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**4-H Office Closures**

Due to the budget shortfall, the majority of Mendocino County offices will be observing mandatory days off every other Friday during the coming fiscal year.

That means the 4-H office in Ukiah will be closed on seven Fridays between now and the end of June 30th: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, May 29, June 12, and June 26.

We will use this space periodically to remind you of these closures in the months ahead.

# 4-H Calendar of Events

**April**

- 03 Early Bird Camp Registration due-Lake Co.
- 03 Counselor in Training Applications Due
- 04 Regional Presentation Day, Upper Lake
- 13 Auction Committee, 7 p.m. Willits
- 15 Project Proficiency Enrollments Due, Ukiah 4H Office
- 15 *Mendocino Co. Roundup* deadline
- 17 4-H Extravaganza! entry forms due, Ukiah 4H Office
- 18 Livestock Certification Make-Up, Ukiah 4H Office, 9 a.m.
- 25 Potter Valley Rabbit Show, Potter Valley
- 26 Redwood Valley/Calpella Horse Show

**May**

- 02 4-H Extravaganza Eagle Peak School
- 08 4-H Camper Registration Due, Lake Co., Ukiah 4H Office
- 09 Mendocino Rabbit Show, Mendocino
- 11 Auction Committee, 7 p.m., Willits
- 13 Camp Steering Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Ukiah 4H Office
- 15 *Mendocino Co. Roundup* deadline
- 16 Livestock Certification Make-Up, Willits Community Center, 9 a.m.
- 25 Memorial Day. 4H Offices closed
- 30 State 4-H Field Day, UC Davis

**June**

- 05 4-H Camp—Final Registrations/Payments Due
- 08 Auction Committee, 7 p.m., Willits
- 15 *Mendocino Co. Roundup* deadline
- 24 Mandatory Camp Chaperone Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Ukiah 4H Office
- 26-30 Cal Focus, UC Davis

**July**

- 03 4H Office Closed
- 13 Auction Committee, 7 p.m. Willits
- 14-18 4-H Summer Camp**



# 4-H Extravaganza!

**May 2, 2009**  
**Eagle Peak School, Redwood Valley**  
**Registration Starts at 8:30 a.m.**

One of the  
biggest,  
most festive  
4-H events  
of the year!

Exhibit your  
creations!

Fun time!!

All members can enter!  
You don't need to be in a project  
to enter something! \*

**Show off your cooking skills!**

**Enter your favorite entree, salad or dessert!**

Show off your sewing skills, recycled garments are encouraged

Enter the apron competition

**New this year!!!! We'll be holding a cookie competition!**

Still Exhibit competition has MANY categories from scrapbooking  
to fly-tying, plus photography and MUCH MORE!

**Need more information? Call the 4-H office at 463-4495**

An Entry form is @ <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> — plus your club leaders have entry forms.

Hurry! Entry Deadline is **April 17th**, due in the Ukiah 4-H Office. Do it now!

Hosted by the **Redwood Valley/Calpella and Ukiah Shamrock 4-H Clubs.**

\*Exception: to advance to Regional and State competition in Clothing Construction & Recycled clothing you need to be enrolled in the project.

Arts & Crafts,  
Favorite Foods,  
Clothing  
Construction,  
Embellished  
Clothing,  
Clothing  
Selection,  
Recycled  
Clothing &  
"The Backpack  
Challenge!"

Prizes & awards!

## 4-H Summer Camp July 13-18



Early Registration \$125 due April 3,  
Registration \$135 due May 8  
Late Registration \$150 due June 6  
Postmarks OK  
*(Registrations are accepted on a first come basis)*

### Calling all Campers, Counselors in Training (CITs), Chaperones!

All eligible 4-H members interested in participating in this year's summer camp are encouraged to download the summer camp forms <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> under "Camp Forms." Application packets are also available at the Ukiah 4-H office or by calling 463-4495. Registration is handled by the Lake County 4-H Office. Applications are to be returned to them at 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453. Questions? Contact Lake County 4-H Office at 263-6838 or [jfrazell@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jfrazell@ucdavis.edu).

