



## WELCOME TO 4-H

Welcome to all new and returning families. All 4-H clubs in Tuolumne County are still accepting new members. If you need an enrollment form, print one from our website, request one from the 4-H Office or get it at your first club meeting. Return it to your club leader with the enrollment fee, payable to UC Regents (\$12 per member and \$6 per leader).

Enrollment forms must be returned before you attend or lead project meetings. If you plan to exhibit at the Mother Lode Fair, your enrollment form must be received by the 4-H Office by **Oct. 20** for returning members or **December 20** for new members.

We are looking forward to another educational and fun 4-H year. Your project leaders and community club leaders are there to help, and are great resources for a productive 4-H experience.

All 4-H activities are led by volunteers. If you and your child want to have a positive and educational 4-H program, it is up to you to take an active part. Consider teaching a project, by yourself or with a friend. You could plan a club activity or fundraiser. Don't expect other parents to do all of the work so your child can enjoy 4-H! We are a strong organization because of our active volunteers, most of whom are parents. Don't wait to be asked; step up and say you can help! Your family will have more fun if you're involved.

As a reminder, California 4-H requires that there be at least 2 adults present during every 4-H activity. One must be a certified adult 4-H leader and one can be another adult. One must be at least age 21. Parents, please volunteer to be that additional adult so the activity or project meeting can happen. If you are dropping off a child, make sure the second adult is already there. We really hope you don't just drop off your child, as 4-H encourages family involvement. For safety or supervision reasons, some project leaders may require that parents stay with their children. This is a mandatory requirement for primary members.

## LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY & 4-H FAMILY PICNIC

If you're interested in 4-H livestock projects or having fun with 4-H friends, come to the Fairgrounds livestock area on Saturday, October 3.

The schedule for the day is  
 9-12 Livestock Field Day  
 12-1 Awards & games  
 1:00 Lunch  
 1:30 -3 More games!



Youth and parents are invited to see and learn about the 4-H livestock projects, both large and small animals. Some stations will be hands-on; some will be demos. Teen and adult leaders will be on hand to answer your questions. Youth are invited to complete the judging classes; test your reasoning skills! Ribbons and medals will be awarded. Tuolumne Pioneers is chairing this event, so sign up with Ron Hamilton to give a presentation or supply a judging class, 928-1815. Call Ron if you can help set up on Friday afternoon.

Games on the livestock lawn for children of all ages are hosted by the Tuolumne County 4-H All Star and Leadership Teams.

Thank you Deniel Sheffield for chairing the Potluck. Families with last names A-H please bring a salad, I-P hors d'oeuvres, and Q-Z a dessert. 4-H Council will supply hamburgers and hot dogs, table service & lemonade. All new and returning 4-H families are invited. Bring food to share and plan to have some fun!

## ALSO IN OCTOBER

- National 4-H Week
- 4-H Week Baby Basket
- National Science Experiment
- Beef project loans
- Achievement Night
- Hi 4-H Haunted House
- New leader orientations
- Ticket sales start for 4-H Community Dinner

*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning citizenship, leadership and life skills.*

## ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 pm  
Sonora High Auditorium



All 4-H families are invited to celebrate the achievements of our 4-H members. Every member who completed last year with a written record will be recognized on stage, including primary members. Star ranks will be presented along with awards for record books, leaders, clubs and club officers. Come see if you're in Jodi's slide show and get ready to "Remember when..."

Registration begins at 2:30, with the program at 3:00. Returning members - sign in on your club's roster so your name will be called. Wear your 4-H uniform, club T-shirt or dress neatly. Each club should designate two past-year officers to present their members' year pins. Each family is asked to contribute a plate of "finger foods" for refreshments. Thank you Sonora Cloverleafs for coordinating the refreshments. Come join us for an exciting afternoon and a few surprises!

