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Staff Notes

Ryan asked me to do Staff Notes this month, but he wanted me to remind everyone about the electronic Cloverleaves! You can sign up for it to get a colorful, full-length version of this newsletter, as opposed to the 2-page black and white paper version simply by contacting the 4-H Office!

I wasn't sure what to say for the Staff Notes. Then I found myself circling around the Camp Fire. Like all of us, the Camp Fire has weighed heavy on my mind. It devastated Paradise, and hurt Butte County as a whole. No one came out of it unscathed. We all have wounds that we are going to carry with us for a long time, if not forever. So for Staff Notes, I decided to share a story I read a while ago. It demonstrates that as long as there is kindness in the world, we won't be alone in our fear, grief, and anger. Sincerely, Barbara Bechtel, 4-H Secretary

Three red marbles-W. E. Petersen

One day Mr. Miller was bagging some early potatoes for me. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas.

I paid for my potatoes but was drawn to the display of fresh green peas. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller and the ragged boy next to me.

"Hello Barry, how are you today?" "H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas, sure look good." "They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?" "Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time." "Would you like to take some peas home?" "No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with." "Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?" "All I got's my prize marble here." "Is that right? Let me see it." "Here 'tis. She's a dandy." "I can see that. Hmmmmm, only thing is this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?" "Not zackley, but almost." "Tell you what, take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble." "Sure will. Thanks Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said, "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes, or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, perhaps."

I left the stand smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later, I moved to Colorado but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys, and their bartering. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his viewing that evening, and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon arrival at the mortuary, we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could. Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts...all very professional looking.

They approached Mrs. Miller, standing composed and smiling by her husband's casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and mentioned the story she had told me about the marbles.

With her eyes glistening, she took my hand and led me to the casket. "Those three young men who just left were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim 'traded' them. Now, at last, when Jim could not change his mind about color or size...they came to pay their debt."

"We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world," she confided, "but right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho." With loving gentleness, she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three exquisitely shined red marbles.

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."-JK Rowling

Upcoming Events

FUN NIGHT RESCHEDULING

As some may have heard, the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds will continue to operate as a shelter for Camp Fire victims until at least March 17, 2019. For this reason, we are in the process of finding a location that can accommodate an event the scale of 4-H Fun Night. This is not easy because the space needs to be large enough, come with a full kitchen, fit within our budget, and be available on a day that no other 4-H Event is taking place. Please be patient while a new location, and date is obtained – a countywide email will be sent when a day and location is obtained.

County Event: Presentation Day

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to prepare a presentation to share their knowledge, enhance their public speaking skills and compete for awards.

Registration has passed, but youth who are eligible to be evaluators or room coordinators, may sign up on the day of the event if help is needed. The event will be February 16, 2019 at Butte College, the LRC Building.

Butte County 4-H Fashion Revue

The Butte County Fashion Revue/Quilt Revue will be held Saturday, March 9, 2019, at the Butte College ARTS Building. Check in will begin at 9:00 am. The Fashion Show is at 1:00 pm in the ARTS Building. The theme this year is "Fashion Through the Ages". For information on individual categories and the changes, please visit the State Fashion Revue website at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/.

Entries are DUE into the 4-H office by Monday, February 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm. LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! Entry forms can be found at http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Events/Fashion_Revue/. For more information, please contact Carrie Pilakowski of Lone Pine 4-H at 892-1933, or the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

Bowl-A-Thon

The Butte County Farm, Home and 4-H Support Group, which helps enhance 4-H and other UC program activities, is hosting their annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser on March 23, 2019. Although 4-H clubs **cannot** sponsor a bowling team, individuals can. Please consider putting a team together and joining us. For any questions, please just contact the 4-H office at 538-7201.

Member Information

4-H Shooting Sports Training

This training is for 4-H Adult Volunteers, 4-H Project Leaders & 4-H Youth Project Leaders in all counties. The training will be held at Duarte Show Cattle Ranch, (3789 Suncrest Ave., San Jose, CA 95132); on Saturday, February 23, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 24, 2019, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person. It will include a PowerPoint, lecture, review of equipment, practice shooting and teaching, and a written test. A continental breakfast will be provided Saturday and Sunday, but be sure to bring your own lunch each day.