**Save Money....Take Advantage of Early Registration!**



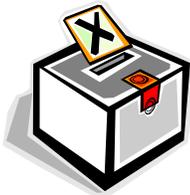
## **“Club Scribe”**

### **News from 4-H clubs in the county**

#### **Spartan 4-H Club**

Submitted by Seamus Begley

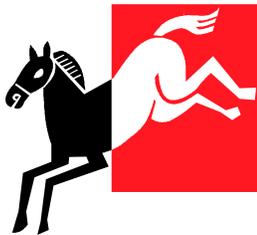
Spartan Club is making some changes to the way they do their elections. Last year, we nominated friends and held a popular election, and the person with the most votes wins the office. It was confusing sometimes because once in awhile there would be one person running for two or more offices. Now we've added some steps. Instead of nominating friends, you nominate yourself by filling a Job Application. Then a nominating committee interviews you and you make a short speech to the club members before the club votes. This way there's no mix up with people running for more than one office at a time.



#### **Hopland 4-H Club**

Submitted by Kylie Stutsman

Hopland 4-H met in February and discussed Presentation Day and Extravaganza. The Horse/T.R.A.I.L. groups had a meeting at the Sea Biscuit Ranch and a guided tour. It was very interesting and we learned a lot. Several of us have been going up regularly and helping out cleaning stalls and the track, and assisting with lessons. There is much help needed up there. If you are interested, contact Erin, the head of the T.R.A.I.L program, at 456-9554 to sign up, or contact your community leaders. They are also seeking saddle donations if you know of anybody who has some saddles kicking around looking for a new home.



#### **RV/Calpella Shooting Sports Club**

Submitted by Jacob Crowhurst

The second meeting of the Redwood Valley/Calpella shooting project was on Feb. 15. It was very cold and pouring rain, but that didn't stop us. We went to the Ukiah Gun Club. We shot at clay targets with shotguns. We had to have more focus than we normally would have, not only because of the rain and the slight wind, but also because the trap thrower was set on random. We had no idea which way the target would fly.

At the first meeting, I used a 20 gauge shotgun. At the second meeting, my leader, Mr. Edgar, let me use his 12 gauge, break-barrel, double barrel shotgun. Since it is a trap shooting shotgun, it didn't have a safety, so it was one less thing for me to have to remember. I enjoyed it more and hit a lot more targets this time than the first time.

#### **Redwood Valley 4-H Club**

Submitted by Jessica Crowhurst

At our February meeting a member of the Redwood Valley Grange came and talked about what the Grange is and some of the things they do. In addition, Bryon Norcross, Laura Schuler, Finnegan Lyon-Harris, Jessica Crowhurst, and Ellianna Clark competed at the Cloverdale Citrus Fair in February. They all did very well. For example, Ellianna won novice cavy showmanship and it was her first time!

#### **Potter Valley 4-H Club**

Submitted by Rebecca Pierachini

The past month has been so busy. There was the County Livestock Expo and the County Presentation day. The Potter Valley 4-H club participated in both. At the Presentation day we all did awesome! At the livestock expo, we all had a great time. At our general meeting we talked about having a share the fun skit and other things involving the county Presentation Day, and also about what we did at the County Livestock Expo.

### ***Project Proficiencies Due April 15!***

*Develop your skills! Improve your record books! Get recognition for your projects!*

To access Project Proficiencies forms and information, see: [http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/Youth\\_Development/](http://cesonoma.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/)

## **“Club Scribe”** Continued from Page 3

### **Shamrock 4-H Club**

Submitted by **Adriaan Boer**

The Ukiah Valley Shamrocks Club met on March 5th. Members in our various projects gave reports on their meetings and their activities. We are planning to assist the Ukiah High School Agriculture Students in getting the High School Greenhouses ready for Spring Planting on March 21st. Megan Whetzel gave her interpretive talk on the book *Oh the Places You Will Go* and Adriaan Boer also gave an interpretive reading of “I Feel Awful”. We had a lot of fun with our “Skit in the Bag” activity. Lots of laughs. Our next meeting is April 2nd at 6:30 at the Ukiah 4-H Office on Bush Street. Look out for a surprise activity!