## MARKET BEEF LOANS

The Sonora Rotary Club offers loans to 4-H and FFA members to set up their market livestock projects through the Lowell Martin Memorial Loan Fund. Beef project loans are \$800. Applications are at the 4-H Office and on the office website and are due by October 15.



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Over 7 million youth members will celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10, with displays, promotions and community service activities in their communities.

In Tuolumne County, the All Star and Leadership Teams will give a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on October 6th. If you want to attend with us, meet us at the 4-H office at 8:30. This is a Citizenship activity.

What are you and your 4-H club doing for 4-H Week?

Credit in your record book is given once, for this week only, for wearing your 4-H uniform or club shirt to school or church. This is a great time to give a 4-H presentation in your classroom or put up flyers at your school. Contact the 4-H Office for some flyers!

Parents - You can celebrate National 4-H Week by recruiting other adults to be project leaders or signing up yourself. Our program is dependent upon volunteers for its success.

## 4-H WEEK BABY BASKET

This is a traditional activity to honor the first baby born to Tuolumne County parents during National 4-H Week. 4-H clubs, projects and members are invited to contribute. If you would like to donate baby items or gift certificates, please bring them to the 4-H Office by October 10 or to Achievement Night on October 11. Thank you Lucky Trails club for coordinating this!



## 4-H NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

is October 7th, during National 4-H Week. 4-H members across America will be doing the BIOFUEL BLAST experiment throughout October to explore and discover one of the important environmental issues our global community faces. Biofuels are sources of energy obtained from recently harvested plant materials and at the forefront of the discussion of alternative energy sources. Have you seen or driven a car that uses an alternative energy source? It could be biofuel!

The 4-H office is providing kits so you can perform the experiment at your October club meeting. Make sure someone represents your club at the October 7th Council meeting to pick up your kit. Who will get to conduct the experiment for your club? Read up on biofuels and contact your club leader. This counts as a SET activity and a 4-H presentation. More information and the instructions are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/>. Or log in to [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD) to view a how-to video about the experiment.

## HI 4-H HAUNTED HOUSE

Located in the red barn behind JS West Lumber. This activity is for teens & adults. Except for the Saturday matinee, it is too scary for young children. There will be eight evening performances; cost is \$6 per person. The Saturday matinee with the lights on is \$1 each. The group rate of \$3 each is available for a group of 10 or more with advance purchase.

**FOR YOU!** Wed. Oct 21 from 7-8:30 pm is free to all 4-H members, leaders and their families.

**CHECK OUT**

the HH website at  
<http://www.realmsofdarkness.org>  
& our flyer!

## 4-H SUPPLIES

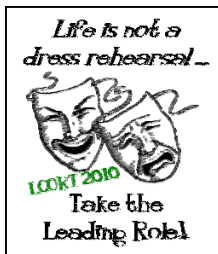
If you are in need of 4-H supplies (hats, scarves, ties and record book covers) you can purchase these items at our cost at the 4-H office. They can also be purchased directly online at <http://www.4hsupplies.com/>

## NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Will be held at the UCCE/4-H Office on Thursday, 10/15 from 1-3 or 6:30-8:30. You must be pre-registered; RSVP to the 4-H Office. If neither of these dates or times is convenient let Sue know when you could come. Please do not bring children. The enrollment forms may be printed from the website or completed at the meeting. If you want to get a head start and have your fingerprints taken ahead of time, call or e-mail Sue for that form. Orientation and screening must be completed before an adult is accepted to volunteer in the 4-H program. Welcome to all our new leaders!

## RE HORSE RESCUE RANCH

Open House Saturday October 10  
Contact Raquelle Van Vleck at 209-337-5886  
Benefit Show Saturday October 3 at Flying R  
Full schedule of classes  
Entries are \$12 per class on day of show  
For information contact Jessie Williams at 209-352-3368 or [rehorserescue@yahoo.com](mailto:rehorserescue@yahoo.com). This is not a 4-H event but 4-H members are invited to participate.



