 or
fpsc farms@comcast.net**

Other Meetings and Worthy Events To Know About



Council Meeting Information

Thursday, February 8, 2007, 6:00pm

"How To" Training Session:

Working With Members With Special Needs

Thursday, February 8, 2007 @ 7:00pm

General Council Meeting:

All adult and teen leaders are welcome, too!

Please contact the 4-H office at 822-7515 or e-mail Willa Davis at wdavis@ucdavis.edu to add any "New Business" or other items to the monthly Council Meeting Agenda.

ATTENTION: 4-H & FFA High School Students

**Ag & Environmental Sciences Field Day
@ UC Davis on March 2 & 3, 2007**

On-line Entries Due Feb. 16, 2007

For more info., go to:

<http://case.ucdavis.edu/NewsEvents/Events/FieldDay.htm>

"4-H You See Davis Days" April 12-14, 2006

Registration forms are due

March 15, 2007 and may be found at:

<http://clubs.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/ucd/ysddays.htm>

Experience college life at UC Davis at this activity-packed event for high school students.



4-H Shooting Sports Archery Leader Training

March 24th: 8:00 am - 5:00pm

March 25th: 8:00 am - Noon

Kern Co. Cooperative Ext. Office-Bakersfield

Cost: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

Info: Robert Claffy @ 661-829-1658

2007-2008 4-H State Ambassador

Applications are now available online.

4-H State Ambassadors are selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program, plan the State Leadership Conference, and complete a service project.

More information is available at

<http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.

Applications are due March 31, 2007

Leaders' Dinner 2007 (cont'd from pg. 1)

\$1,000.00 for conferences, scholarships, activities and events in support of the positive development of our youth.

Additionally, Cheryl Guyer, Loan Officer from the local USDA's Farm Service Agency, spoke on the loans that youth can obtain to operate income-producing projects. See the following article for more news about this exciting program.

Overall, the 2007 Leaders' Dinner was a hit with everyone who attended. And, as expressed at the dinner, every person who gives their time, talents and oftentimes, their treasures to make the difference in the life of our 4-H youth are to be commended and are valued.

Thanks again for all you do.

"Rural Youth Loans"

Would you like to raise an animal as a 4-H project, but don't have the money to buy it? Maybe, you would like to learn more about sustainable farming as a career. Or, have you ever thought about setting up your own roadside stand to sell the fruits and vegetables from a 4-H garden project, but lack the equipment to do it? If you answered, "yes" to any of these questions, you might want to check out "Rural Youth Loans" that the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Farm Service Agency sponsors.

These loans are made available to rural youth, 10 to 20 years of age for the purpose of establishing and operating income-producing projects. The project must be an organized and supervised program of work with the assistance of an organization's advisor.

For more information about the criteria and to obtain an application for these loans, contact Farm Service Agency Loan Officer Cheryl Guyer at (530) 671-0850.

SACRAMENTO MUSEUM DAY

FREE ADMISSION ON SAT., FEB. 3RD

For more information about Museum Day, including information about all the museums open on that day, go to:

<http://www.sacmuseums.org/museumday.html> One of the museums open free to the public is the:

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[Heidrick Ag History Center](http://www.aghistory.org)

1962 Hays Lane, Woodland,
530.666.9700, www.aghistory.org

The 130,000 sq. ft. History Center is home to the Fred C. Heidrick Sr. Antique Ag Collection and the Hays Antique Truck Museum. These two collections (both accessed via one admission ticket) are the largest and most significant of their kind in the world. Docent and school group tours by reservation.

Gift shop with ag-related items.

HOURS: Sat., 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Up Close and Personal with Mayleen Boslaugh and Lena Contreras

This is the first year for Mayleen Boslaugh to serve as "Horses and Ponies" Project Leader of the Wheatland 4-H Club. However, she served for almost 20 years as a leader in Missouri and was a 4-H member as a youth.

Mayleen says she became a 4-H volunteer because she enjoys teaching, and being and working with youth as they help keep her young. She's continued as a leader for over 20 years because she believes the work really helps members grow. And, she wants to give back what she was given as a youth.

Honesty, integrity, and good leadership skills are the strongest attributes a 4-H leader can possess or develop, says Mayleen. Leading in a way so the leader doesn't "overtake" or "put down" members is very important.

Mayleen states that one of the strongest features of our local 4-H program is the way that the 4-H Office provides support to its leaders and allows them the flexibility to teach their projects in their own way as long as they comply with university policy. Her advice to new volunteers is to, *"Have a plan and have a realistic goal at the beginning of each year. Then, look for ways to achieve that goal. Kids need to see you fulfill your own goals."*

Lena Contreras is a Resource Leader with the Guide Dogs 4-H Club. She was first introduced to 4-H as an adult member receiving a guide dog herself. Then, she became a leader 16 years ago because she wanted to give back to the "raisers" who had given so much to her.

She's continues as a Resource Leader because she enjoys seeing the families who are raisers progress in their work with the puppies. She also enjoys seeing the puppies themselves grow up, graduate from the program and go to someone who relies on them.