To participate, you must be a currently enrolled 4-H volunteer or member, and you must attend both days to be certified to teach the specific shooting sport at the project, club and camp levels. Junior and teen leaders are invited, but must attend with an adult or have a certified Shooting Sports adult leader they will be helping back home.

Online application and payments are due on or before February 9, 2019. Registration is limited and confirmed with receipt of payment. To register, please visit <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=26394>. For more information, please contact Susan Weaver at sjweaver@ucanr.edu.

Butte County 4-H All-Star Application

It's that time of year again! We are on the hunt for individuals who want to become Butte County 4-H All-Stars! Applications, four references, and up-to-date Record Books **are due to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** No late applications or late postmarks will be accepted. For more information, please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201 or check out the application at http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/.

Butte County 4-H Scholarships Application

The Butte County 4-H Council is offering scholarships for active 4-Her's who are graduating seniors. Go to the Butte County 4-H website or contact the 4-H Office to get a scholarship application. Applications, three references, and up-to-date Record Books **are due to the Butte County 4-H Office by Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** No late applications or late postmarks will be accepted. For more information, please contact the 4-H Office or check out the application at http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/.

The 4th H-Nutrition Tip by Socorro Gutierrez

My personal favorite focus area of 4-H healthy living programs is health! It's that time of year again. It seems that as wintertime approaches, you come down with the cold. You're not alone. Experts say it's the biggest surge in human rhinovirus infections. As a mom and a nutrition educator, I'd like to share my ideas on how to stay on top of your health game! Hand washing is the first step you can take to live a healthy lifestyle. I challenge you to share the importance of proper hand washing. Washing your hands regularly, especially before eating or touching your eyes, nose or mouth, is the best way to keep illness-causing microorganisms from getting into your body.



Countywide Community Service Project

Help the Oroville community with the 4-H Fire Recovery Program! Many homes and thousands of acres of forest burned in foothills east of Oroville this summer. This is a great community service project that will also provide instruction on planting trees, rice straw erosion control and replanting native trees and plants. Our 4-H members are collaborating with the Yankee Hill Fire Safe Council for this yearlong project. There will be three events TBD. All Butte County 4-H members are invited to attend all or some of the events to earn community service credit. For more information, contact Wayne Hill at 589-4641, or email orvillefoothill4h@gmail.com.

Countywide Archery Project

This Archery project is open to youth 9 years old and in the fourth grade, (or older). Members will learn archery safety, how to shoot two types of bows, and how to make their own leather gear and arrows. The "winter" session is still open. The session will cost \$15.00, and the dates are February 9 & 23, 2019, and March 9 & 23, 2019. The meetings are on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All archery equipment and supplies are provided; and the youth will be able to compete in the Statewide 4-H Archery Tournament, and a 3-D archery shoot in Red Bluff. Contact Bill Anderson ASAP by e-mail at billbow4h@aol.com, or call 864-5572 after 6:00 pm to sign up.

Camp News

"Camp Out" at 4-H Fun Night

Once again, we have a sponsor for a free pass to our Butte County 4-H Summer Camp. All you have to do to enter is stop by our summer camp booth and ask one of our teen camp counselors "What's camp all about?" and you'll get a ticket for the drawing held at the end of the night. We will also have the paperwork for the campers and any parents that want to be a part of our great camp. **There will also be a "camp pass" in the 4-H Fun Night Silent Auction.**

Adult Camp Counselors Needed for 2019

4-H Camp is not possible without Adults who can attend camp as Counselors. We need approximately 12 adults in order to hold camp; please consider attending! The Butte County 4-H Council will pay for your camp registration fee, just turn in an Adult Volunteer Camp Registration! You need to be an enrolled adult volunteer to go to camp, so please plan to go to a Leader Certification training. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

4-H Camp 2019 T-shirt Contest

With the start of the New Year, Camp will be here before you know it and now is the time to start thinking about a design for our Annual Camp T-shirt Contest. The winner of the T-shirt contest will receive a full scholarship to 4-H Camp! The shirt must contain the camp theme “Cartoons”, “4-H Camp 2019”, and of course, the 4-H Clover. All 4-H members are encouraged to design a logo that will be used on our Camp T-shirts. The design must be simple enough to be applied as a silkscreen application, submitted on plain unlined paper, in dark ink print. **All entries are due to the 4-H Office by Monday, February 11, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Only one entry per 4-H member!**

Let your imagination run free!

