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4-H Club Notes

Madera County

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2010 Small Animal Expo February 21

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Attention Leaders and Participants

Small Animal Expo



Registration is scheduled to begin at 12:00pm with an event start time of 1:00pm

Please remember to bring something to write with. Members will be limited to one species on skills day no matter the number of written tests they have taken.

Madera County 4H at Desmond

It's time for the Fourth Annual All School Career Day for Desmond Middle School. This year's career day is scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 on the school grounds from 8:30 to noon. Stop by our booth and say hi.

4-H Camp Counselor Applications Due March 1, 2010

Camp Date: July 20-24, 2010
Counselors arrive July 19th

Plans are underway for 4-H Camp 2010. **Assistant and Jr. Counselor, Dishwasher, Dean and Adult Counselor Camp Applications will be due at the 4-H Office Monday, March 1.** Jr. Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grades and Assistant Camp Counselors are 7th-8th grades. Counselor fees are set at \$60. The applications will include an essay and will be screened by the camp committee in order to select the Dean(s) and Counselors before the first camp meeting.

Camp Counselor meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, May 5th and Wednesday, June 16th in the Demo Building. **All youth counselors are required to attend. Adult counselors need to plan on attending the May and June Counselor meetings.**

Counselor applications are available at the 4-H Office and on-line.



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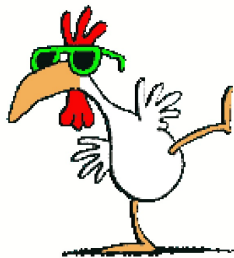
4-H Program Representative

Stanislaus County Youth Poultry Show

March 20, 2010

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock

Hosted by: Stanislaus County 4H Poultry



*Poultry Judging

*Poultry Obstacle Course

*Photo Contest

*Poster Contest

*Showmanship

*Knowledge Quiz

Entries and event information
available through the Madera

County 4H office. Contact via email at

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SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. Program

Do you shop at SaveMart? Support the Leaders Council and Madera County 4H by signing up for the SaveMart S.H.A.R.E.S. card.

Whenever you shop at SaveMart scan the card and SaveMart will refund 3% of every purchase to Leaders Council. Example: if you spend \$100 per month at SaveMart, 4-H will get \$3. If 100 people sign up that is \$300 per month, \$3600 per year. All you have to do is sign up and use your card when you shop. In this economy wouldn't it be nice to know that your money is going to something that benefits you, your children and your community. Be sure to let your Community Club Leader know at your next club meeting or come by the office to pick up your card. We have a small supply currently available.

Thank you everyone!

We just recieved our check for the last quarter of 2009. We raised \$499.68 by simply sliding our S.H.A.R.E.S. card at SaveMart.

Chowchilla 4H is asking for donations of newspaper, old towels and blankets. They will be used at a local animal shelter. If you have anything you would like to donate you can bring it in to the 4H office or contact Bo Beels directly at 665-7565.

Howard 4-H Happenings

Howard 4-H wrapped up the Christmas season by adopting three families at Gould School, Joshua Legaspi, Matthew Ylarregui and Kenan Sagousse organized the activity and delivered twelve large bags of toys, food, blankets and warm clothing for the families. Our community pride group participated in the Lighted Tractor Parade. They also donated warm cozy socks to the convalescent home, donated wrapped books to the Rescue Mission and baked cookies for Christmas tours at the Madera County Historical Museum. The sewing group decorated the sewing room at the museum for Christmas.

We held our month business meeting on January 11th where members participated in a consumer science judging contest, made cards for seniors at the convalescent home and wrote letters to soldiers in Iraq. Tickets were passed out to members to be sold for our only fundraiser a Pancake Breakfast at Hatfield Hall on Super Bowl Sunday. Project groups are back in full swing with members getting ready for Favorite Foods Day and Small Animal Expo. Howard 4-Her's look forward to a busy month.

Submitted by Ryan Ylarregui

Recycle Sight

Megan Galleano, last year's California Focus delegate, in partnership with the Lion's Club is collecting used eyeglasses.

