



Mendocino County Roundup



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4-H Calendar of Events

July

- 5 Independence Day, 4-H Office Closed
- 11-21 Washington Focus, Washington, DC
- 12 Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Willits
- 14-Aug. 1 California State Fair, Sacramento
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 17 Swine Showmanship & Clipping Field Day, Redwood Empire Fair
- 21 County-wide Officers Training, Fort Bragg
- 24 County Council Meeting, Fort Bragg (location TBD)**
- 25 Redwood Empire Fair Horse Show, Redwood Riders Arena, RV
- 29-Aug 1 4-H State Leadership Conference, UC Davis

August

- 5-8 Redwood Empire Fair
- 16 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 31 End of 4-H Year

September

- 01 Beginning of 4-H year
- 06 Labor Day, 4-H Office closed
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 17-19 WHY Conference, Butte County
- 17-19 Mendocino County Fair, Boonville
- 30 Project Proficiencies Due



Message from our President

Yikes where has the time gone? Sad to say, summer will be over before we know it. Most of our clubs are already planning the upcoming year and starting the end of year paperwork process. So many things going on this time of year, it's hard to focus on one thing.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time at Summer Camp. Please give a huge Thank You to the committee, and everyone involved. They have been working year 'round to make sure everyone has a great time!

Fairs are another fun event for this time of year. Like everything else it takes an army to make these events



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possible. Most everyone involved are there for the children. Please remember to thank them for all of their help and support. Without the ones behind the scene, we would not be able to provide our children with so many wonderful opportunities. It is very hard not to get caught up in what went wrong or what we did not like. Please work together as a family and as a group to look at the positive things that happen. It only take one negative thought to make the entire event disappointing. We are all attending these events for the love of it, for fun, and for offering our children a wonderful experience. If you could help to teach your child one thing this summer, it would be to thank everyone that helps them; project leaders, the person holding the gate for them, the group helping to run the scales, the chairman of the events, and the donors who make their awards possible. Have them take one minute just to stop and thank one person each day. Just remember those people who are running these events are not getting paid, and the ones that are, definitely are not there for the money.

Project leaders, parents, and members who are entering still exhibits at the Redwood Empire Fair or the Mendocino County Fair, please note that any Best of Show awards will be handed out during the Sunday morning awards ceremony. If you are one of the lucky ones who win a BOS, please attend the awards ceremony to receive your awards. For animal showman, if you win first place in your class, you will also receive an award that can be picked up at the awards ceremony. Please spread the word, and come dressed in your proper uniform.

We will be holding an Officers Training on the Coast, Wednesday July 21st. Our committee is working on some new ideas, with hopes of making Officers Training fun, and exciting.

The crew in the 4-H Office, like always, are working very hard. Julie has made a wonderful folder for all of the Community Leaders. She has compiled most of the important information including forms that are required during the year and put it in a folder and on CDs. This folder is still under construction. If your club has not received their folder, please contact the 4-H Office. Along with trying to make the Community Leader's job run smoother, they are working on new ideas, and curriculum for the Project Leaders. One great goal we will be working on county-wide this year is to help maintain the interest of all current members. We will be trying to light the fire with fun and energizing new ideas. If we can all maintain our current members and build a strong club this year, we will work on building enrollment the next year.

As I mentioned earlier, we are all going in twenty different directions, not having a moment to sit down and enjoy a second. However, time is slipping by fast, so please try to enjoy every second.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Stacey



County-wide Officers Training

Wednesday, July 21st 10 am
Shoreline Riders Clubhouse
Fort Bragg



Everyone is invited to join us for this Officers' Training. We hope to have a lot of fun and get many great new ideas. Please RSVP to the 4-H office so that we have adequate materials for everyone. Each officer will leave with important information to help them be successful officers.

We'd appreciate your ideas. Please send Stacey Anderson any ideas and suggestions of what you would like included.