2019 Camp Rockin’ U Teen Camp Counselors

Monthly meetings began on October 24, 2018. Remaining meetings will be held at either the Durham Butte County Library, 2545 Durham-Dayton Hwy, or Durham Park. For more information, please contact Camp Director, Bill Anderson at 530-864-5572 (after 6:00 pm).

Please mark your calendars to remind you of these meetings.

- February 20, 2019 – Durham Library, 7:00 pm
- March 20, 2019 – Durham Library, 7:00 pm
- April 17, 2019 – Durham Library, 7:00 pm
- May 15, 2019 – Durham Library, 7:00 pm
- June 19, 2019 – Durham Park, 6:00 pm
- CAMP!



Teens if you choose to, 4-H camp can be your only 4-H project this year. Camp is a countywide project.

Club News

Lone Pine 4-H held their regular club meeting on December 11, 2018. Afterwards, they celebrated with a Christmas party. There was a fun candy and Christmas sock exchange, along with Christmas crafts and snacks. In addition, Lone Pine members helped The Salvation Army by ringing the bell in front of the downtown Starbucks and volunteered at the Butte College Giving Tree booth inside the Chico Mall.-*Submitted by Brendan Henman, Club Reporter*

Biggs 4-H has been busy! They started the year with their annual shoebox gifts for the Butte County Child Protective Services. The club packed, wrapped, and delivered 25 shoeboxes. Then it was on to decorating wreaths, votives and stockings for the Hovlid Community Care Center (Skilled Nursing Facility). They decorated 63 items, then delivered them to the residents; as well as singing a few Christmas carols with the residents which was enjoyed by all.-*Submitted by Biggs 4-H Club Reporter*

Durham Parkview 4-H recently participated in the annual Christmas tree lighting event and they helped lead the group in caroling. Prior to the tree lighting, the club delivered cookies to senior citizens in town. Throughout the season, the members were also busy collecting canned food for the annual Christmas Giving event. They collected and sorted food for over 70 families in the community.-*Submitted by Grace Hayes, Club Reporter*

Cohasset 4-H club has been very busy with swine, hiking, arts and crafts, and the new rabbit project. In December, the club put on the annual Children’s Christmas store at the town community building. The Hiking project decided to do something a little different and go ice-skating. The Swine project is now doing fundraiser pigs that are not only going to be raised by the kids in the swine project, but by the whole club. Rabbit project attended the rabbit show in Gridley, and learned about the different breeds and what it’s like to raise and show a rabbit.-*Submitted by Camille Lingemann, Club Reporter*

Cloverleaves Submission Schedule

To get the Cloverleaves edited, printed and mailed so they can be received by the first of the month, articles need to be received here in the office by the first week of the month preceding the month of the edition that we are working on. Please use the table below as reference and we thank you for your cooperation.

For this Cloverleaves:	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
Articles need to be in by:	02/08/19	03/08/19	04/05/19	05/10/19	06/07/19	07/08/19	08/09/19	09/06/19

Butte County 4-H Calendar

Always use the most recent Cloverleaves calendar for event deadlines and information.

