



NOVEMBER 2024

YOUTH TALK



KINGS COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- Nov. 5 Food Olympics Planning Meeting
- Nov. 5 Leaders Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11 UCCE Office Closed - Veterans Day
- Nov.28-29 UCCE Office Closed - Thanksgiving

4-H FUN FACT

The first 4-H club was officially started in 1902, making the program 122 years old!



*Congratulations
to the*

**2024-2025 COUNTY
AMBASSADOR TEAM**

CLARE, ALANA, & ADELEIGH

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TEAM ON PAGE 8

SAVE THE DATE!

The Kings County 4-H Judging Day event will be held December 14th at the Hanford Agriculture School Farm at 3 p.m.

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ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT RESULTS

Thank you and Congratulations to those who attended the Achievement Night and Leaders Recognition Dinner on October 19th! Read more about the winners.

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KINGS COUNTY 4-H JUDGING DAY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2024

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**INTERSECTION OF CENTENNIAL & GREENFIELD
AVENUES IN HANFORD**

2:30 P.M. - REGISTRATION OPENS

3:00 P.M. - JUDGING BEGINS

**FOLLOWED BY WINTER FESTIVITES &
LINE DANCING**

**PRE-REGISTER AT:
[BIT.LY/2024JUDGINGDAY](https://bit.ly/2024JUDGINGDAY)**

4-H members are encouraged to participate and compete in our annual 4-H Judging Day Event.

Three Judging Divisions:

- Livestock
- Home Economics
- General

Each division will have 5 classes and 1 identification class. One of the 5 classes will be a reasons class to be presented to the judge.

Awards will be given to the top individuals and teams in each age group (junior, intermediate, and seniors).

Primary members will have a special judging day activity as well!

Upon conclusion of the judging contest, we will have lots of fun activities available for the 4-H members and their families! This includes a club Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, Hot Chocolate, and line dancing.



Questions? contact Cayci Hill, Kings County 4-H CES
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2024 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & LEADERS RECOGNITION DINNER RECAP

On Saturday October 19th we held the annual awards banquet to recognize the achievements of our 4-H community during the 2023-2024 4-H year! The event was Star Wars themed and was held at Corcoran High School at 6:30 p.m. Special thank you to Mrs. Alisa Gomez, Mrs. Melanie Curtis, Corcoran 4-H, Leaders Council, and the County Ambassador team for making the event happen.

The following pages show the awards that were presented - Congratulations!

Community Club Leaders

Corcoran 4-H

Leader: Rochelle VanVelson
Assistant: Melanie Curtis

Grangeville 4-H

Co-Leader: Katie Sayles
Co-Leader: Sarah Weber

Island 4-H

Leader: Lara Felipe

Kings Harvest 4-H

Leader: Loretta Toledo

Kings River 4-H

Leader: Lilly Pimentel

Lemoore 4-H

Leader: Donna Murphy-Eller
Assistant: Jamie Eller

Mid Valley 4-H

Co-Leader: Courtney Bell
Co-Leader: Cobi Revious

Oakvale 4-H

Co-Leader: Stephanie Fry
Co-Leader: Travis Fry

Leader Years of Service Awards

5 Years - Silver Award

Amanda Edmondson, Grangeville
Jennifer Thomas, Corcoran

10 Years - Gold Award

Donna Murphy-Eller, Lemoore
Jamie Eller, Lemoore
Mike Rossi, Island

15 Years - Pearl Award

Gregory Chrissakis, Kings River

20 Years - Diamond Award

Angela Loogman, Grangeville

We ♥ our
Volunteers





2024 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & LEADERS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Outstanding Project Awards

Community Service Award

Kaden Johnson Hargis, Mid Valley

Goat Award

Ezekiel Hernandez, Corcoran

Poultry Award

Charlotte Robinson, Kings Harvest

Public Speaking Award

Brylee Hunter, Corcoran

Sewing Award

Austyn Bontrager, Kings River

Welding Award

Shane Dooley, Kings Harvest

Brock Toledo Dairy Award

Carter Muir, Kings Harvest

Liz Perreira Photography Award

Eva Dooley, Kings Harvest

Peter Belezuoli Beef Award

Lane Toledo, Kings Harvest

Club Officer Medalists

Secretary

Brylee Hunter, Corcoran
Lane Toledo, Kings Harvest
Lourdes Costamagna, Kings River
Patience Felipe, Island
Tyler Eller, Lemoore
Victoria Jones, Oakvale

Treasurer

Analyse Veenendaal, Mid Valley
Anthony Felipe, Island
Charlotte Robinson, Kings Harvest
Taylor Proctor, Corcoran
Tyler Milinich, Kings River
Ty Pyle, Lemoore