There is a collection box here in the office, until the end of March, if you would like to drop them off. There will also be a box out at Small Animal Expo. Thank you for your help.

Annual State 4-H Horse Classic Educational Contests

The California 4-H Horse Classic consists of two events, the Educational Contests & Champion Horse Show! These two statewide events are focused on over 4,500 4-H horse project members statewide. We invite everyone to come join us in sharing your passion for horses. As you know, this statewide event has taken a new look with the educational contests being held separate from the horse show. The updated rules for the 2010 State 4-H Horse Classic Educational Contests and Championship Horse Show are posted on the State site.

The Educational Contests will be held at Reedley College, Reedley, CA on April 24 & 25. The Horse Show will be held again at the Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in Watsonville on June 25-27. ***More information can be found at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>***

Favorite Foods and Consumer Science Judging Day Results

Congratulations to all Participants!

There were 91 entries at Favorite Foods Day 2010.

Members recognized in each category are:

Dairy Foods

- 1st Anahi Rivera, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 2nd Zac Clark, Sierra Shadows 4-H

Cookies

- 1st Gianna Paolinelli, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 2nd Joshua Legaspi, Howard 4-H
- 3rd Tryston Lewis, Coarsegold 4-H

Cakes

- 1st Tiffany Cacy, Golden Oak 4-H
- 2nd William Wallace, Chowchilla 4-H
- 3rd Mike Cabrera, Raymond 4-H

Breads

- 1st Dana Vind, Golden Oak 4-H
- 2nd Garrett Hilliard, Golden Oak 4-H
- 3rd Zac Clark, Sierra Shadows 4-H

Appetizers

- 1st Ryan Ylarregui, Howard 4-H
- 2nd Gianna Paolinelli, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 3rd Mary Pekarek, Dixieland 4-H

Pastries

- 1st James Gonzalez, Coarsegold 4-H
- 2nd Blake Palmer, Golden Oak 4-H
- 3rd Elyjah Hussey, Coarsegold 4-H

Candies

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla 4-H
- 2nd Ryan Ylarregui, Howard 4-H
- 3rd Zac Clark, Sierra Shadows 4-H

Healthy/Diet Goodies

- 1st Rebekah Alvarado, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 2nd Jared Dowell, Dixieland 4-H
- 3rd Kyle Hansen, Alview-Dairyland 4-H

International Foods

- 1st Hannah Wimer, Golden Oak 4-H
- 2nd Ryan Ylarregui, Howard 4-H

Made From Mix

- 1st Tryston Lewis, Coarsegold 4-H
- 2nd Ryan McDougald, Spring Valley 4-H
- 3rd Emily McDougald, Spring Valley 4-H

Entree/Main Dish

- 1st Joshua Legaspi, Howard 4-H
- 2nd Clayton Sheehan, Howard 4-H
- 3rd Dana Vind, Golden Oak 4-H

Decorated Food

- 1st Roman Gonzalez, Coarsegold 4-H
- 2nd Audrey Kenison, Golden Oak 4-H

Salad

- 1st Audrey Kenison, Golden Oak 4-H,
- 2nd Ryan Lewis, Chowchilla 4-H
- 3rd Matthew Ylarregui, Howard 4-H

Special Occasion

- 1st Hannah Wimer, Golden Oak 4-H
- 2nd Megan Hilliard, Golden Oak 4-H

Place Setting

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla 4-H
- 2nd Ryan Lewis, Chowchilla 4-H
- 3rd Emily McDougald, Spring Valley 4-H

Participating Mini Members

- Eden Hussey, Coarsegold 4-H
- Jake Dowell, Dixieland 4-H
- Joshua Gwartney, Chowchilla 4-H
- Clay Curutchet, Alview-Dairyland 4-H
- Riley Hardison, Raymond 4-H
- Lauren Cooney, Raymond 4-H

Special Awards:

Almonds

- 1st Elyjah Hussey, Coarsegold 4-H

Beef

- 1st Gianna Paolinelli, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 2nd Mary Pekarek, Dixieland 4-H