## 2010 LCORT CONFERENCE

Leadership Conference of  
Regional Teens  
January 29 to 31, 2010  
Wonder Valley Ranch near Sanger  
Cost is \$105 per person

Open to teens in grades 7-9 from the 12 counties in the South Central Section (that's us)

Sessions are taught by teams of older teens from each county. It is a beautiful setting and always a fun conference. If you're in 7th-9th grades, think about attending! Forms are on the UCCE office website in the 4-H events section. Forms and fee are due to the county 4-H Office by November 30. We will also need chaperones of both genders, who must be approved 4-H leaders age 21 or older.



## MAKE IT WITH WOOL

The Make It Yourself With Wool Competition is requesting those who enjoy sewing and knitting projects to enter in their district contest, planned for October and early November. Winners will compete in state finals. If you are interested in participating, contact the 4-H Office for entry materials or go to [www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org) and look for the Make it With Wool link on the right hand side.

The District competition is Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 in Hollister. The contact is Carol Jaques, 408-371-0431 or [carol\\_jaques@hotmail.com](mailto:carol_jaques@hotmail.com).

The State competition is November 14 in Santa Maria. Please contact Julie Castillo at [calif.wool@gmail.com](mailto:calif.wool@gmail.com) for additional information.

## 4-H FASHION REVUE

Tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in May. Categories are

- Traditional - garment, garments or outfit sewn by the member
- Recycled - an existing garment re-made into something else
- Purchased - within a limit, purchase a coordinating outfit using critical consumer skills
- Embellished - purchased or hand made garments which are then embroidered, tie-dyed, bedazzled, etc.
- Challenge Vest - using Simplicity pattern #4762

## CHALLENGE VEST

Make an in-VEST-ment in your closet with this year's challenge! Make a lined vest but don't forget to spice it up. It could be reversible, have pockets, frills or whatever fits YOU!

## STATE FASHION REVUE

Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors qualifying at County Fashion Revues are eligible to enter State Fashion Revue. "What's in YOUR Closet?" will be held May 29 at UC Davis. For more information, contact the 4-H Office or go to <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/index.asp>.

## HATS OFF FOR KINDNESS

All 4-H members and adults are encouraged to participate in a new service activity, Hats Off for Kindness. You do not need to be in a sewing or crafts project. Create a soft hat for a cancer patient by sewing, knitting, or crocheting. Please leave off floppy flowers, hard edges or attachments. For pattern ideas check out <http://brimmingwithlove.com/patterns.html>. All hat makers are invited to model their creations on stage before the State Fashion Revue fashion show, but if you are a SFR participant you'll need a substitute model.

## SHARES PROGRAM

Tuolumne County 4-H is enrolled in the Save Mart SHARES Program. Thank you to the families who are using the SHARES cards when they shop at Save Mart! If you swipe the card when you shop, 4-H Council earns 3% of every qualified purchase. There is no cost to you or 4-H. You do not supply any personal information. Anyone who shops can use the card. Give them to your friends and family, including those who live out of county. They can support Tuolumne County 4-H too! Cards are available at the 4-H Office or from your club leader.

## JUNIOR GRAND NATIONAL

April 7-11, 2010

All forms, entry information and applications are available at [www.cowpalace.com](http://www.cowpalace.com) under the Grand National tab. Merit Awards to assist with finances for the purchase, care and feeding of animals that will be shown at the 2010 Grand National Stock Show may be used for Classic, Breeding or Market Animals. The awards are Beef (\$750), Swine (\$300), Lambs (\$300) and Goats (\$150). Due date is Friday, October 9.

Animal ownership requirements for all Breeding Animals is 30 consecutive days (by March 9); Market Beef is 120 consecutive days (by December 9); Market Swine, Lambs and Goats are 60 consecutive days (by February 7) and Market Rabbits are 30 consecutive days (by March 9)

**NEW IN 2010:** All market beef, swine, lamb and goat exhibitors must submit a Market Animal Contract no later than the ownership deadline for the specie being shown. The 2010 Market shows will not be terminal. The Grand National Foundation will offer \$6,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors who show at the 2010 Stock Show.