- recreation ideas for general meetings
- community service ideas
- fundraising ideas
- team building games

The more ideas we have, the more information our officers will receive. Please send your ideas to Stacey by email to: wyattmonster@comcast.net

County Council Meeting Saturday, July 24 9 am to 1 pm Fort Bragg (Location TBD)

This is an important meeting when the calendar is set for the upcoming 4-H year. Be sure to send a representative so your Club's voice is heard. Each club has four votes at the Council Meeting — two adults and two youth members.

Redwood Empire Fair Horse Show - July 25

The Redwood Empire Fair Horse Show has been moved to the Redwood Riders Arena in Redwood Valley. It will be on Sunday, July 25 beginning at 8 am. The Fair is trying a different venue in hopes of improving participation! For details, contact the Fair at 462-3884.

Help Need in 4-H Mask Booth Redwood Empire Fair



4-H will have a booth in Carl Purdy Hall during the Fair. This year we will be decorating Mardi Gras Masks for kids to keep. We need volunteers to help run the booth during the fair — Thursday, August 5 through Sunday, August 8 from

noon to 9 pm each day. Linda Edgington would like to have each Club send an adult and several youth members to help run the booth. Please contact Linda at 463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu.

Relay for Life— “4-H Health”

Our Relay for Life team survived!!! Our small team of six people walked for 24 hours and participated in most of the activities. The team earned over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Thank you to our team Captain, Liz Edgington and teammates Stephanie Schaer, Laura Schuler, Kathy Schuler, Linda Edgington and Suzanne Millard. Way to go Team Rok (Republic of South Korea)!



Mendocino County Fair Awards Committee Report...



Mendocino County Fair Awards Committee is going strong and working on purchasing awards for both fairs. This requires many different tasks, supporters, and lots of time. If you have free time to help label awards or send out letters to our supporter and donors, we could use your help. We also need help at the fairs. Many awards will be handed out ringside. We need one adult (not directly involved with the show) per animal species to help hand out awards.

The number one complaint over the past few years is the awards ceremony is too long. The other major concern is our donations. To help solve both of these problems, the awards committee will not be handing out Reserve Champion awards this year. After looking into the entire program, we saw that many areas did not receive any awards at all. So we have purchased awards for each Best of Show and all Champion animals, plus many more. Our number one goal is to make sure every participant receives an award for a job well done. We are working on ensuring all awards are similar so that no one species will receive something "bigger and better."

Parents, it is our job to make sure our children are appreciative of all awards they receive. PLEASE make sure they take a minute to write a thank you note to the donors who made their awards possible! Our committee is still looking for donations, and any amount will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Stacey Anderson at wyattmonster@comcast.net if you can help with awards this year.

Livestock Photos

- All photos are taken by each individual Club/Chapter.
- It is the responsibility of the leaders/advisors to make certain that each market animal has a 5x7 photo, and that photo is of the highest standard.
- Label the back of each photo with the Member's name and Club/Chapter.

For additional information, contact Dan McAsey at 743-1907 or pick up the photo guidelines from the 4-H office.



Tessa Behnke's 4-H Story

2010 Russell Preston Scholarship Winner



Hello, my name is Tessa Behnke. I am eighteen, and just graduated from Ukiah High. Since 1st grade, 4-H has been a major aspect of who I am. It does not entirely define me, but it has been a huge influence on how I see the world and how I operate within it. In my past years in 4-H, I have participated in Rabbits, Horses, Dogs, Goats, Sewing, Quilting, Cooking, Spinning, Jr. Toastmasters, Vet Science, Embryology, High School 4-H, and several other projects. I have certainly gotten the full 4-H project experience.

In addition to 4-H, I am President of the Ukiah High Interact club. It is a community service club, but is very exciting and interesting. It requires a lot of student/adult collaboration, and a lot of problem solving. I am also Captain of the Ukiah High Mock Trial team. Last year, I was a prosecution attorney, but this year I took on both sides of the case as a prosecution and defense attorney. I am very proud of the accomplishments of my team, even though we did not proceed to the state competition this year. When I do not have commitments at home, I love traveling. My siblings are often my destination, but they move around the world too. In my short life, I have already visited many states, as well as Switzerland, France, South Africa, Mexico, and Haiti. This summer, I am going to visit my sister in Hungary, and our former exchange student in Germany.