Dairy Products

- 1st Joshua Legaspi, Howard 4-H

Candy

- 1st William Wallace, Chowchilla 4-H

Goat

- 1st Jared Dowell, Dixieland 4-H
- 2nd Mary Pekarek, Dixieland 4-H

Poultry

- 1st Ryan Ylarregui, Howard 4-H
- 2nd Joshua Legaspi, Howard 4-H

Pork

- 1st Clayton Sheehan, Howard 4-H

Raisins

- 1st Kyle Hansen, Alview-Dairyland 4-H

Decorated Foods

- 1st Roman Gonzalez, Coarsegold 4-H

Holiday/Special Occasion Decorations

- 1st Megan Hilliard, Golden Oak 4-H

Place Setting

- 1st James Gonzalez, Coarsegold 4-H

Salad

- 1st Jared Dowell, Dixieland 4-H

Educational

- 1st Rebekah Alvarado, Sierra Shadows 4-H
- 2nd Ryan Ylarregui, Howard 4-H
- 3rd Victoria Bodine, Golden Oak 4-H

Consumer Science Awards:

Junior - 3rd - 5th Grade

- 1st Olivia Leach, Sherman Thomas 4-H
- 2nd Matthew Ylarregui, Howard 4-H
- 3rd Rebekah Alvarado, Sierra Shadows 4-H

Intermediate - 6th - 8th Grade

- 1st Kelea Kamalani, Spring Valley 4-H
- 2nd Jordan Miles, Raymond 4-H
- 3rd Zac Clark, Sierra Shadows 4-H

Senior - 9th Grade and up

- 1st Brittany Cavaletto, Sherman Thomas 4-H
- 2nd James Gonzalez, Coarsegold 4-H
- 3rd Will Wallace, Chowchilla 4-H

2010-2011 4-H

STATE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors are youth who have excelled in the areas of leadership and community service, and have been selected to serve the California State 4-H Youth Development Program in roles that promote leadership through education and service. 4-H State Ambassador Advisors are adult volunteers who are experienced in working with older youth in a youth-adult partnership atmosphere.

4-H State Ambassadors will be selected in order to:

- Act as State 4-H representatives to various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including providing public presentations, workshops and leadership development opportunities.
- Coordinate the planning and implementation of the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
- Provide donor stewardship support to The California 4-H Foundation
- Identify needs in the 4-H Youth Development and either develop or recommend strategies for improvement.

Term:

4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending August 31, 2011. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term.

Eligibility:

4-H State Ambassador candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H member. 4-H State Ambassador candidates must be at least 16 years old on July 1, 2010 and no older than 18 as of December 31, 2010.

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation provide financial sponsorship of the California 4-H State Ambassador Program, which includes ambassador travel and other expenses, through The California 4-H Foundation.

The application due date is March 31st. For more information and an application go to the website: www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp or contact the 4-H Office.

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

There will be a new leader orientation **Monday, February 22** at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Office. Please call if you plan to attend, so that we can be sure to have enough printed material available for everyone. Volunteer applicants who have not had an orientation yet should plan to attend or call to make other arrangements if necessary.

2010 List of Available Scholarships

California Farm Bureau, Due by March 1
Cal Expo Scholarship Program, Due by March 12
Madera County Farm Bureau, Due by March 12
MCCW/MCCA Scholarship, Postmarked by March 26,
South Central Section 4H Council, Due by April 2
4-H Leaders Council, Due by April 5
Ellen Erickson 4-H Memorial, Due by April 5
Emily Fahey 4-H Memorial, Due by April 5
MAYA (Madera Ag Youth, Association) Postmarked no later than April 5
2010 Statewide 4-H Scholarships, Due by April 30
A. W. Bodine-Sunkist Memorial Scholarship, Due by April 30
Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship, Due May 15
Applications can be found on our website at:
http://cemadera.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/Scholarship_Applications.htm
Information on the State scholarships can be found at:
<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/index.asp>