Premium Books will be available on the website by early January. All entries for the 2010 show must be completed online. The 2010 Show will offer non-livestock divisions such as educational displays, a speech contest, and multi-media displays. Most of these divisions do not require the participant to show livestock at the show.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

For **National Hunger Awareness Month** in September, the Tuolumne Pioneers club

- Sorted food at ATCAA for 2 hours
- Collected 586 lbs of food for ATCAA
- Cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for 200 needy and homeless people.

## OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



In October and throughout the year, people wear pink ribbons to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and to support the progress being made to defeat breast cancer. In 2007, more than 178,000 women learned they had breast cancer, and more than 40,000 died from the disease. We encourage you to wear a pink ribbon during October and support the fight against breast cancer.

## 4-H PARTICIPATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Those of us involved in the 4-H YDP have long known that participation in 4-H programs makes a difference in the lives of youth. Now we have evaluation data that supports these long held claims. Data collected in a national longitudinal study of 4-H and non 4-H youth provides strong evidence that when the strengths of youth are aligned with healthy positive youth development practices youth thrive (Learner, 2007, 2008, and 2009).

Here are some of the highlights of the national study:

- Youth who were in 4-H for at least one year by eighth grade were 3.5 times more likely to contribute to their families, themselves and their communities.
- 4-H youth ranked 41% lower in risk/problem behaviors measures than youth who participated in other out-of-school time activities.
- 4-H youth were more behaviorally and emotionally engaged in school.

Youth who participated in 4-H at least twice per month:

- Showed greater confidence
- Reported higher grades
- Were 1.6 times more likely to plan to go to college
- Scored higher on civic identity and engagement measures
- Had a greater ability to express opinions on community issues
- More likely to help neighbors and bond with adults and teachers
- Youth who participate in 4-H are more likely to participate in science, engineering, and technology activities, projects and programs, and:
- Report they plan to take science, engineering and technology courses after high school
- Pursue careers in science, engineering and technology
- Perform higher than their peers in science and engineering subjects

## NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

**My Own Book** ([www.myownbook.net](http://www.myownbook.net)) is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the joy of reading. It was started three years ago and now distributes over 24,000 books nationwide to less fortunate children. We'd like to see 4-H clubs and groups across the state involved in the My Own Book project. If you are interested for your club, let us know. We can supply books to hand out as well as ideas for a year of fun with members of all ages. This is a great way to reach out to other children in the community. Please contact Brady and Kyle Baldwin at [kyleandbrady@myownbook.net](mailto:kyleandbrady@myownbook.net) for more information.

The **Junior Master Gardener program** offers a Recognition Certificate for JMG groups to earn this fall. The certification is for **Building a Vegetable Garden**. Students will experience hands-on learning as they participate in all aspects of gardening. There is no cost to register your JMG group. If you are in need of a Level One JMG Teacher Guide, you can start register and order one by visiting <http://67.59.137.247/index.cfm?did=2035&sectionID=2017>

The **State 4-H Leaders' Forum 2009**, November 6-8, is still accepting registration. The fee will increase to \$50 on October 1st. If you are a 4-H Leader and think you may be interested in attending this information event at Asilomar, please visit: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/nsection/SLF09/index.htm> and submit your registration forms today. You may also contact Richard Meade at [rmeade@csuchico.edu](mailto:rmeade@csuchico.edu) for any questions

**Senior 4-H Record Books** are due to county offices by October 23 for forwarding to State Judging. You may visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/recordbook/competition.asp> or email Quang Hogan Tong at [qtong@ucdavis.edu](mailto:qtong@ucdavis.edu) for additional questions.