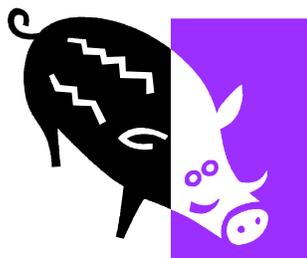
### **Fort Bragg 4-H Club**

Submitted by **Breanna Bernardini**

Our club spent part of our Valentines Day at Sherwood Oaks, handing out Valentines cards to the elderly people there. We had a good turn out and everyone had a good time. The elderly people had such a great time that they sent us a very nice thank you card.

We had a Flower Power Fundraiser to sell bulbs and it was due at the last meeting

Everybody that is getting a market animal and taking it to the Redwood Empire Fair attended the ethics expo. We all learned a lot and had a good time. People are starting to get their market animals



Janet Meacham had a feed seminar at Hwy 20 Feed in Fort Bragg with a Nutrena Feeds rep. That gave our club a lot of information

## **Presentation Day Awards 2009**

The Long Valley 4-H Club hosted this year’s County Presentation Day on March 14 at Laytonville High School. Community leader Shanna Braught did a sensational job organizing a crew of youth and adult helpers and a top-notch team of judges, as well as coordinating the logistics of the event. Maureen Phillips provided a bounty of delicious food that was enjoyed and available throughout the day.

A big thanks to all of the people who contributed to making Presentation Day a festive occasion and a huge success. Thanks to Laytonville High School for their hospitality and for letting us use their facilities.

We are especially grateful to the judges, who had the difficult job of scoring the presentations. Last, congratulations to all 4-H members whose courage and commitment were on display at Presentation Day! Following is a chart featuring those who participated.

Seamus Begley	Mendocino	Gold
Whitney Briggs	Willits	Gold
Adriaan Boer	Ukiah Valley	Gold
Ericka Boesel	Ukiah Valley	Primary
Jacob Crowhurst	RV/Calpella	Gold
Jessica Crowhurst	RV/Calpella	Gold
Kayla Delbar	Potter Valley	Gold
Kristina Dunlap	Long Valley	Gold, Blue
Ashley Edwards	Round Valley	Blue
Lezlie Elmer	Potter Valley	Gold
Mallory Frazier	Fort Bragg	Blue
Naomi Frazier	Fort Bragg	Blue
Gina Gervase	Potter Valley	Gold
Emmy Heiken	Willits	Gold
Ashley Hautala	Fort Bragg	Gold
Chesney Johnson	Potter Valley	Gold
Cooper Johnson	Potter Valley	Gold
Trevor Loucks & Ryan Sager	Hopland	Gold
Terria Mitchell	Long Valley	Blue
Elif Myers	Fort Bragg	Gold
Sam Perkins	Fort Bragg	Gold
Rebecca Pierachini	Potter Valley	Gold
Colton Pinson	Willits	Gold (2)
Julia Ravella	Fort Bragg	Gold
Jocey Thieman	Round Valley	Primary
Veronica Weaver	Fort Bragg	Gold
Megan Whetzel	Ukiah Valley	Gold
Alicia Welling	Willits	Gold (2)

## Opportunities & Updates from the State 4-H Office

- **You See Davis:** The Collegiate 4-H Club at UC Davis is pleased to present the 58th annual “**4-H You See Davis Days**” for high school students, **April 16-18, 2009**. This three-day event is an opportunity for participants to experience college life at UC Davis. Registrations are due postmarked by **March 16**. More info: <http://www.ca4h.org/collegiate4h/#ysdd>
- **Teddy Bear Challenge:** Donate a teddy bear at the **State 4-H Field Day on May 30, 2009!** Help us reach our goal of 250 bears! The 2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador Team asks everyone to bring your new, handcrafted or gently used teddy bears and stuffed animals which will be donated after the event to either the Sacramento Mercy Hospital, UC Davis Children's Hospital or Sacramento Children's Home. Participation in this event will count in your 4-H Record Book. More info: <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/>.
- A new website has been launched by the **Inter-agency Working Group on Youth Programs**. The website, <http://www.FindYouthInfo.gov>, is the result of 12 Federal departments and agencies working to develop a collection of resources devoted to supporting youth nationwide. The site will be of key importance to 4-H supporters looking for ways to build and sustain effective community partnerships as well as provide access to Federal programs and funding opportunities

