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## 4-H Diggings



AMADOR COUNTY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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2 The following two articles are printed annually in this newsletter.

2 As fair time and various competitions approach we often hear parents and leader concerns about the ethics of some participants in the 4-H program. The following short story fits very well in the discussion of WINNING IN 4-H.

2 We hear, "We just know that member did not do the work on the outfit entered in the 4-H Home Arts Expo -- her mother did it!" "You know that kid who was County Winner -- his parents did the record book!" "Did you see those parents grooming that animal at the fair...and then the kid wins the showmanship contest!" "I just know that member has not had that animal for 60 days before the fair. This is obvious favoritism".

4 Sometimes, there is little or nothing that can be done about personal ethics as it affects the way people behave when they are involved in a competitive situation, or any situation for that matter. 4-H is not set up with a system of policing and it shouldn't be. The infractions that help youth WIN AT ANY COST are few. People will violate the rules, whether it is ignoring the speed limit, cheating just a bit on income tax or littering along the highway. Because 4-H involves people it is unlikely that those who have such values and standards will be eliminated. But there is an opportunity to open lines of communication with the young members of the program about what is right and wrong and that right and wrong are personal decisions. We can help them when they are young, but that will be THEIR decision to make as they grow older and become more independent members of the great American society.

Those who must WIN AT ALL COST are the losers in life's game.

## 4-H Home Arts Expo Results

The 4-H Home Arts Expo was held this year at Mark Twain Elementary School in Angels Camp on April 17th.

4-H members from Amador and Calaveras counties entered 4-H projects such as their favorite food, arts and crafts, automotive and welding projects, decorated cakes, sewn garments and still exhibits. Four adults entered the "Adult Chili Cook-Off"

with a runner-up from Amador, Carolyn Courtney. What a great turnout!

### Food Entries

Kate Courtney, gold  
Jackson Gold Wheels  
Joscelyn Courtney, gold  
Jackson Gold Wheels

### Cake Decorating Entries

Mikayla Haefele, gold  
Jackson Gold Wheels

### Clothing & Textile Entries

Joscelyn Courtney, gold  
Jackson Gold Wheels



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*Head* (was trained to think plan and reason);  
*Heart* (to be kind true and sympathetic);  
*Hands* (to be useful, helpful, and skillful); and  
*Health* (to resist disease, enjoy life, and make for efficiency)



## Fiddletown

Nothing to report this month.

## Gold Nugget

Another successful fundraising event held by Gold Nugget 4-H Club. They hosted the Ugly Duckling Booth at the 22nd Annual Great Sutter Creek Duck Race held in Minnie Provis Park.



## Ione Community

Nothing to report this month.

# Jackson Gold Wheels



Cavies/Small Animal Project meeting  
Celebrate the Children Petting Zoo .  
Sutter Creek Duck Race Fundraiser.  
Ione Homecoming Parade

4-H is for all youth who like action, learning, and FUN!

# Sierra Eagles

Nothing to report this month.



# Shenandoah Valley



Officers Swason, Potter and Spinetta. Rachael L. doing a project presentation on her chicks. Getting traced for the fair rebar topiary garden project .



I pledge . . .  
18 U.S.C. 707  
... to my club, my community,  
my country, and the world.



The colors are **GREEN** and

**WHITE**

The **GREEN** stands for growing, living things and the **WHITE** for purity and cleanliness



# Willow Springs

Nothing to report this month.

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF SHOWING LIVESTOCK

As the Amador County Fair nears, read these "Ten Commandments for Parents of Youngsters Showing Livestock" by Clyde Lane, Jr., Extension Specialist from the University of Tennessee.

1. Thou shalt not feed, train, and care for thy animal for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring for thou hath made mistakes, too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show activities for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.

7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.



## 4-H on Facebook!

### 4-H Nears 100,000 on Facebook

One year since the 4-H page launched on Facebook, the organization is about to hit a major milestone: 100,000 fans.

Have you joined us? Visit the site here: [Facebook.com/4-H](https://www.facebook.com/4-H)

# LIVESTOCK NEWS

## Fair Premium Book Now Available!

You can download all the forms for fair and the Premium Book online!  
<http://amadorcountyfair.com/entries.aspx>

## Bookmark these sites for fair entries

4-H Still Display  
[http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Entry\\_Form\\_4H\\_&\\_FFA\\_Still\\_Exhibits.pdf](http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Entry_Form_4H_&_FFA_Still_Exhibits.pdf)

4-H Livestock Entry  
[http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Entry\\_Form\\_All\\_Livestock.pdf](http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Entry_Form_All_Livestock.pdf)

Declaration of Medication Form  
[http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Declaration\\_Medication\\_Form.pdf](http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/Declaration_Medication_Form.pdf)

Don't forget to be able to sale your market animal at fair you MUST turn in 3 cards. You can get yours here.  
<http://amadorcountyfair.com/documents/YellowCard.pdf>

## Amador County Fair Board Meeting June 10th @ 6 pm

I want to encourage the members and their families to attend the Fair Board Meetings that are held once a month on the 2nd Thursday at 6 pm in the administration building.

**Plan on attending to make our Fair the best that it can be!**

## Amador County Fair

### Calendar of Events

**May 22**, 2nd Generation Dinner – Spur, Central House Stage Patio

**May 23**, Sm. Animal (Sheep, Swine & Goat) Pre-Weigh-In – at Fairgrounds  
7 am – 11am Poultry & Rabbit Declarations

**June 1**, Amador 4-H Council Meeting All Star Interviews

**July 29 - August 1**, Amador County Fair Safari “It’s a Jungle out there!”

**August 1**, Buyer’s Brunch, 49er RV Park

## Scrapies!!

### Just a reminder from the fair:

Sheep and Goats not having Scrapies tags/tattoos at pre-weigh in will be charged a \$25.00 fee.

## Hog weights have changed for Amador Fair

**ATTENTION SWINE MEMBERS:** The fair has received notice from Yosemite Meats (who processes Amador County hogs for fair).

They have had to change the weight requirement for butcher hogs.

They will only accept hogs weighing 215-300 lbs.

With that being said the Fair Weight Requirements have had to change also.

Feeder Pigs will top out at 214 lbs. and our Market hogs will base at 215 lbs. Any questions please contact your swine leaders or the fair.



## 4-H to Host Buyer's Brunch 2011!

Come to a council meeting to discuss next year's hosting of the Buyer's Brunch.

What is the 4-Her's preferences?  
What works, what doesn't?