The annual **State 4-H Equine Field Day** will be held on Saturday, October 24th at UC Davis. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/> for the event details and registration form. Pre-registration is due Friday, October 16th; no postmarks. This event is in partnership with the UCD Department of Animal Science. 4-H Horse members, leaders and parents are invited to attend.

The **California International Exchange Program** will offer outbound programs to Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan during the summer of 2009. Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2010. An interview with the California 4-H International Exchange Coordinator is required. For more information contact [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

A free professional development training opportunity is available for those involved with youth development programs focusing on healthy living concepts. The two-day trainings, "**Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: A Centerpiece for a Healthy School Environment**" will be held in several location across California. You may visit: <http://www.lifelab.org/ffv.php> to register today. For any questions, contact Deborah Beall at [dbeall@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dbeall@cde.ca.gov).

Dates have been set for the **2010 Citizenship Focus Program**. Come participate in hands-on programs that bring government and policy issues to life and help you get involved in your own community. For more information, contact Pat English at [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu) or 530-754-8520.

**California Focus** is June 25-29, 2010. Go to <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

**Washington Focus** information is at <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus/>

- Washington Focus I Road to Democracy, June 27-July 5
- Heritage Trail I, June 27-July 3
- Washington Focus II Global Journey, July 11-21
- Heritage Trail II, July 11-17

The **2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum** is scheduled for March 11-14, 2010 in Albuquerque, N.M. Go to <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/> to register. Some key upcoming dates volunteers and staff will want to save include:

- December 15, 2009, Early Bird Registration Deadline, \$200.
- January 15, 2010, Regular Registration Deadline, \$250

Mark your calendars for **Winter 2010 4-H SET Trainings, February 6, 2010**, with five locations throughout the state including Merced. The day-long trainings will focus on the California 4-H SET Year 2 Plans. Morning: Step-Up Incremental Model for Teens-as-Teachers, providing a sequence of workshops. Afternoon: Introduction to 4-H SET curricula; 2-3 per each site (which may include water conservation, alternative energy, veterinary science, biosecurity, and others).

## HORSE RESOURCES

The state 4-H website has a section with resources for Horse project leaders and members. There is a jeopardy-style game, study questions for horse bowl, and a horse event calendar. The Horse proficiency program is different from the Horse Level tests offered in Tuolumne County but many of the activities are appropriate for including in horse project lessons. Go to <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/#5>

# CLUB NEWS

## **FOOTHILL 4-H**

We were glad to see all of you returning members and understand that the night of our first meeting had some school activities going on, so we can't wait to see the rest of you. Linda Hembree has all of your enrollment forms so if you want to get those before the next meeting give her a call at 532-8656. Julia Tidball is handling our t-shirt orders this year so don't forget to talk to her at the next meeting to order yours. We are also looking for a couple of adults and youth to help with ATCCA food drives at Save Mart and Grocery Outlet stores; please talk to Sharon or Karen Ross if you can help with this. This is a really important community service project. See you all at the October 14th meeting.

*Sharon Smales, 532-5036*

*Ida Ponder, 984-5515*

## **GROVELAND HIGHLANDERS**

I'd like to congratulate our new club officers:

President - Marguerite Williams

Vice President - Justin Brown-Amos

Secretary - Caitlen Amos

Treasurer - Rebecca Suderman

Reporter - Bryce Ewen

We had a great first meeting! We made a banner for National 4-H Week to hang up in the cafeteria. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 13 at Tenaya School at 7:00 pm. Bring a friend!

*Carol Willmon, 962-7528*

## **HI 4-H**

Hi 4-H is a club and a project, for teens in 7th grade and up. For meeting information, see the next page. Our Hi 4-H Haunted House is this month at the JS West red barn so come check it out.

## **LUCKY TRAILS**

At our first meeting on September 14 we elected officers and set up our first project meeting. Our next club meeting will be October 12 at 7 pm in the 4-H Office. We welcome new members Samantha Reyna, Jonnie Anders and me, Nick Hillis, Reporter. For information about our club call our club leader, Sue Griffiths, at 532-9313.