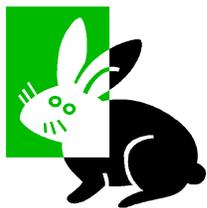
## 4-H Members In the News

- **Redwood Valley 4-H member Jessica Crowhurst** was featured in Rainbow Ag's most recent edition of the publication **Family Farm News**. The article details Jessica's success at breeding competitive rabbits, including her own stock. It also notes Jessica's cooperative attitude and passion for sharing what she knows with others. Read the article at <http://www.rainbowag.com/livestock/crowhurst.html>.
- **Potter Valley 4-H's Lezlie Elmer** was featured in the February 2009 **Mendo-Lake Family Life** magazine. The article details Lezlie's exemplary leadership within 4-H, including her many community service and statewide projects. Lezlie is quoted as stating: “I was born into 4-H.”

### *Potter Valley Rabbit Show*

**April 25 at Volunteer Fire Dept.**

10521 Main ST  
Potter Valley, CA



Begins at 10 a.m.;  
rain or shine!

**It's sure to be a hare-raising event!**

Classes are \$1.50, Showmanship \$1.00. All entry forms must be postmarked by **April 20**.

For entry form, see the “Calendar” section at <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu/>

OR call Kay Beeson at 707-743-1630

### *North Coast Rabbit & Cavy Show*

**May 9 at Mendocino Middle School**



44301 Little Lake Rd., Mendocino  
Sponsors: Mendo-Fort Bragg 4-H Rabbit  
Groups

**9th Annual Youth Rabbit Show  
3rd Annual Youth Cavy Show**

More info? See <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> or e-mail  
Ashley Peters at [bragging\\_rights@live.com](mailto:bragging_rights@live.com)

### **Livestock Ethics Training and Certification Make-Ups**

*Missed out on the 2009 Hands-On Livestock Expo? You can still get certified to auction an animal at the Redwood Empire Fair.*



**We are offering two three-hour-long make-up sessions:**  
April 18, Ukiah 4-H Office, 830 North Bush St., 9 a.m.  
May 16, Willits Community Center, 130 E. Commercial St., 9 a.m.  
For more info, contact Will at [weparrish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:weparrish@ucdavis.edu).



# Hands-On Livestock Expo

Submitted by Will Parrish



It was just past 8:30 a.m. on February 28th, and the line leading into the entrance of the Redwood Empire Event Center already stretched outside the double doors and wrapped part-way around the building. More than 500 4-H and FFA members and their parents were about to experience a groundbreaking event in Mendocino County: the first-ever Hands-On Livestock Expo.

The Expo was a day-long program consisting of experiments, contests, and hands-on learning to improve attendees' market animal projects in advance of this year's Redwood Empire Fair. The event was required for

those who will exhibit animals in this year's Redwood Empire Fair. Most who attended, though, came mainly for the outstanding educational value being offered.

The program began with a presentation by the nation's leading livestock show ethics guru, Jeff Goodwin of Colorado State University. That someone could hold the attention of several hundred children and teenagers – let alone their parents – for three hours might have seemed an unlikely proposition, but Goodwin reached into his bag of tricks to keep audience members of all ages engaged throughout. For example, he conducted a handful of on-stage volunteer activities that included a

cupcake judging contest and a sheep shearing competition. Both featured messages about livestock ethics that revealed themselves at the end.

Next came a working lunch featuring seven different educational activities ranging from animal carcass evaluations (which, notably, received the most attention in the *Ukiah Daily Journal* the following day) to parasite viewing to Know Your Feeds. See the picture at the bottom right for a peek at how engrossed the young 4-H'ers were by the goat carcass!

From there, it was time for animal workshops! Each participant selected from among six

## We Would Like To Thank...

*...the following people for their invaluable help in making the Hands-On Livestock Expo a wonderful success!*

### Committee Heads:

Teri Crowhurst, Barbara Elmer, Terri Gowan, Danya Hildebrand, Sheryn Hildebrand, Cyndi Hill, Lory McAsey, Jenny Smith, Melissa Smith

### Committee Members:

Mady Braught, Shanna Braught, Michele Briggs, Whitney Briggs, Jessica Crowhurst, Chris Ceresa, Garrett Chase, Theresa Gowan, Paul Johnson, Susan Pierce, Maureen Phillips, Trenton Phillips, Rowayne Schrage, Alicia Welling, Jane Zeni

