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Happy Halloween!



Congratulations!

Megan Stineman for being awarded the Bi-County Council Graduating Senior Award. Congratulations Megan for all your good work in 4H.

Make a Difference Day

October 23, 2004

Celebrate the National Day of Doing Good!

You too can make a difference by joining millions of Americans on the nation's largest day of helping others. It is a day when friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers join together with non-profit organizations, schools, religious institutions, local businesses and service clubs to take part in volunteer projects. Make a Difference in your community-become involved.

Give Them a Round of Applause.

Thank you to all who made the 4H Kick off Dinner and Auction a successful event. It was a wonderful evening filled with lots of fun! Good job everyone.

Chris Storm
4H Program Representative

Isela Valdez
4-H Youth Development Advisor



Coming Events

"Arts and Crafts Workshop"

Saturday, November 13th, 2004

9:00am to 1:00pm

4H office

All members are invited to come and make crafts at the fall Arts and Crafts Workshop. Create a special gift for Mom and Dad or maybe a keepsake for your Christmas tree. Whatever the project, it will be lots of fun!

There will be a small charge for supplies. Lunch is also available for a minimal amount.

Any leader wishing to share his or her talents in providing a craft at this workshop is encouraged to contact Mrs. Mettz at 742-2900 to participate.

Fashion Revue Planning Meeting

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2004

7pm at the 4H office

Come and help in the planning of the 2005 Fashion Revue set for April 2nd, 2005 at Yuba College.

State Leaders Forum

November 5th-7th, 2004

Asilomar Conference Center

Registrations are still being accepted to this annual event. For more information go to

<http://ca4h.org/conference/slf>

4H Achievement Night

October 20th, 2004

Whitaker Hall, Yuba City

Everyone mark your calendars to attend this fun event. Achievement Night is an event that acknowledges a 4H member's achievement for the past year. Family and friends are welcome to share in this event. See flyer for more information.

Bi-county Council Update

The Bi-County Council has voted to change their By-laws to reflect the following:

Active Members: An active member of the 4H County Council shall have voting rights as long as their local 4H Community Club is "active" and represented at the County Council meetings. If a Community Club is not represented for two or more consecutive Council meetings, the Community Club becomes "inactive" and all members of the Club become ineligible to vote until the Community Club is again represented at two consecutive Council meetings. The activation of voting privileges will take place during the second consecutive regularly scheduled meeting attended.

Also, the Bi-County Council has voted to change the day and time of the monthly Council meetings to the second Thursday of every month. The Council meets at 7pm at the 4H office.

The next Bi-county Council meeting is scheduled for October 14th, 2004.

Clubs Represented at the September Council meeting:

Dententer, Live Oak, Sutter Buttes, Pleasant Grove, Hallwood, Barry, Franklin, Wheatland, and Browns valley.



Bi-County Council Fundraiser.....
..and all you have to do is eat!

Papa Murphy's offer a wonderful fundraising opportunity to the local community. All you (as 4H members and families) have to do is purchase a Papa Murphy's pizza on the days listed below and mention that you want the money to go to the Bi-County 4H Council. This fundraiser is only good on full price pizza's-but what a great way to raise money and have a good dinner. So, mark your dinner calendars and remember to take home a Papa Murphy's pizza on these nights:

September 29, 2004
October 26th, 2004
November 30th, 2004
December 29th, 2004

Change of Date:

The New Leaders Orientation scheduled for October 30th, 2004 has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict. Instead, the New Leaders Orientation will be rescheduled to October 25rd, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the 4H office. Please call in advance if you are planning on attending any of the New Leaders Orientations so that the office can register you. All orientations will be held at the 4H office.

Other Dates for New Leader Orientations:

October 2nd, 2004 at 9am
October 13th, 2004 at 7pm
November 15th, 2004 at 7pm
January 8th, 2005 at 9am

*October skips along the lanes.
It kicks the leaves, and laughs with rains.
-Inez Rice*

2005 Western Regional Leaders' Forum
February 23-27th, 2005
Sacramento, CA

The Forum is open to all 4H volunteers in the thirteen western states and will consist of workshops, keynote speakers, and community service. Early bird registration materials are due December 2004. For more information visit <http://wrlf2005.org/>

STAR RANK

Congratulations to all members who submitted record books for Star Rank Judging.

Mark your calendars for the next Star Rank Judging on January 11th, 2005.

National 4H Week
October 3rd-9th, 2004
Theme: 4H Online

Look for the 4H window displays at local businesses during this week. If you Club needs help or ideas in setting up a display or event during this week, contact the 4H office for thoughts and ideas.