## **MOUNTAIN RANGERS**

We enjoyed seeing everyone at our first meeting. We elected our new officers, congratulations to Nicolette Nelson, President; Hollie Swenson, Vice President; Kayla Swenson, Secretary; Brittany Gilles, Treasurer; Mark Carlson, Reporter; and Ashley McBride, Historian. We are looking forward to an exciting and fun year. Our next meeting will be held October 8 at 6:00 pm. (Officer meeting at 5:30 pm) at Curtis Creek School room A-5. For more information or questions about our club call Gwen Swenson, Club Leader at 586-1922.

*Mark Carlson, Reporter*

## **SONORA CLOVERLEAFS**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 13th at the Sonora Youth center. The business meeting will be start at 7:15. Bring a softball sized pumpkin for our October community service project. We will be decorating pumpkins beginning at 6:45.

The baby basket chairman, Mary Suess will be calling to remind you to bring baby gifts for the basket.

Officers should wear their club T-shirts or 4-H whites to the next meeting for installation. We are still looking for a Sergeant of Arms. If you are interested, please contact our club leader, Deniel Sheffield, before our next meeting.

Please remember to bring in aluminum cans and plastic brink bottles for our year long recycling project. Be sure to separate the cans from bottles and smash your aluminum cans too. If you have any questions please contact the club leader, Deniel Sheffield at 536-9791 or [sheffy@msn.com](mailto:sheffy@msn.com).

*Jimmy Kress, Reporter*

## **TUOLUMNE PIONEERS**

The next club meeting is Monday, October 12 at 7:00 at Summerville Elementary. If you are enrolling in 4-H you must bring a parent to sign your forms.

Relay for Life project will meet at 6:00 before the club meeting. Community Service project's next meeting will be at the ATCAA Food Bank in Jamestown on 10/20/09 from 5-6:30 pm. At the September Food Drive we collected 585 pounds of food. The next Golf meeting will be 10/24/09 at Mountain Springs starting at 10:00. The next BBQ Crew meeting will be 10/17/2009. We will be cutting wood for this years BBQs at Linda Mager's house.

Please bring all your cans and bottles for recycling. All money earned will buy water filters for a village in Tanzania. For information about our club, call the Hamiltons at 928-1815.



**HI 4-H PRESENTS**

# 2009 HAUNTED HOUSE



## Realms of Darkness

**IN THE RED BARN BEHIND JS WEST  
730 S. WASHINGTON STREET IN SONORA**

### CONTINUOUS EVENING PERFORMANCES

Wed	10/21	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Thurs	10/22	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri	10/23	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Sat	10/24	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

**Closed - Sunday, Monday & Tuesday**

Wed	10/28	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Thurs	10/29	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Fri	10/30	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Sat	10/31	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm



### ADMISSION \$6 PER PERSON

Evening performances are scary and not recommended for young children.

### GROUP RATE \$3 PER PERSON

For an organized group of 10 or more, pre-sale only, contact us for more information.

### MATINEE \$1 PER PERSON

Saturday, October 24, 4 - 5:30 pm.  
Demonstrations with the lights on, suitable for young children when accompanied by an adult.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** Call the 4-H office, 533-6990 or check out our website!

**[HTTP://WWW.REALMSOFDARKNESS.ORG](http://www.realmsofdarkness.org)**

## COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

These projects are open to members in any club. Contact the leader listed for more information.

