



Clover Chatter

Sutter and Yuba Counties

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Special Points of Interest

- 'Golden Clover' Awarded to Valerie Wilson
- Cookbook Fundraiser
- Senior Youth and Leaders—Opportunity to Serve on Council Committees
- New Record Book System's 'ABCs' of Personal Development



4-H - "To Make the Best Better"

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"A Wonderland of Fun" Yuba-Sutter Counties Fair By Willa Davis

Members of the Bi-County 4-H Youth Development Program were involved in everything at the Yuba-Sutter Counties Fair from floriculture, agriculture, still exhibits, livestock showmanship, to the "royal court".

For most members, participation at the fair was the culmination of a year of hard work and "learning by doing" activities that rewarded many of them with blue ribbons, 'Best of Show', and profit making awards received at auction for the animals they raised.

The Barry and Browns Valley 4-H clubs

involved all their members by creating a commodities display, both earning blue ribbons for their efforts.

Many volunteer leaders submitted still life entries at the Fair, too, again winning awards for everything from creating beautiful flower arrangements, raising vegetables, nuts and fruits, to making crafts and jams and "Best of Show" baked goods. Everyone who entered the final product of their project work are winners and are to be commended for helping to make this year's county fair "A Wonderland of Fun"!





For more information about this unique hands-on experience, go to: **<http://ca4h.org>** and click on **Citizenship**

'Golden Clover' Awarded to Valerie Wilson

"Valerie has been inspiring and encouraging the youth of Sutter and Yuba Counties for nearly 40 years. She has used her passion and knowledge for horse projects to provide motivation to youth with a variety of special needs. One colleague says, 'Mrs. Wilson recognizes special talents of the riders and supports their growth both inside and outside the arena'."

These are the words that you'll find by going to the California State 4-H website and clicking on 'Recognition' and then, 'Golden Clover'. Valerie earned this special award for "Volunteer—Mentor" by the tireless work she does for the Able Riders 4-H Club, a therapeutic riding program for youth with disabilities.

Every Tuesday throughout the year, Valerie and others share their time and compassion to walking alongside and coaching 4-H youth members with special needs. As you will remember from the "Up Close and Personal" feature on Valerie in the Dec. 2005/Jan. 2006 Clover Chatter, Valerie has gone above and beyond the call of duty as the Able Riders Community Club Leader because she believes in giving back to society. She says she gets back a lot, too. Congratulations, Valerie!

For more information about how you can nominate someone for 2007 'Golden Clover' awards, go to: <http://ca4h.org/4resource/ir/goldenclover/index.asp>

2006 / 2007 4-H Enrollment

The 2006-2007 4-H Program Year began July 1st. Now is the time to enroll youth who want to join other young people across America in developing leadership, citizenship and life skills through fun "learn by doing" project work in 4-H!

Enrollment forms will be due **November 1, 2006**.

1. All enrollment forms must be turned in by the Community Club Leader.
2. Fees for the 2006 / 2007 Program Year are as follows:

Youth:

Fees	\$17.00
Insurance	<u>\$ 8.00</u>
	\$25.00

Adult:

Insurance	<u>\$ 4.00</u>
	\$ 4.00

CLUB LEADERS: Notify the 4-H office if there are changes in:

- * Leaders, both deletions and additions
- * Location, date and time of Community Club and Project meetings. **(The new location requires issuance of an insurance certificate)**

4-H Club Reports

Barry 4-H Club: Reports that everyone in the club helped with its commodity display at the Yuba-Sutter Fair that was awarded a blue ribbon. The exhibit echoed the Fair's theme, "A Wonderland of Fun!"

Guide Dog 4-H Club: Shares that it had exhibition booths at the Yuba-Sutter Counties Fair and the State Fair (organized by youth member Margery Magill who also earned the title of "Miss Teen Yuba-Sutter"). The exhibits included information about the service dog program, including dogs who become 'police attack' dogs and 'search and rescue' dogs.

Plumas 4-H Club: Announces that Ivan Gomez and Erin Hastey qualified for the 2007 State Horse Classic in the first show of the season at the Butte County Fair Horse Show.

Please submit information about your club to Willa Davis by September 15th for the October newsletter.

Please Note: As of September 1st, 4-H Club News will include information only submitted by the club's Reporter or Secretary. Thanks for your cooperation.