Historian

Allyson Dias, Corcoran
Riley Hernandez, Corcoran
Therese Villegas, Corcoran
Kaden Johnson Hargis, Mid Valley
Rhett Zonneveld, Kings Harvest

Reporter

Tuscany Alderman, Corcoran

Club Spirit Award

Grangeville 4-H

Congratulations





2024 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & LEADERS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Corcoran 4-H

- Emily Amador-Alvarez, Record Book Medalist
- Brittney Curtis, Record Book Medalist & Public Speaking Project Medalist
- Clare Curtis, Record Book Medalist & Foods Project Medalist
- Allyson Dias, Record Book Medalist & Goats Project Medalist
- Aliah Hernandez, Record Book Medalist
- Ezekiel Hernandez, Record Book Medalist & Goats Project Medalist
- Riley Hernandez, Record Book Medalist & Public Speaking Medalist
- Dylan Howard, Record Book Medalist & Robotics Project Medalist
- Brylee Hunter, Record Book Medalist & Public Speaking Project Medalist
- Taylor Proctor, Record Book Medalist
- Jazmine Sherwood, Record Book Medalist & Arts and Crafts Project Medalist



Grangeville 4-H

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| Emma Becerra, Swine Project Medalist | Brody Howell, Goat Project Medalist |
| Hayden Blain, Swine Project Medalist | Aubrey Miller, Sheep Project Medalist |
| Holden Blain, Swine Project Medalist | Cody Miller, Swine Project Medalist |
| Hunter Blain, Swine Project Medalist | Jacob Norvell, Beef Project Medalist |
| Andrew Brandt, Dog Project Medalist | Delilah Rodrigues, Swine Project Medalist |
| Kolbi Burkett, Swine Project Medalist | Adeleigh Sayles, Shooting Sports Medalist |
| Mylee Caetana, Swine Project Medalist | Scarlett Sayles, Arts and Crafts Project Medalist |
| Emerson Cano, Swine Project Medalist | Wynn Sayles, Sheep Project Medalist |
| Lilly Depue, Swine Project Medalist | McKenna Silva, Swine Project Medalist |
| Anaiah Devries, Swine Project Medalist | Emmalyn Streeter, Dog Project Medalist |
| Alana Edmondson, Sheep Project Medalist | Matthew Temores, Swine Project Medalist |
| Ava Edmondson, Sheep Project Medalist | Ethan Thomas, Poultry Project Medalist |
| Corban Edmondson, Sheep Project Medalist | Hallie Tompkins, Swine Project Medalist |
| Elena Gonzalez, Swine Project Medalist | Blake Veenendaal, Sheep Project Medalist |
| Natalie Gonzalez, Swine Project Medalist | Brodie Veenendaal, Sheep Project Medalist |
| Brody Hernandez, Goat Project Medalist | Raustyn Wilchek, Sheep Project Medalist |
| Emily Hernandez, Sheep Project Medalist | |
| Caylee Weber, Record Book Medalist & Livestock Judging Project Medalist | |

Congratulations





2024 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & LEADERS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Island 4-H

Colt Davis, Rabbit Project Medalist
Patience Felipe, Record Book Medalist & Sheep Project Medalist
Robert Felipe, Record Book Medalist & Sheep Project Medalist
Kandace Jones, Swine Project Medalist
Kimber Jones, Poultry Project Medalist
Alex Rossi, Sheep Project Medalist
Ben Rossi, Sheep Project Medalist
Luke Rossi, Sheep Project Medalist
Lauren Simas, Beef Project Medalist



Kings Harvest 4-H

Julietta Champi, Record Book Medalist & Poultry Project Medalist
Abigel Dooley, Record Book Medalist & Poultry Project Medalist
Eva Dooley, Record Book Medalist & Photography Project Medalist
Shane Dooley, Record Book Medalist & Welding Project Medalist
Judd Fragoso, Record Book Medalist & Dairy Project Medalist
Carter Muir, Record Book Medalist & Dairy Project Medalist
Charlotte Robinson, Record Book Medalist & Poultry Project Medalist
Heidi Robinson, Record Book Medalist & Poultry Project Medalist
Alissa Souza, Record Book Medalist & Dairy Project Medalist
Lane Toledo, Record Book Medalist & Beef Project Medalist
Jackson Zonneveld, Record Book Medalist & Swine Project Medalist
Reagan Zonneveld, Record Book Medalist & Swine Project Medalist
Rhett Zonneveld, Record Book Medalist & Poultry Project Medalist