### **ARCHERY**

Archery Project will begin Friday October 9, 2009 at 4:00 pm. Our first meeting is a MANDATORY safety and range rules meeting, members MUST be accompanied by a parent. It will be held at the 4-H Office followed by 7 meetings held at the Archery Range in Tuolumne city. Meetings will be every Friday 10/9 to 11/20 from 3:30-5:00 pm. Our Shootout will be held on Saturday November 21 at 10:00 am. Signups for this project are on a first-come, first served basis and we are limited to 12 participants. Youth must be at least 10 years old to shoot on the range. The cost is \$10 for beginners and \$5 for Intermediate and Advanced shooters. The fee includes use of all archery equipment and for the beginners an arrow quiver that you design. Returning archers please bring your archery folder. The fee is due at the Safety Meeting. For more information, please contact Donny Carlson at 586-2628.

### **COUNTY WIDE BEEF**

Contact Cindi Gerhart for information, 984-0537. New members, you will need a commitment for parent involvement to enroll in our project. It is also recommended that you have prior experience in raising large animals.

### **CLOTHING & TEXTILES (SEWING)**

Two county-wide projects are being offered. Karen Ross is accepting new members up to 8th grade. Contact her at 984-0779 or kma\_asa@yahoo.com. Her meetings will be the first and third Wednesday afternoons in Jamestown.

Sue Moore and Jan Kahl teach sewing on Sunday afternoons at the 4-H meeting room in downtown Sonora. Their project is limited to 6 youth with returning members especially intermediate/advanced sewers having priority. Call Sue at 533-6990.

### **DOG TRAINING**

A former 4-H leader is returning to teach the dog care & training project this year. Let the 4-H Office know if you're interested in this project.

### **EXOTIC BIRDS**

This year the Exotic Bird project will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting on Oct. 18th from 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H office meeting room. This project is open to all interested 4-H members who want to learn about Exotic Birds. If you have a bird you are

welcome to bring it to share. Bird ownership is not required but encouraged. If you don't have a bird and are interested in getting one, you may want to wait until the first meeting to check out the birds to help you decide which bird would work best for you. Our first meeting will include introductions, learning about different types of pet birds and how to properly feed & care for our feathered friends as well as discussing our project plans for the year. For more information contact leaders:

Mike Mainguth, 533-3135, [mainguth@mlode.com](mailto:mainguth@mlode.com)

Deb Wilson, 533-8287, [deekayw16@att.net](mailto:deekayw16@att.net)

### **GARDENING**

Our meetings will be the last Sunday of the month starting October 25, from 2-4 pm at the Peller home behind Columbia Nursery. We will learn about productive, proper and responsible gardening techniques. Learn how productive hard work can be as members "reap" the rewards of their labor. We'll cover fall and winter gardening from October to February and spring and summer gardens from March to June. For more information or directions to the meeting, call Matt and Tricia Peller at 533-5399.

### **GLASS ETCHING**

This project is taught by Rick Nelson for members age 12 and up. Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday from 6-8 pm at the 4-H Office. It will cover the different techniques for glass etching and give members opportunities to design and complete individual projects. Call Rick at 352-0476 to sign up for the project and to get the supply list. Adults who would like to help please call Rick too.

### **GOATS**

We will have county-wide projects in Dairy Goats, Meat Goats and Pygmy Goats. Sign up on your enrollment forms and watch the Tooter for meeting announcements.

### **HOMING PIGEON PROJECT NEW!**

Learn all aspects of racing, breeding, feeding and much, much more. You do not need to have your own birds. Birds will be donated to each member and help will be available to build lofts for your birds. At the end of the year we will have our own race series. If you are not interested in racing your birds, there are also breeding pairs available so you can raise your own birds. Our meetings will be twice monthly. Our first meeting will be held on the last Saturday in October. Please give me a call for location and further project details. Alicia Encoyand 768-0281. Also, if you happen to find a Pigeon with a numbered/lettered band you may also give me a call and we can trace the owner. It is racing season, and birds are getting lost.

## MORE COUNTY-WIDE PROJECTS

**HI 4-H** is for any 4-H member 7th grade and above. Hi 4-H puts on the annual Haunted House at Halloween. Hi 4-H also does community service during the holidays, holds a pancake breakfast in March and goes on a trip to Disneyland at the end of April.