ONLINE ACCESS

Have a computer? You can access the new 4-H Record Book Manual and forms, AND view and subscribe to the Clover Chatter on-line by visiting:

<http://cesutter.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter737.htm>

CLUB DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATES

September 1, 2006 -

- 2005-2006 Secretary Book
- 2005-2006 Club Program Planning Guide
- Treasurer Book, including:
 - * 2005-2006 club budget
 - * 2005-2006 annual financial report
 - * 2005-2006 club audit/peer review
 - * 2005-2006 club inventory
 - * June/July 2006 bank statement

REMINDER: 2006-2007 Member and Volunteer enrollment forms will be accepted **ONLY** when the * items listed above have been received by the County 4-H Office. Thanks for your compliance.

Nov. 1, 2006 - All 2006-2007 Member and Volunteer enrollment forms and fees.

Jan. 1, 2007 - Outreach Efforts Report.

July 1, 2007 - '5 Presentations' list; 'Alfred Garcia Award' nomination, and 'Club Master Roster' - corrected copy.

1. **4-H Projects Completed:** Which projects did you complete this year? It is a requirement that an “Annual Project Report” be completed and included in your folder for *each* project you complete per year.
2. **4-H Project Skill Activities:** Did you judge a Club Judging Contest, exhibit a project at County Fair, or participate in a showmanship event at State Fair? If so, count points here.
3. **4-H Events Attended:** Attendance that are authorized 4-H events (other than club & project meetings), such as: State Leadership Conference, WHY Conference, State Horse Classic, among others, earn these points.
4. **Leadership Development:** Involvement as a club officer, committee chair or member, jr. or teen leader, planning a 4-H group activity, or completing a leadership development project makes you eligible for these points.
5. **Citizenship/Community Service:** List all the great work you do individually or with your club or project for your community and earn these points.
6. **Communication Skills:** Making presentations, speeches, radio/TV appearances, writing newspaper articles, and representing 4-H in other ways count here.
7. **Honors and Recognition:** Only the highest awards (1st place) are counted in this category, such as earning County Winner, Best of Class, Emerald Star, etc.
8. **Lifestyle Activities:** School, sports, church, music, dance lessons, etc. earn these types of points.



YUBA-SUTTER
FARM BUREAU & Sutter Orchard Supply

**2nd Annual
Pumpkin Carving
&
Decorating Contest**
Saturday, October 28th

Entry forms must be submitted by: **Oct. 13th**



For more information:
530-673-6550 / yuba-sutterfb@sbcglobal.net

POLICY REMINDERS AND UPDATES

*** New Youth Protection Policy**

On July 1, 2006, one of the most significant changes in the California 4-H Youth Development Program was the implementation of the revised Youth Protection Policies (Section 815 of the 4-H Policy Handbook) **requiring every 4-H event or activity to have two adults available at all times to supervise youth.** What is important to remember is:

- (1) These adults should, whenever possible, stay within view of one another.
- (2) The best practice is that both of these adults are appointed (certified) 4-H volunteers.

* Transporting Youth Policy

Any 4-H staff member or volunteer acting in an official capacity with 4-H must follow California driving regulations and comply with ALL of the following standards:

1. Have a valid California driver's license,
2. Have car insurance as required by California,
3. Use a safe operating vehicle, and
4. Have seat belts for each passenger.

If two adults cannot be present in the vehicle, the alternative minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members per vehicle. Adults should not be alone with a youth (other than their own child/ren).

To access up-to-date policies, go to:
<http://ca4h.org/4resource/handbook/index.asp>

Free! Free Suffolk Ram, approximately six years old, good temperament. Would like to give him to 4-H'er who wants to raise club lambs.

Contact Terry Wilkinson at 692-0443 / mrstwiki@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE

Below are a few documents that have been changed.

They include:

1. Record Book Manual
2. Presentations Booklet
3. Fashion Revue Judging Guidelines
4. Horse Project Identification Application

For more information, call the 4-H Office.



Up Close and Personal With Erin Cucchi and Christi Putney

Erin Cucchi became a 4-H volunteer leader almost the moment she “aged-out” of the 4-H Youth Development Program as a youth member. She says she became a leader because she really enjoyed the program and what it offers to youth. She has stayed as a leader for more than 10 years because of the family tradition started by her grandparents as volunteers in whose footsteps her parents followed as leaders.

Patience, enthusiasm, and being encouraging of the youth members are the most important traits that all leaders need to possess or develop, reports Erin. And, what makes our Bi-County 4-H Program stand out is the wealth of knowledge that older leaders have and their willingness to share it with newer leaders, the youth and their families. The enthusiasm members have is also a strong feature of our 4-H Program, Erin says. Another highlight is the level of commitment and responsibility that are developed in youth who choose to raise and care for an animal as a project.