4H CAMP COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7th, 2004
6PM at the 4H office

Agenda: Market, Promote, Event Planning

Anyone interested please plan to attend.
Questions, call the 4H office.



FYI...

PROJECT PROFICIENCIES

Project Proficiencies booklets are available to project leaders for the following projects:

Animal Science
Camping and Outdoors
Clothing and Textiles
Creative Arts and Crafts
Foods and Nutrition
Leadership
Plant Science
Citizenship

Project Proficiency booklets are designed to serve as a working checklist and reward system. Members track where they are in their project knowledge and skills. Skills are identified that are to be accomplished in order to earn pins in each of five levels of competency in the project. This recognition is available for every 4H member; except primary members, based on self achievements and not in competition with others. In addition, the proficiencies can act as a leaders guide for what to teach in the project.

Leaders may sign off any of the items. Levels must be completed in order. Members must complete all of the listed skills to earn the pin. Primary members may not participate in the proficiency program as it is an incentive and an awards program designed for older members. If you have questions in regards to the Project Proficiencies program, please call the 4H office at 822-7515.

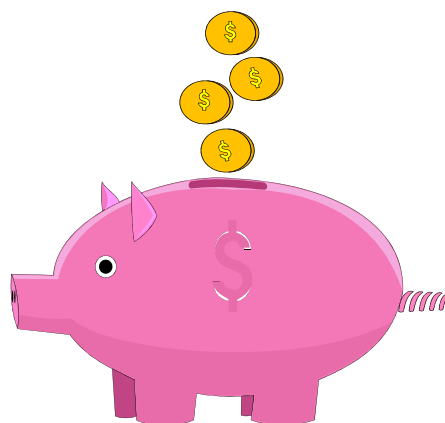
DO YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP?

Learn about Healthy Sleeping Habits on a new website from the National Sleep Foundation. The www.sleepforkids.org website will help children ages 7 and up explore the importance of sleep and to share important information about a child's sleep habits and problems.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

The Christopher Columbus Awards program challenges middle school students to explore opportunities for positive change in their communities. To participate in the program, teams of up to four students and a coach must identify a community issue and use the scientific process to solve it. Applications are due February 14, 2005 and available at <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

The 4H Incentives and Recognition Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the new statewide "4-H Golden Clover Awards". Nominate a 4H member, volunteer, or group on various categories of achievement. Award recipients receive \$500, a medallion and statewide recognition. Applications are due June 30th, 2005. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>



Hi 4H Corner

Officers have been voted in for the 2004-2005 calendar year. The officers for this year are:

President: Gina Pico
Vice President: Cory Palu
Treasurer: Rachel Perryman
Secretary: Alyssa Willing
Reporter: Ashley Perryman
Sergeant At Arms: Dwight Caraker

The members are currently making plans for many fundraisers this year to help offset the cost of the exchange trip to Texas in the summer of 2005. Mark your calendars!

Poinsettia Sale: November/December 2004
Crab Feed: March 5th, 2005
Annual Golf Tournament: May 21st, 2005

More information to follow in upcoming Clover Chatters regarding these events.

The October Hi 4-H meeting has been changed to October 27th, 2004 due to Achievement Night.

FUNDRAISING RESOURCE KIT

The California 4-H Youth Development Office and The California 4-H Foundation have created a resource kit to help assist 4-H clubs and groups with local fund-raising. This information is provided as a guide and a starting place to help with resource development at the local level.

Each County 4-H office has been given one Fund-raising Resource Kit. The kit is available for check-out through the 4H office. For more information, call the office at 822-7515.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sit. Stay. Love.....Adopt a Shelter Dog

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog month and across the nation, Dogs (and cats) wait patiently in shelters in hopes of getting that "second" chance. If you are considering adding a dog (or cat) to your family, consider adopting one from a local shelter or rescue organization. Some local places to contact include:

Yuba County Animal Care
Service
(530) 741-6478

Sutter County Animal
Control
(530) 822-7375

Sutter Buttes K9 Rescue
(530) 695-3814



Military Mail

Youth groups from across the nation will once again be writing cards and letters in support of our troops home and abroad. Mail from all over the nation is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters where it is first mixed, then made into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out to more than 1,000 bases, units, hospitals, and morale agencies all around the world. For more information, visit www.troopfanmail.net

On this note, I stumbled upon a website that might be of some interest to some of you with family serving in the military. The website is www.harmsway4kids. A 12 year old is proving what a Difference Youth can make in the world!