Hi 4-H and Haunted House have started for this year. We have most of the walls up at the Haunted House and have started making plans for the rooms. We will need extra help decorating rooms and for the performances. Anyone 7th grade and above is welcome. It's not too late to join and bring your ideas. Currently we are working on weekends, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Additional days will be added as our opening gets closer. Opening night is Wednesday, Oct 21, at 7:00 pm. That is the same night as our monthly Hi 4-H meeting. We will have a short meeting starting at 5:00 pm and then get ready for our performance. Any questions call Linda Mager, 532-5896, Anita Payne, 532-8309, Linda Hembree, 532-8656 or Jay Wallace, 533-1907.

**HORSE - ROCK CREEK RIDERS** is a western riding project. The first meeting will be in late October. This project will cover horse care, showmanship, riding, trail and arena work, with several field trips planned. Contact Lori Mills to sign up or for more information, 984-0447.

**POULTRY** Welcome to Countywide Poultry! We will be covering disease control, housing, nutrition, showmanship, and much more for market and fancy poultry. New members are welcome; bring a friend!

Our first project meeting will be November 19th at 7 pm at the 4-H Office. There will be no December meeting. Turkey orders must be placed by our January meeting. Please make sure Lynn gets your numbers in time for the January meeting! If you have any questions, please call us at: 209-586-2784 and please leave a message. See you then!

*Greg & Lynn Hummel*

### **RABBIT (Tuolumne Lepus Club)**

Rabbit project meetings are the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Office. At our next meeting on October 28, we will learn about grooming and nail trimming. If you have a project rabbit, you may bring it to the meeting. For more information contact project leaders Gail Aruta at 532-5237 or gailaru@yahoo.com. Or Heather Swenson at 586-1922. In November, we will be going on a field trip on 11/22 instead of our regular meeting.

### **SHEEP**

Red Grove Sheep is the county-wide project led by Janean Amos and Ed Orpurt. Contact them at 962-7940 (Amos) and 984-0754 (Orpurt) for information.

**SHOOTING SPORTS - RIFLE** This project is already underway at the Mother Lode Gun Club.

### **SWINE**

#### **HILLTOP HOGS**

This county-wide swine project will be led by Tim & Patti McEwen and Lisa Mlekush. Meetings will be on the first Monday each month beginning October 5th, at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Office. New and returning members are welcome. Come ready to learn! Call Tim for more information, 586-2468.

#### **MOUNTAIN COUNTY HOGS**

Open to new and returning members. Call Kathy or Melissa Stegall at 694-8679.

### **HORSE LEVEL TESTS**

Congratulations to the following members who passed Horse Level Proficiency Tests for 2009. Tests include a written exam, demonstrations about equipment and horse care and a riding pattern. An additional requirement is that each member must complete their record book for the 4-H year. Testing is optional for horse project members and is a real accomplishment! The pins will be awarded at Achievement Night.



#### **Level 1**

Justin Brown-Amos, Groveland Highlanders  
Melissa Hein, Foothill 4-H  
Nicole Job, Mountain Rangers  
Rebecca Suderman, Groveland Highlanders  
Marguerite Williams, Groveland Highlanders

#### **Level 2**

Teresa Job, Mountain Rangers  
Mary Suess, Sonora Cloverleafs

#### **Level 4**

Lorna Job, Mountain Rangers  
Sagen Maddalena, Groveland Highlanders



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- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 6 Presentation to Board of Supervisors, 9 am
- 7 4-H Council, 7 pm
- 11 Achievement Night, 3 pm
- 15 Beef loan applications due
- 21-24, 28-31 Hi 4-H Haunted House
  
- Nov 6-8 State Leaders Forum, Asilomar
- Dec 5-6 Teen Retreat, 3 Links Camp

### IMPORTANT DATE TO SAVE

**JANUARY 16, 2010 is the  
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