The advice Erin wants to give new leaders who are first starting out is to, *“Give 4-H a chance and don’t give up. Be patient as you get into your groove during that first ‘period of adjustment’. It’s so worth it to see kids evolve and grow into responsible young adults.”*

Christi Putney started as Assistant Community Club Leader for the Rocky Hills 4-H Club two years ago and stepped up to the plate last year as Community Club Leader when the position became available. She continues in this leadership position because of her own children’s encouragement for her to lead the club. In fact, her eldest daughter wants Christi to continue to serve in this role until she’s old enough to take over the job.

Christi says the most important attributes of a volunteer leader are organization, patience and striving to be a good role model. She continues that patience is needed to work with both youth members and their parents and other adults who serve as project leaders so that everyone’s experience is as positive as possible. She goes on to say that the volunteer leaders who serve on the Bi-County Council are also the strongest feature of our local 4-H Program. They are the ones who put in the extra time and effort to conduct fundraisers and make sure the *business* part of the program keeps running smoothly.

Christi recommends to new leaders to *“Make sure you can commit to the program so that it’s fun instead of a job. And remember, it’s all about the kids.”*

‘HELP WANTED’ FOR COMMITTEES

Senior Youth and Volunteers, we want to hear your voice in the decisions and policies made about the Bi-County 4-H Youth Development Program. Many committees that the Bi-County Council needs help with have varying time commitments. Choose one that’s right for you. They include:

National 4-H Week	Camp Week
Sectional Council	Camp Main. & Ops.
Achievement Night	Awards
Craft Day	Fundraising
Presentation Day	Public Relations
Fashion Revue	Technology (NEW)
Spring Fair	

For more information, call Willa Davis at 822-7515

Cookbook Fundraiser

Do you have any ‘4-Her’s Favorites’ recipes? How about ‘Old Time 4-H Classics’? If so, we want them! Send your favorite recipe to your Community Club Leader or to Erin Cucchi, coordinator of this bi-county fundraiser. Erin can be reached at (530) 755-3585 or by e-mail at erincucchi@yahoo.com. We need about 20 recipes from each of our clubs. The deadline to submit recipes is **October 1st.**

Contact Erin for more information about advance sales and distribution dates.



Speech Contest



Topic: “Biofuels; The Energy of the Future”

September 11th, 5:00pm

~High School Students Only~

Sutter County Resource Conservation District

1511C Butte House Road, Yuba City

674-1461 ext 130

www.carcd.org/opportunity/speakoff.htm

2006 SERVICE LEARNING FUNDS AVAILABLE

Applications are available online and due at the State 4-H Office by **September 22, 2006.**

Go to: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp> and click on “Service Learning Request for Funding Proposal”.

Sutter/Yuba Counties 2006/2007 4-H Event Calendar

September	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	September 8 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
	Leaders Training - Parliamentary Procedures	September 14 @ 4-H Office, 6:00 pm
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	September 14 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	New Leader Orientation	September 16 @ 4-H Office, 10:00am
October	National 4-H Week	October 1 - 7
	Leaders Training - New Record Book System	October 12 @ 4-H Office, 6:00 pm
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	October 12 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	North Section WHY Conference	October 13-15 @ Camp Tehama, Mill Creek
	New Leader Orientation	October 17 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	Jr. & Teen Leader Officers' Training Retreat	October 21 @ 4-H Office, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm (tentative)
	Achievement Night	October 25 @ Whitaker Hall, 6:00 pm
	CalFocus & Washington Focus Applications Due	October 31 @ 4-H Office
November	Leaders Training-Youth Members With Special Needs	November 9 @ 4-H Office, 6:00 pm
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	November 9 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	Bi-County Craft Day	November 11 @ 4-H Office, 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	November 14 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	New Leader Orientation	November 15 @ 4-H Office, 7:00pm
	State Leaders Forum	November 17 - 19 @ Asilomar
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
	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	January 19 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
February	Chico Swine Day	February 3 @ CSU, Chico
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	February 8 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	Bi-County Craft Day	February 10 @ 4-H Office, 9:00am - 1:00pm
	Bi-County Presentation Day	February 13 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	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, 7:00 pm
	Bi-County Goat & Sheep Day	March 24 @ Lindhurst High School
	Record Book Star Rank Judging Submissions Due	March 30 @ 4-H Office, 5:00pm
	Sectional Presentation Day	TBD
April	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	April 12 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	Bi-County Fashion Revue	April 14 @ Wheatland Elementary School
	Grand National Rodeo	April 7 - 15 (Tentative) @ Cow Palace, San Francisco
May	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	May 10 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	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	Record Book Judging Submissions and Judging	June 8 @ 4-H Office, 12:00 noon (submissions deadline)
	Bi-County Council Monthly Meeting	June 14 @ 4-H Office, 7:00 pm
	4-H Camp	TBD
	California Focus	June 22 - 25 (Tentative) @ Sacramento