Coarsegold 4-H News: 4-H has something for everyone
by Elyjah Hussey, reporter

4-H is not just about agriculture and raising animals, it has something for everyone. Our Community Service Project helped the Sierra Foothills Conservancy plant acorns in November. We planted acorns in different ways to see which way it will grow the best. We will find out the results in the spring. We also collected and delivered can foods and winter clothes for Manna House this winter. The Community Service Project will continue to do things to help others in our community. On January 23rd, Madera County 4-H will have our annual Favorite Foods Day and Consumer Foods Judging contest. 4-H members will cook their favorite foods and bring them to compete in different categories like breads, cakes, made-from-a-mix, poultry, beef and many more. We have to set up our food on the tables with a recipe card and decorations to make it look nice without any help. The judges go around and pick the best one from each category and we can get a medal for being one of the best. After the judging is done, everyone gets to try any food they like. This is my favorite part of Favorite Foods Day. There is also another contest called Table Settings and members can make a table setting with plates, decorations and a menu. We also get to compete in judging foods like fruits or vegetables. We learn to pick the best piece of vegetable or fruit and have to make reasons for not picking others. I have gone to the store with my mom to practice and it made me think that buying groceries is not as easy as I thought it was. Another activity is **(Continued pg 8)**

4-H Presentations

What is a 4-H presentation?

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids. A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to:

- Research a subject
- Organize ideas in a logical order
- Be a teacher and practice public speaking skills

Why are public speaking skills important?

Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the skill sets of professionals. Other guiding factors for developing public speaking skills include:

- Discovering an important component of leadership development
- Increasing self-esteem, self confidence, and ability to accept feedback
- Expanding skills for planning, preparation and performance.

Story telling is a traditional way of passing knowledge from group to group and youth enjoy participating in this activity. Young children begin by telling stories to friends, family, at school, and later as a part of formal presentations.

As you participate in projects, you collect information and ideas that can be shared with others. This sharing of information is part of the process of learning. Teaching project skills in a presentation takes advanced skills and a deeper understanding of what you have learned.

Giving presentations helps develop many life skills including the ability to speak in front of a group, organizing ideas, and creating and using graphics to support the spoken word.

Speakers prepare for presentations by giving talks to project groups and community club meetings, practicing skills learned in a project, and observing other people giving presentations.

You can get ideas for presentations from many different sources. The first place to start is with your project leaders. They know what you have learned in your project and what you might enjoy presenting. Your community club leader also can be a source of ideas. Your local librarian can help you develop your subject through research. Sources for presentation ideas are project manuals, books, magazines, and brochures from various organizations.

Presentations are not just demonstrations. You have many options ranging from traditional demonstrations to problem solving for senior members. All of the various presentation styles require similar skills, but are designed to meet the interests and age-appropriate levels of the member. No style of presentation is better than any other. Choose the style that best fits you for your first presentation and then try other styles as you advance in 4-H.

Every member is encouraged to give a presentation each year. Show what you've learned; give a presentation.



What is an All Star 4-H Ambassador?

All Star Ambassador is the new term for All Star. All Counties in California have a County 4-H All Star or County 4-H Ambassador program for older youth. Since both names refer to the same thing, the term "All Star 4-H Ambassador" shall be used as the statewide term to refer to both. All Star 4-H Ambassadors are the ambassadors of the 4-H program in a county. As an ambassador, the All Star 4-H Ambassador visits other 4-H clubs; reaches out to other organizations within the community; and attends and participates in the 4-H State Leadership Conference, 4-H County meetings, State or Sectional 4-H meetings and events, and other activities as outlined by each individual county.

For more information on All Star Ambassadors visit the website <http://ca4h.org/leadership/allstar/index.asp>.