*See the "Make A Difference Day" Project Ideas in this newsletter.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

WHEN: OCTOBER 20, 2004
WHERE: SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER,
44 SECOND STREET, YUBA CITY
POTLUCK: 6:30 P.M.
PROGRAM: POTLUCK AND AWARDS

SINCE THIS IS A POTLUCK DINNER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

LAST NAME INITIALS: A-M: HOT DISH AND DESSERT
N-Z: HOT DISH AND SALAD

PLEASE BRING ENOUGH TO FEED 10 PEOPLE. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING SERVING UTENSILS FOR YOUR FOOD. PLATES, CUPS, SILVERWARE, ETC., WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL. BE SURE TO LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR NAME.

AREAS OF RECOGNITION

'5' PRESENTATION PIN AWARDS
CHARTERS & SEALS
SECRETARY & TREASURER BOOK SEALS
SPECIAL LEADER AWARDS
ALUMNI CERTIFICATE AND PINS
JUNIOR & TEEN LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATES
COUNTY RECORD BOOK WINNERS
ALFRED GARCIA AWARDS FOR SUTTER COUNTY

Make A Difference Day Project Ideas

PROVIDE THE BASICS: For the second year, Jessica Burris, 13, collected socks for the homeless – 8,500 pairs to date – and rallied the community to also donate blankets, clothing and \$400 to buy medicine for them in Conyers, GA.

RECYCLE TOYS: With the help of 13 family members, Ed and Millie Connolley of Hilmar, CA. – who since 1983 have carefully repaired and refurbished thousands of toys for a second chance at love – on Make A Difference Day collected enough castoffs for more than 1,000 needy children.

RECRUIT FRIENDS: Jamie Farmer, 14, enlisted friends and others to raise \$2,300 on Make A Difference Day by selling candy at 25 sites in two towns to benefit a domestic violence shelter in Illinois.

CONSULT SHELTER WISH LISTS: Rosemary Lincoln-Clark and Gloria Jardine in Massachusetts collected clothes and toys and held a raffle on Make A Difference Day to buy a vacuum cleaner for a woman's shelter.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS: Peggy Pinder gave clothes collected from family and friends to two agencies that help the homeless in De Ridder, LA.

MONEY FOR GLASSES, SCHOLARSHIPS: The Ellington (MO) Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce held a fall festival, parade and auction that raised more than \$3,000 for, among other things, local scholarship funds and a children's eyeglasses bank.

NEWCOMERS WELCOMED WITH EVENT: In Lenoir City (Tenn.) HOPE, an adult volunteer organization, held a Make A Difference Day Readin' and Rummagin' Day to benefit recent Mexican immigrants. Participants were given plan money to purchase items donated by a church and were read to in both Spanish and English.

HELP YOUR OLD SCHOOL: Alumni of St. Angela's grade school in Chicago, IL., restored luster to their 80-year-old alma mater, located in a neighborhood plagued by poverty and crime, by coming together on Make A Difference Day to paint classrooms, install proper lighting in the halls and a new sidewalk, repair broken doors, as well as donate \$900.

RALLY YOUR COMMUNITY: For the fourth Make A Difference Day in a row, Washington County Anti-Drug Task Force in Greenville, MS., rallied churches, schools, businesses, clubs and town folds in this 800-square-mile Delta community to spruce up neighborhoods, roads and parks; raise the spirits of the needy with home repairs; and bring people together by converting an old school into a community center.

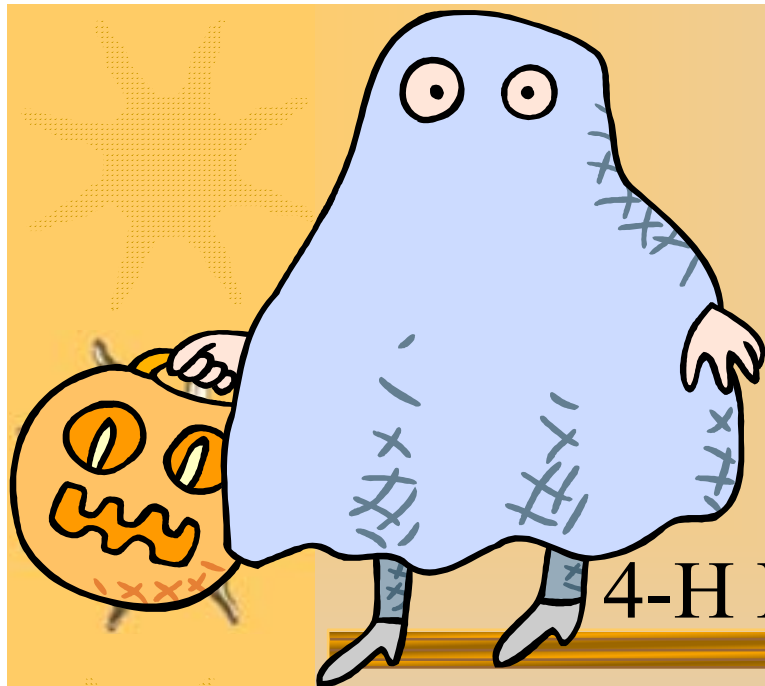
BECOME A TRADITION: For the fifth year, Santa Fe, N.M., teens from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church helped poor and homeless families, abused children and seniors. On Make A Difference Day, they raised \$2,200 by hosting an enchilada dinner and a bake sale to buy car seats, strollers, playpens, clothing, blankets and toys for children in state foster care and for Habitat for Humanity, as well as host a social honoring seniors.