Mid Valley 4-H

Kaden Johnson Hargis, Record Book Medalist & Community Service Project Medalist
Emily Ortiz, Record Book Medalist & Arts and Crafts Project Medalist

Congratulations





2024 ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT & LEADERS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Kings River 4-H

Austyn Bontrager, Record Book Medalist & Sewing Project Medalist
 Keegan Carson, Record Book Medalist & Rabbit Project Medalist
 Ramsey Carson, Record Book Medalist & Rabbit Project Medalist
 Elliot Curtsinger, Record Book Medalist, Shooting Sports Rifle Project Medalist
 Aubree Fagundes, Record Book Medalist & Cooking Project Medalist
 Lauren Fagundes, Record Book Medalist & Sewing Project Medalist
 Abigail Marie Kosorek Lemos, Record Book Medalist & Arts&Crafts Project Medalist
 Adalena Jo Kosorek Lemos, Record Book Medalist & Sewing Project Medalist
 Madilyn Mendonca, Record Book Medalist, Sewing Project Medalist
 Christopher Montoya, Record Book Medalist & Arts and Crafts Project Medalist
 Isabelle Montoya, Record Book Medalist & Dog Project Medalist
 Dakota Reed, Record Book Medalist & Arts & Crafts Project Medalist
 Trevor Reed, Record Book Medalist & Welding Project Medalist



Heidi Billingsley, Sheep Project Medalist
 Katherine Billingsley, Sheep Project Medalist
 Makenzy Bribiesca, Welding Project Medalist
 Mason Bribiesca, Welding Project Medalist
 Benjamin Brown, Dairy Project Medalist
 Taytum Carroll, Sewing Project Medalist
 Paulina Cervantes, Dairy Project Medalist
 Davin Collazo, Sewing Project Medalist
 Giovanni Costamagna, Dog Project Medalist
 Larissa Costamagna, Swine Project Medalist
 Loudres Costamagna, Swine Project Medalist
 Luke Costamagna, Swine Project Medalist
 Harper Delgado, Sewing Project Medalist
 Claire Donich, Swine Project Medalist
 Owen Duarte, Welding Project Medalist
 Lily Durham, Swine Project Medalist
 Brenzley Ferreira, Dairy Project Medalist

Jenna Garner, Sewing Project Medalist
 Mikey Gomes, Welding Project Medalist
 Jeb Headrick, Welding Project Medalist
 Jemah Luis, Swine Project Medalist
 Charlotte Martella, Dairy Project Medalist
 Lucy Martins, Rabbit Project Medalist
 Kylie Mendes, Dog Care Project Medalist
 Luis Montero, Dairy Project Medalist
 Jordan Pimentel, Dairy Project Medalist
 Addison Soares Lopez, Rabbits Project Medalist
 Bryson Sozinho, Dairy Project Medalist
 Leah Statler, Dairy Project Medalist
 Ava Stoner, Swine Project Medalist
 Jaycee Stoner, Swine Project Medalist
 Alice Unruh, Sheep Project Medalist

Congratulations



Meet the 2024-2025

KINGS COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR TEAM

**AMBASSADOR ADULT COACHES:
MADISON THOMAS, CORCORAN 4-H
SARAH WEBER, GRANGEVILLE 4-H**



CLARE CURTIS - CORCORAN 4-H

Clare Curtis is 15 and a Sophomore at Learn for Life Academy. Clare joined the Corcoran 4-H Club when she was nine years old and has done a number of projects such as crafts, sewing, cooking, canning and of course, Public speaking. She has been a state field day medalist for Presentation Day and Fashion Review multiple times. She has served as a Junior and Teen Leader for the Public Speaking project and has served as the Corcoran 4-H Treasurer, Vice President and President. She served as a 2023-2024 County Ambassador and helped me to run the first ever Kids Kamp at 4-H Fair. Clare is actively involved in her church and attends early morning seminary four days a week. She loves volunteering for the Chamber of Commerce for projects like the Seed Bank and the Corcoran Mural Project. Clare loves music, especially from Chappel Roan and Taylor Swift. She loves baking, playing video games.

ALANA EDMONDSON - GRANGEVILLE 4-H

Alana is 16 years old, and a Junior in highschool. She is a part of Grangeville 4-H. She's been a part of 4-H for something like 12 years or so. Alana loves the piano and has been playing for about 9 years now. She also really enjoys Brit Lit and hanging out with her friends and family. Alana's been a part of many different projects, including Sheep, Arts & Crafts, Cooking, ASL, Community Service, Welding and Photography. She really enjoys 4-H because it provides many opportunities for her to try different things, and practice and get better at the things she loves. She especially appreciates the motto 4-H has: Making the Best Better, and looks forward to growing this year as an Ambassador. Alana is very thankful for this opportunity and is looking forward to a great year!