Livestock Judging Contest

The **Livestock Judging Contest** that serves as the California 4-H State Qualifier will be held at California State University at Fresno on Saturday, **April 17, 2010**. Livestock judging is a process of evaluating, selecting, placing, and learning the various livestock species. Counties are invited to send one or more teams of 3-4 youth to participate in this event. **Registration is due by February 19, 2010**. You can find more information about the event on the State 4H site at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/livestock/index.asp>



Calendar

February

- 1 Club enrollments due 4-H office
- 8 Small Animal Tests Due
- 10 Correct Small Animal tests, 9:30am Demo
- 19 Livestock Judging Contest Registration Due
- 21 Small Animal Expo, 1:00pm Fairgrounds
- 22 County Presentation Day apps. due
- 22 New Leader Orientation, 5:30pm 4H office
- 22 Leaders Council Meeting 7:00 pm

President's Day

Monday, February 15th

UC Cooperative Extension Office/
4-H Office Closed



March

- 1 Camp Counselor apps. due 4-H office
- 8 Livestock Expo written tests due 4-H office
- 10 Correct Livestock Expo tests 9:30am
- 13 County Presentations Day MHS-North
- 22 State Ambassador apps. due to 4-H office
- 22 Leaders Council Budget & Calendar Meeting 6:00pm
- 22 Leaders Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 24 Fashion Revue Workshop, Demo, 6:30 pm
- 27 Livestock Expo, Fairgrounds 9:30-1:30pm

Livestock Expo

Saturday, March 27

Madera District Fairgrounds

Registration: 9-9:30 a.m.

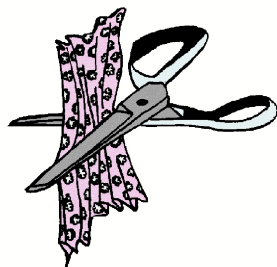
Are you ready for the Livestock Expo? Bring a pencil and let the "fun" begin.

Reminder: 4-H members **must have taken the Livestock Expo written** test (by species) to qualify for awards. Leaders should send in or take their **written request** for tests to the 4-H Office **at least 2 days before picking them up**. Tests will be available to leaders February 8th and are due in the 4-H office March 8th by 5:00 pm with a \$2 entry fee per test. Tests will be corrected Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 a.m., help is needed. If you are interested, tell your CCL or call the 4-H office, 675-7879 ext.202.

Each club must furnish its own animals in every species, except for swine. The Livestock committee recommends 4 youth per animal. Pens will be made available by club for sheep and swine. Clubs/individuals must also provide any equipment that is needed that day for their project.

Group leaders and volunteers are needed to help out at Expo. **One person from each club to be a judge is required**. If you are interested tell your Community Leader so your name can be submitted.

Fashion Revue 2010



The workshop for Fashion Revue will take place Wednesday March 24th in the Demo Building. The actual event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th.

More details and the registration form will be included our March Club Notes

Further information can be found on the 4-H website at www.cemadera.ucdavis.edu. Questions can also be directed to Denny Marmolejo at (559)673-4394.

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USE OF THE DEMO BUILDING

Leaders/members, when you use the Demo Building please remember:

1. Vacuum the carpet - if you make a mess
2. Clean kitchen area - when used
3. Clean "Dry Erase Board" - if used. Use Dry Erase Markers only. Do not allow 4-H members to misuse the Dry Erase Board
4. Do NOT enter the Lab area
5. 4-H members/siblings must not be running around the parking lot. They should be supervised at all times.
6. NO PARKING in front of the Demo/Lab Building - that is a Fire Lane

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REMINDER

Staff at the Ag Extension/4-H Office would like to remind everyone to call ahead when you have a special request for items. It will save time for everyone. Thank you

COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Where: Madera High School, North Campus
200 South L Street - between Olive Avenue and 6th Streets

What: This year's Presentation Day promises to be a fun and exciting day for all 4-H'ers. There will be the traditional demonstrations and illustrated talks. There will also be categories for Share the Fun, speeches-prepared and impromptu, audio/visual, 4-H display and interpretative reading. Interpretative reading may be age appropriate children's stories, essays, poetry or an excerpt from a novel. The member is presenting the reading as a story hour - no costumes or props are allowed. These categories will be offered at Sectional Presentation Day, Saturday, April 17, 2010 in Merced and be eligible for gold medal awards.