LINK UP WITH NATIONAL PROJECTS: The 341st Communications Squadron at Malstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT., combined a nationwide effort to connect classrooms to the Internet by the year 2000 with the national day of volunteering by 'wiring' Huntley Projects Junior High School in Worden on Make A Difference Day.

BE A CRAFTY GROUP: A group of young-hearted residents of Town and Country Nursing Home known as The Doll Makers brought comfort to sick kids at two Minden, LA., area hospitals on Make A Difference Day by presenting them with handmade dolls they made from buttons, fabric and love.

HELP YOUR LIBRARY: John Wesley Fellowship, the adult Sunday school class of First United Methodist Church in Ozark, AL., restored order and beauty to the town library when members, ages 60-80, tackled long-overdue card cataloguing and yard work at the 40-year-old building, from indexing thousands of cards, planting dozens of pansies to hauling away four truckloads of trash and yard waste.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT: Madison County Special Waste Task Force in Arkansas collected oil, paint, batteries and pesticides in an effort to keep toxic waste out of landfills.



HALLOWEEN AT COLLINS LAKE



4-H MEMBERS AND FAMILY

Come join the fun at Collins Lake this Halloween!

There are 20 camp sites with special rates for Friday October 29th Saturday Oct 30th.

Camp one night or both!

Saturday night: Halloween party

Sunday evening: Trick or Treat through out camp ground!



We can decorate the entire loop of camp sites!

Come and join the fun and make this Halloween a club/family event!

Cost: \$30.00 per night for 2 cars per site

\$27.00 per night for 1 car

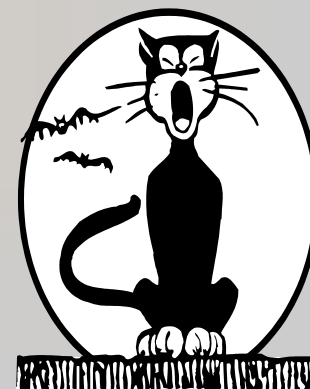
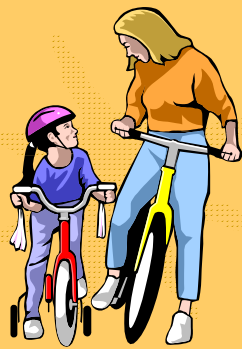
Clubs reserve your camp site!

8 persons and 2 cars per site rate is \$3.75 per night per person

Sunday evening Trick or Treat is free and all are invited

Please call Kathy at Collins Lake to reserve your club/family camp site at (530)692-1600

Or contact Linda Thomas for additional information (530)742-9161



**Yuba/Sutter
2004/2005 4-H CALENDAR**

EVENT	DATE/TIME
New leader's Orientations	October 22, 2004 9AM at the 4H Office October 13, 2004 7PM at the 4H Office October 25, 2004 7PM at the 4H Office November 15, 2004 7PM at the 4H Office January 8, 2005 9AM at the 4H Office
Bi-County Council Meetings	Scheduled for the second Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4H Office.
Star Rank Judging	September 8, 2004 January 11, 2005 May 6, 2005
Junior/Teen/Officers Retreat	October 9 - 10, 2004 at 4H Camp
Bi-County Achievement Night	October 20, 2004 at 6:300 Sheriff's Training Center
Grand Nationals/Cow Palace	October 29 - November 7, 2004 in San Francisco
Fashion Revue 1st Planning Meeting	November 3, 2004
State Leader's Forum	November 5 - 7, 2004 at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA
County Arts & Crafts Workshop	November 13, 2004 February 12, 2005 9AM-1PM at the 4H Office
Spring Fair 1st Planning Meeting	December 1, 2004, 7 PM at the 4H Office
Presentation Days	January 26, 2005 7PM at the 4H Office February 23, 2005 7PM at the 4H Office Marcy 12, 2005, 9AM at the 4H Office Spring Fair: May 14, 2005
Fashion Revue	April 2, 2005 at Yuba College
Spring Fair	May 7, 2005/setup May 14, 2005/Spring fair
4H Camp	June 27 - July 1, 2005