Because of my challenging course load, and the unfortunate closing of my former club, Hopland 4-H, I am now only enrolled in High School 4-H, as my main club, and the T.R.A.I.L. project. Weekly, I volunteer with the T.R.A.I.L. (Teaching Riding as an Access to Independence and Learning) program, a non-profit organization that helps kids deal with physical, mental, and social disabilities. This is perfect for me because I love working with horses. I exercise the horses, ride, and even clean stalls. I am also now trained to help with lessons. I lead the horse, and I am also trusted to work with the kids to get the horses



ready. I have learned the value of patience, as well as how to adapt to the different learning styles of the kids. No matter where I end up, I want to find a similar program to help with in college. It is truly an invaluable experience for the kids and for the volunteers.

I have become a better, more rounded person because of 4-H. I have learned and improved my critical communication, citizenship, leadership, and life skills. As an older 4-H member, younger members look up to me, and I have accepted that responsibility. In past years, I have attended 4-H California Focus, California

State Leadership Conference, and a Rotary sponsored leadership conference. However, conferences alone do not make one a leader. My background in 4-H gives me personal knowledge of many of the projects, but my willingness to challenge myself has helped me involve myself in 4-H in a greater way.

Last summer, I was one of four youth directors for Mendocino/Lake County 4-H camp. After overwhelming amounts of preparation, including finishing nametags a week before camp, we finally made it to Camp Masonite Navarro. I immediately found myself somewhat overwhelmed by an abundance of questions, and a sea of kids. After several kids fainted, due to heat and many other factors, I realized it would be a long week. As

a director, I woke up before the kids, and went to bed after the kids. When the kids were doing their various activities, the directors would hold "meetings" in the camp's walk-in refrigerator. Although the experience was physically and mentally exhausting, it was completely worth it. Being able to help provide the opportunities that our 4-H camp offers gives me the chance to return the favor for all the wonderful years I have spent at the same camp. I learned more about problem solving, than ever before in my life. I had fun, despite the challenges. Not surprisingly, I am a director again this year. We only have three youth directors, but we have the addition of three deans as well. Preparation for camp this year has included defining the role of our

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deans. We have the maximum number of kids attending camp this year, and we have to reevaluate the camp schedule and procedure to accommodate such a large group. It is wonderful that, even in tough economic times, so many kids and adults want to attend camp. I will be extremely sad when camp is over, as this is my last year as a 4-Her.

4-H is not simply about going to fair, camp, or monthly community meetings; it is about the relationships and bonds formed in all of those activities. I have many friends from 4-H. We share a common history, a lot of laughs, and great memories. I have made many lasting connections with the adult volunteers, who are the backbone of what we do. One in particular, is my "4-H Mom," Linda Edgington. She has held many positions, such as 4-H parent, leader, and program representative, but she is really a member at heart. Linda can bring any group together, and she does an amazing amount for 4-H in Mendocino County. 4-H is also about growing up in a stable, loving community that fosters self-esteem, and instills necessary life skills. It seems like every week I have to give a speech or presentation in school. I do not fear public speaking, as many kids do, however, because I have been doing presentations in 4-H for the past 10 years. The showmanship and round robin competitions I participated in help me keep my concentration and collection under pressure.

I am lucky enough to have many options in my life. I realize that I must adapt to new circumstances and events as they arise, but I do have a few goals in

mind at this point in my life. In the fall, I plan to attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. I am a math/science minded person. I like to think about solving problems, rather than analyzing literature. I do not have a specific career in mind yet, but I think a scientific career would be the best for me. I am attracted to the environmental science field and I want to pursue field research as well as laboratory research. There is something very satisfying about outdoor work and accomplishing something with your own hands. When I later identify a specific area of interest, I will probably go to graduate school to get an advanced degree in that area. I really enjoy traveling, and in college, I am definitely going to take advantage of the study abroad program. After college, I am considering joining the Peace Corps, or a similar organization, to have another unique cultural adventure. I want to take full advantage of the options presented in college, and beyond.