Learn to be a good, well rounded speaker and to organize your thoughts by taking part in County Presentation Day. Giving presentations is a terrific way to gain confidence in speaking in front of a group. That skill will not only help you in 4-H, it will also help you at school and later, in your career. Pick a topic that you are familiar with - your 4-H project, a hobby, a school sport. Write up a simple plan which would include an introduction, the body (where you develop the ideas in a logical order), and the conclusion (where you emphasize the main points). All presentations should be given exciting titles and illustrated with colorful, attractive posters. Examples of titles might be: Hamming It Up (swine), Foxy Boxes (arts & crafts), What Burns Never Returns (safety), Sticky Fingers (foods). Then practice enough so you know what you want to say or show, and you feel comfortable saying or showing it.

So have some fun and learn too! **DEADLINE for entries to be turned in to the 4-H Office is Monday, February 22nd.**

Schedule: 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Room Monitor Orientation
 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Check in with Room Monitors. All presenters MUST BE signed in by 9:30 a.m.
 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Judges' orientation
 10:00 - 11:30 p.m. Presentations and speeches
 11:30 - Command Performances Immediately followed by AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Guidelines for preparing demonstrations, interpretative readings, audio/visual presentations, speeches-prepared and impromptu, problem solving and are available at the 4-H Office or at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd>. Presentations will be grouped by grade in school. Team demonstrations are limited to three members and the team will go into the group of the oldest member. An illustrated talk is similar to a demonstration in content, but nothing is actually demonstrated. A talk on the weather using weather charts is an illustrated talk, whereas a demonstration shows or teaches the how to. If you need to give your presentation outdoors, be sure to indicate this on your application. Please make sure that your form is filled out completely and correctly.

Each club that sends presentations to County Presentation Day must provide one (1) judge for every 5 presentations (or fraction of).



PRESENTATION DAY APPLICATION

Please return form by **Monday, February 22, 2010** to: 4-H Program Representative, 328 South Madera Avenue, Madera 93637

Name(s):	Age:	Grade:	Club
			Classification: Junior (grades 4-5) <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (grades 6-8) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (grades 9 & up) <input type="checkbox"/>
Categories are: Demonstration - Illustrated Talk - Prepared Speech - Impromptu Speech - Interpretative Reading - Audio/Visual Presentation - Problem Solving			
TITLE (LIMIT 2)	Individual/ Team	In/Outdoors	Category

(Continued from pg 4) not as easy as I thought it was. Another activity is the skills test. Members who want to try it have to name tools used for cooking.

At the end of January, there will be LCORT camp. This will be my first year going so I don't know how it will be yet, but if it is like summer 4-H camp, I am sure that I am going to have a lot of fun.

State Presentation Day is also coming up on May 29. There is also a State Fashion Revue on this day and a Plant Science contest. I have not gone before, but maybe I will try it next year.

In February, we will have Small Animal Expo which is when 4-H members are tested on what they are learning in their projects. There are 4 levels in each project and for each level, there is a test to pass to get to the next level. Small animals are dog, poultry, rabbit and cavy. We will have Large Animal Expo in March. For both Expos, we have to take a written test and a skills test. The total points from both parts are added up to make our final score which tells us if we medal (pass) or get a certificate (need more work).

So you see, 4-H has something for almost everyone. It is fun. I make a lot of friends and I am learning about many different things. I keep a record book of what I do and turn it in for judging. The projects that I am this year are: Community Service, Dog, Poultry, and Sheep. I am not always a winner, but it is okay, I don't feel bad because I feel good doing what I am doing in 4-H. If you would like to join, call my leader, Pat Strimling at 683-5149



Clara Briley and Elyjah Hussey planting acorns for Sierra Foothill Conservancy at McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve, November 21, 2009

My banana bread that I made for Favorite Foods Day, January 2009



Best of Show art, Chowchilla Fair, May 2009 (grasshopper by me)