February 2019				
Fri-Sun	1-3	Northern Youth Summit	Sly Park Environmental Education Center	-
Thursday	7	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Saturday	9	CSU Chico Sheep & Goat Day C	CSUC Pavilion	8:00 am
Saturday	16	Presentation Day C	Butte College	8:00 am
Monday	18	Office Closed-Holiday	President's Day	
Friday	22	Fashion Revue Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Thursday	28	Butte County Council Meeting	Butte County Farm Bureau	7:00 pm
March 2018				
Thursday	7	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Saturday	9	Fashion Revue C	Butte College	8:00 am
Monday	18	Rainbow Craft Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Saturday	23	Bowl-A-Thon	TBA	TBA
Thursday	28	Butte County Council Meeting	Butte County Farm Bureau	7:00 pm
April 2018				
Monday	1	Office Closed-Holiday	Cesar Chavez Day	
Tuesday	2	All Star Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Tuesday	2	Butte County Scholarship Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Thursday	4	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Saturday	6	Rainbow Craft Field Day	Manzanita Elementary	8:00 am
Sat-Thurs	6-11	2019 National 4-H Conference	Washington DC	
Thursday	25	Butte County Council Meeting	Butte County Farm Bureau	7:00 pm
May 2019				
Thursday	2	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Thursday	9	Butte County Council Meeting	Butte County Farm Bureau	7:00 pm
Thurs-Mon	23-27	Silver Dollar Fair	Silver Dollar Fairgrounds	
Monday	27	Office Closed-Holiday	Memorial Day	
June 2019				
Monday	3	1 st Leader Certification	Butte County Farm Bureau	6:30 pm
Thursday	6	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Thursday	13	Butte County Council Meeting	Butte County Farm Bureau	7:00 pm

***Times and dates are subject to change, please reference the most recent Cloverleaves calendar for up to date information, or call the 4-H Office at 538-7201.**

January 10, 2019

TO: SILVER DOLLAR FAIR MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS, 4-H or GRANGE LEADERS & FFA ADVISORS

FROM: Shelley Livingston – Silver Dollar Fair Entry Office

- ▶ **MARKET STEER entries & photos must be received in the Fair Office no later than 5:00 pm Jan. 23, 2019; e-mailed photos by 5:00 pm Jan. 22, or entries will be disqualified. If you email photo(s), confirmation will be sent that photo(s) were accepted. If you do not receive confirmation, contact the Fair Office prior to deadline.**
- ▶ **MARKET GOAT, HOG & LAMB entries** are open at this time. Entries will close 5:00 p.m. March 25. A Market Hog lottery was held on Wednesday, Jan 9. There is currently a waiting list for Market Hogs. Please contact the Fair Office if you have a member that is no longer participating in the swine project so we can roll up the waiting list.
- ▶ **MARKET ANIMAL PHOTO REQUIREMENTS-** Photo of exhibitors with market goat, hog or lamb are due by March 25. If photos are not submitted by March 25, entries will be disqualified. Emailed photos must be received by 12:00 noon, Fri. March 22, 2019. If you email photo(s), confirmation will be sent that photo(s) were accepted. If you do not receive confirmation, contact the Fair Office prior to deadline.
- ▶ If you purchase a market animal outside of the State of California, be aware of State Rules regarding health inspections & entry permits. See State Rules (www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe) or call the Fair Office if you have questions.
- ▶ Market Hog Exhibitors must submit name of breeder, city & state where hog was purchased by March 25.
- ▶ Market Lambs & Goats must submit Bill of Sale & Scrapie information by March 25.
- ▶ Independent Market Lambs, Hogs & Goats must submit photo, bill of sale and proof of ownership form by 5pm Mar 25
- ▶ **YQCA Certification Requirement: All Jr. Livestock Exhibitors are required to participate in a Quality Assurance & Ethics Awareness Training or complete the online YQCA (Youth for Quality Care of Animals) course & provide current certification of completion no later than 5 pm, April 15, 2019 or your entry will be disqualified. YQCA.org**
- ▶ **RABBIT MEAT PEN entries** will be accepted beginning 8:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1. If at 12:00 noon on the 5th business day after entry opening there are more than 40 meat pens (limit) the Fair will institute a lottery to draw for the 40 spots. After the first 40 have been drawn, we will draw for waitlist order. See website for complete lottery rule. Weight limit: 3 rabbits/pen, each weighing between 3 ½ lbs. - 5 ½ lbs., & not more than 10 weeks of age.
- ▶ **APRIL 15 – ENTRY CLOSING for most other departments - still entries, breeding livestock, etc.** See Exhibitor Handbook for all closing dates, dates entries are received, instructions, & class information.
- ▶ **2019 EXHIBITOR HANDBOOK will be available on our website February 15.** No hard copy will be mailed.

**For more information contact Shelley Livingston, 895-4436,
shelley@silverdollarfair.org or [Aimee aimee@silverdollarfair.org](mailto:Aimee_aimee@silverdollarfair.org)**

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