Lena says that the most important characteristics that a Guide Dog Leader needs is to like both children and dogs, they need to have an open mind and want to help others. Also, they need to keep in mind the greater 4-H Program's goal and to help members to progress toward adulthood in achieving their own personal goals.

Lena believes that 4-H representation at the County and State Fairs is a strong feature of our local program. It teaches members compassion for both animals and for their fellow human being. She also says that our local program teaches its members the difference between "what's right" and "what's politically correct just to go along". Her recommendation to new 4-H leaders is, *"Don't go into serving lightly. Be committed to both your project and to the overall program. Know what the goals are of your club and then, help the club work toward those goals. Above all else, be a caring person."* Research shows having a relationship with a caring adult contributes to the positive development of our youth.

4-H Club Reports

Hi 4-H: wants to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias during the holiday fundraiser. We are planning to take a ski trip in February. All members in 8th grade and above who want to be Camp Directors need to attend the March 19th meeting at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Office.

Dententer: made Valentine's Day cards for veterans at the January meeting. 12 leaders and members from the **District 10 Club** and **Plumas Club** pitched in to create the valentines. We also decorated a window display at the Yuba County Library letting the community know how our citizenship group helps out the community.

Please ask your reporters to submit information about your club's great work to Willa Davis by February 15th for the March newsletter.

"I Have A Dream" (cont'd from pg. 1)

report indicate what has been done to advertise their meeting locations, times and dates, and to invite those in their community to join the 4-H Program as both members and volunteer leaders. Typically, these activities are conducted in August through October when membership recruitment is emphasized.

I wonder what more could be done to "reach out" to individuals in underrepresented groups so they really feel welcomed and included in our "4-H family". Are personal invitations being extended to attend a club meeting? Are brochures that describe 4-H projects being delivered to neighbors, schoolmates and co-workers? What more can we do to ensure we are indeed an inclusive youth development program?

I wonder what the Public Relations Committee could be doing differently so that we're telling the "good news" about how 4-H can help youth from every corner of our community learn citizenship, leadership and life skills? And, what we can do together, not just from August through October, but each and every month?

I welcome your suggestions, your help, and your collaboration so that we truly are implementing "outreach efforts" and so that our local 4-H Program better reflects all the people who make up our wonderfully rich diverse community. Contact me at 822-7515 or wdavis@ucdavis.edu with your ideas and offers of assistance. I have a dream that together we can be leaders in 4-H "outreach efforts" throughout the state. Thanks.

"OUTREACH EFFORTS" REPORTS WERE DUE JANUARY 1, 2007.

**THANK YOU FOR
SUBMITTING YOURS IMMEDIATELY.**

Sutter/Yuba Counties — 2006/2007 Remaining 4-H Events Calendar

January	Leaders' Dinner	January 11 @ 4-H Office, 6:00 pm
	New Leader Orientation	January 13 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
	Fashion Revue Workshop	January 14 @ 4-H Office, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	January 17 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
February	Chico Swine Day	February 3 @ CSU, Chico
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	February 8 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Bi-County Craft Day	February 10 @ 4-H Office, 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	February 15 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Chico Sheep & Goat Day	February 24 @ CSU, Chico
March	Bi-County Presentation Day	March 3 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	March 8 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Bi-County Goat & Sheep Day	March 24 @ Lindhurst High School, 9:00am - 3:00pm
	Sectional Presentation Day	March 31 @ Willows Elementary School
April	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	April 12 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Bi-County Fashion Revue	April 14 @ Wheatland Elementary School
	Grand National Rodeo	April 6 - 14 @ Cow Palace, San Francisco
May	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	May 10 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Spring Fair / Presentation Day	May 12 @ Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds
	State Field Day / Fashion Revue / Presentation Day	May 26 @ UC Davis
	All-Star Applications Due	May 31 @ 4-H Office
June	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	June 14 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	4-H Camp	TBD
	California Focus	June 22 - 26 @ Sacramento



Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

March 8th
5:30pm



\$7.00
per person

The Dententer 4-H Club is raising
money for camp scholarships.
Contact Gina Pico at 845-1213
Come join the fun at the 4-H Office!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Arboga Browns Valley District 10 Hallwood Rio Oso Club Meetings	6 Fashion Revue / Spring Fair Meetings Able Riders Club Meeting	7 Franklin Club Meeting	8 Council Meeting	9	10 Craft Day
11 Yuba Hills Club Meeting	12 Plumas Wheatland Club Meetings	13 Able Riders Sutter Buttes Club Meetings	14 Pleasant Grove Rocky Hills Club Meetings	15 Presentation Day Barry Club Meeting	16	17
18 Guide Dogs Club Meeting	19 Hi 4-H Club Meeting	20 Able Riders Dententer Smartsville Club Meetings	21 Horse Show Planning Mtg	22	23	24
25	26 Live Oak Club Meeting	27 Able Riders Club Meeting	28			

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