ADELEIGH SAYLES - GRANGEVILLE 4-H

Adeleigh is 14 years old and in the 9th grade. This is her first year of homeschooling is a member of the Grangeville 4-H club. Some of the activities she participates in through her club are sheep, arts and crafts, and shooting sports. She is getting certified to be a teen leader in shooting sports along with her dad, Jim Sayles. She has done sheep for 3 years and this will be her 4th year in the project. One thing she learned in sheep is that teaching them to walk is not easy. Adeleigh feels her group is the best sheep group she could ask for. Everyone helps each other with anything that needs to be done. But the people that stand above everyone is Cory and Sarah. They are the ones who helped her with her sheep by allowing her to do sheep by keeping her sheep on their property. They have always been so nice to her and her family. Adeleigh has always been fascinated with animals all her life. When she grows up, she wants to do something with animals, whether it be a veterinarian, zoologist, or a veterinarian that takes care of 4-H kid's animals. She has always picked up animals such as birds, snakes, dragonflies, grasshoppers, toads, frogs, chickens, pigs, turkeys, lizards, beetles, and lots more. When she was little, she tried to pick up a gopher, but don't worry her dad stopped her before things got ugly. In her spare time, she plays trumpet and piano. She loves to play video games and volunteer at her church in Visalia. Adeleigh is also on the JFB which is super fun. Adeleigh is thankful for the opportunity to serve as a county ambassador.



OCTOBER 6-12, 2024 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK RECAP!

Window Display Contest

Every year during 4-H week there is a window decorating contest, this year's winning club is Kings Harvest 4-H. See the photos below from their display at the Working Man's Store in Downtown Hanford. They will receive a \$75 reward! Congratulations Kings Harvest!



Thursday Night Market

Thank you to the members from the Corcoran, Grangeville, Kings Harvest, and Kings River 4-H Clubs for representing Kings County 4-H on October 10th at the Thursday Night Farmer's Market in downtown Hanford. They brought displays of their projects and to helped recruit new families!



Kings County Board of Supervisors Meeting

On October 8th the Board of Supervisors approved a proclamation recognizing October 6-12th 4-H Week in Kings County. This resolution brings awareness to the positive impacts 4-H is making in our community. Featured in the photo below is the county ambassador team, Grangeville 4-H'ers, 4-H staff, and the Board.



KINGS HARVEST 4-H - REPORTER CARTER MUIR

Kings Harvest 4-H did our 4-H window at the working Man's Store again this year. The store is closing after Mr. Tim's 50 years in business. Big thank you for letting our club use your store the last 10 years. Kings Harvest 4-H did a Halloween Party Trunk or Treat and make a mummy pumpkin contest. The Robinson and Chami families were in charge, it was a fun night. Our club is in charge of the General Class's for the Dec Judging Day. We are doing Toys for Tots and a canned food drive.



GRANGEVILLE 4-H - REPORTER SCARLETT CARTER

Grangeville 4-H has had a busy month! October 4th-6th the Grangeville 4-H club took a camping trip to Shaver Lake. They went fishing, hiking, and swimming. They also made smores around a campfire and formed friendships. On October 19th Grangeville 4-H started Arts & Crafts/ woodworking. The members made wooden signs and created epoxy crafts. On October 22, Grangeville 4-H public speaking was held. Members brought an object for show and tell. On October 27th, the Countywide Dog project for first year members was held at Freedom Park. They worked on skills of heel, stay, markers and timing of cues. The meeting for returning dog project members was held on October 26th at Freedom Park. The dog project also launched new, online content. We are looking forward to a great year!



AMBASSADORS - COACH MADISON THOMAS

On Saturday, October 19th, the Corcoran 4-H Club hosted the annual Kings County 4-H Achievement Night and Leaders Recognition Dinner at the Corcoran High School. The Ambassador Team was hard at work and helped to prepare, set-up, run, and clean-up the event. Ambassadors held a meeting before the event, Thursday November 17th, where a script was written and delegated amongst themselves. On the day of the event, Ambassadors assisted with setting up the ceremony room, including but not limited to the award set up, ceremonial flag set-up, and microphone testing/set-up. Ambassadors ran through the event, from start to finish, several times to ensure a smooth presentation of awardee names, clubs, and award descriptions. During the ceremony, Ambassadors were inducted as the 2024-2025 Ambassador Team. This team includes 4-H members Clare Curtis, Corcoran 4-H, Alana Edmonson, Grangeville 4-H, and Adeleigh Sayles, Grangeville 4-H. Ambassadors were tasked with staying after the event had concluded and helped to organize/clean-up the ceremony room. Corcoran 4-H thanks the Ambassadors for their efforts and hard work put forth to ensure the 2024-2024 Kings County 4-H Achievement Night and Leaders Recognition Dinner was a success. Great work Clare, Alana, and Adeleigh!



ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LEADERS COUNCIL

WHAT IS IT?

The Kings County 4-H Leaders Council is made up of 4-H volunteers and senior 4-H members. The council oversees the county program by planning events, creating committees, and voting on important program business. Council meetings are open to all 4-H volunteers, parents, and 4-H members.

WHEN DOES IT MEET?

First Tuesday of each month
6:30 p.m.
Kings UCCE Multi-Purpose Room
680 N. Campus Drive Suite F
Hanford, CA 93230

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL!

If you can't make it in-person, join the meeting virtually on Microsoft Teams! Link:
[Join Council Meeting Now](#)
Meeting ID: 256 037 947 845
Passcode: YEnUpt



WE WANT YOU!

In order to make our program the best it can be, we need more participation and input from our volunteers, parents, and 4-H members!

We are asking for one youth member per club to attend each meeting & give a club report. The meetings are also open to youth members who would like to give a presentation.

Youth who give a report or presentation at a council meeting will receive a raffle ticket. One winner per council meeting will be chosen. Winner will get to choose from a variety of prizes.

New this year!
Hybrid Meetings

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 5th, December 3rd

Community Service Opportunities

KINGS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ORGANIZED BY MID VALLEY 4-H

COLLECTING COLORING BOOKS, MARKERS, CRAYONS, AND GIFT CARDS TO FAST FOOD PLACES FOR CHILDREN THAT ARE WAITING FOR CPS OR A FAMILY MEMBER. PLEASE DROP OFF DONATIONS TO THE KINGS UCCE OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 15TH.

LIONS CLUB RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

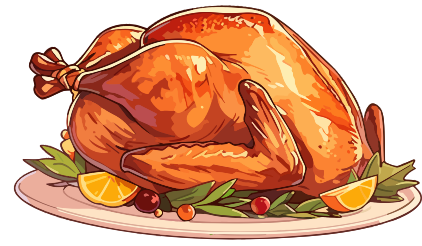
MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE BY DONATING YOUR USEABLE EYEGLASSES & HELP SOMEONE SEE BETTER. THE HANFORD BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB HAS A COLLECTION BOX IN THE KINGS UCCE OFFICE. THE USED GLASSES WILL BE RECYLED AND GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN NEED.



UPDATE FROM KINGS UCCE CALFRESH HEALTHY LIVING

Keep Bacteria Off Your Menu

Thanksgiving is a special time for giving thanks and focusing on family and friends. However, the improper storing, cooking and serving of roast turkey can lead to the growth of harmful bacteria like salmonella, which can cause foodborne illness.



Here are some tips that cooks in the kitchen can follow this holiday season:

- Thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator. Allow 1 day for each five pounds of turkey. Be sure to remove neck and giblets from the inside of the bird as soon as possible. Cook fresh turkeys within 2 days, thawed ones within 4 days.
- Wash your hands with hot, soapy water before and after handling raw poultry. Do not rinse the turkey in water. Not only is rinsing your poultry before you cook ineffective at killing germs, it can actually spread them.
- Read and follow the cooking directions. Cook turkey until it is done (165 ° F). Use a meat thermometer to be sure the temperature has been reached.
- Take care with stuffing. Whether it is cooked inside or outside the bird, all stuffing and dressing must be cooked at minimum temperature of 165 ° F. For optimum safety, cooking your stuffing in a casserole dish is recommended. Stuffing should be prepared and stuffed into the turkey immediately before it's placed in the oven.
- Refrigerate foods quickly. Remember the two hour rule. Don't leave perishable food at room temperature too long, bacteria may grow and produce heat resistant toxins that can cause food-borne illness.

Looking for something to warm your soul using leftovers – [try this Turkey Soup recipe](#)



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UPDATE FROM KINGS UCCE MASTER GARDENERS



November Gardening Tips

Autumn is in full gear this month. This is a great time to plant almost any tree, shrub, perennial, ground cover, wildflower seeds and the last of spring-flowering bulbs. Days are shorter and storms may affect our ability to work outdoors, but November is still a great month for outdoor work.

4-H RESOURCES

- [Kings County 4-H Website](#)
- [4-H Handbook for Families](#)
- [4-H Record Book Information](#)
- [California 4-H Resource Center](#)

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