### Those Who Helped The Day of The Event:

Garrett and Lorne Chase, Lezlie Elmer, Chayton Johnson, Beth Keiffer, Zane and Lisa, Dan and Wyatt Matthews, Dylan Ricetti, Tyler Yaden.... **And the many others whose names we didn't mention!**

## Sectional 4-H Presentation Day!

*(those who received gold medals at Presentation Day in Laytonville are eligible.)*

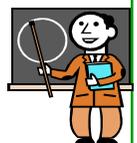
**April 4, 2009**

**Upper Lake Middle School**

**9:00 am check-in and Orientation**

**Pre-registration is required. Forms must be post marked by March 20, 2009**

**All forms are also available at: <http://ucanr.org/4hforms/information>**



Questions? Call Lake County 4-H at (707) 263-6838 or email Nicole Gentry at [nmgetry@ucdavis.edu](mailto:nmgetry@ucdavis.edu)



## The President's Corner

Submitted by Stacey Anderson



Greetings to all. I hope by now most of your projects are up and running. Many of you are preparing for all of the fun the summer months will bring. Most of the committees have been working throughout the year to ensure the success of all the exciting summer-time events.

Many of you may not know about the activities of Mendocino County Council. I would like to take a bit of space here in the *Round-Up* to describe some of what it does for all of our clubs.

We meet every three months to form committees and discuss rules, budgets, and the other normal meeting criteria. Many of the important details that we discuss include (but are not limited to): record books, judging of record books, Presentation Day, Extravaganza, Livestock Expo, project proficiencies, club by-laws, County and State by-laws, Ag Day, Summer Camp, and the many aspects of Redwood Empire Fair (REF).



If you ever feel a little lost or left out, or if you do not quite understand the way some things work in 4-H, we invite you to come to a County Council meeting. The next meeting is July 11th in Fort Bragg — we'll print details in the *Round-Up* as the date approaches.

I am working with Jennifer Seward, the REF CEO, and other staff members regarding the many very important details of the fair. We will be sending out details that you must complete, or you may not be able to participate. So many small details are easily overlooked by the 4-H members, parents, and leaders. This year, you will need to slow down and complete all forms properly, or they will not be accepted. It would be nice if each club could assign one person to go over all club camping and entry forms to check for correct phone numbers and contact information, along with other very important details. **The certificates you received at the Livestock Expo are to be attached to your fair entry form.**

We are interested in conducting a county-wide achievement night and will need to form a committee to raise funds and organize the logistics. If you are interested in being part of the committee, then let me know.

Thank you to each and every one of you who helped make the Livestock Expo and Presentation Day great successes! And a huge thanks goes out, in particular, to all of you who help keep 4-H going strong and giving our children such a wonderful opportunity.

### Russell Preston Scholarship Applications *Still Available* — Due April 15!

Up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to graduating seniors who are actively participating 4-H members, have completed four years of club work, and plan to continue their education. Scholarship details are available at <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> or at the Ukiah 4-H Office.



### Livestock Expo

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two-and-a-half hour sessions featuring the most up-to-date information to help attendees raise their animals as successfully as possible. By far the most popular session was the one about swine, though all were well-attended and well-received.

Scotts Valley 4-H member from Lake County Taylor Robbins said regarding the event, .

“I’ve learned so much today. What’s great is the information we get, but also the way it’s presented to encourage people’s participation.”

The next Mendocino County Hands-On Livestock Expo will take place in roughly three years time.

**Visit the online Livestock Expo photo album!**

[http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu/4-H\\_Program/Livestock\\_Expo\\_2009\\_\(photos\).htm](http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Program/Livestock_Expo_2009_(photos).htm)

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**Web Sites**

**National 4-H Council**  
[www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu)

**California State 4-H** <http://ca4h.org>  
Record Book forms, officer manuals, Policy Handbook, opportunities for youth and leaders, etc. Click on **Resources** for links to forms and clip art, and the policy handbook.

**Mendocino County web site:**  
<http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>  
The Party Line is available on this web site. You can also be notified when a new Party Line is available electronically. Please contact the Ukiah 4-H office for this information.

**Yahoo Groups for Community Club Leaders**  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4h-ccl/>  
Valuable site for discussing issues, sharing information and resources for curriculum, materials and project ideas.

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