I am sure that 4-H has aided me in ways I am not even aware of at this point in my life. Wearing all white with a green hat and scarf may not have been incredibly fun all the time, but being a part of this wonderful organization has helped me become who I am today. I love claiming that I can wear Carhartt gear because I am in 4-H. Raising rabbits in 4-H fueled my love of animals, but also showed me the responsibilities that they entail. When I have kids, I want them to be 4-Hers, and pledge their heads to clearer thinking, hearts to greater loyalty, hands to larger service, and their health to better living.

— Tessa Behnke

2010 State Field Day

About 1200 members, family, and volunteers attended the State Field Day. Following are the results for Mendocino County...

Share the Fun: A 4-H Carol presented by Potter Valley members Lezlie Elmer; Chayton, Chesney and Cooper Johnson, Rebecca Pierchini, Colton Pinson, and Macaela Stenback. (Blue)

Demonstration: Julie Brown, Potter Valley (Gold)

Educational Display: Julie Ravella, Fort Bragg (Gold)

Illustrated Talk: Rebecca Pierachini, Potter Valley (Gold)

Interpretive Reading: Cooper Johnson, Potter Valley (Gold) and Lezlie Elmer, Potter Valley (Gold)

\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$

- **Junior Livestock Auction Committee Scholarship.** The awards is made based on scholastic achievement, career goals, community service, leadership skills, extra curricular activities, and involvement in the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction and its committee. You need to have raised and sold at least one animal at the Redwood Empire Fair in the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Auction to be eligible. Application is available at the 4-H Office. **Deadline is July 9, 2010.**



"Club Scribe"

News from county 4-H clubs



Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club Submitted by Megan Whetzel

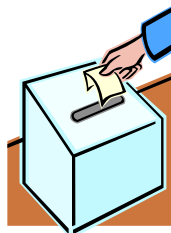
The last meeting of the Ukiah Shamrocks took place on May 27, 2010, at the 4-H office. We held our very first Super Stupendous Spectacular Shamrock Supreme Show at this meeting, and we also nominated our officers for our next 4-H year.



The SSSSSS was basically a showcase of all our projects for the year. Dessert was provided by the cooking project, and many members brought educational displays, scrapbooks, or even animals to show our club what they have been doing all year. This was a very fun way to end the 4-H year, and hopefully we will be able to do it next year!

We would like to thank Kelly Boesel and Denise Bartolomei for decorations, name cards and signs; and Tascha Whetzel and Nadine Boer for helping set everything up and making sure everything ran smoothly. We would also like to thank Flo Passof for running the ballot booth, and also thanks to all the project leaders that helped make this year exciting and fun for all the 4-H members of the Ukiah Shamrocks. We also recognized our project leaders with a small gift.

Congratulations to all the officers that were elected for next year. These will be: Madeline Cline for President, Maggie Selzer for Vice President, Megan Whetzel and Morgan Martinez for Secretaries, Mattie Duggan for Reporter, Audie Boer for Treasurer, Tanner Whetzel, Kolby Faught, and Rebecca Andrews for Sergeant of Arms, Shannon Whetzel for Supply Officer, Tea Greene and Marishka Gournio for Historian, and Duncan Cline and Ericka Boesel for Activity Directors.



Reminder to Club Scribes....

Submissions for the Club Scribes column should be sent to cemendocino@ucdavis.edu by the 15th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Questions? Call Linda Blatchford at 463-4495.

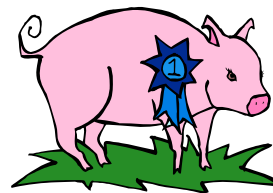
Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H Club Submitted by Bryon Norcross

The Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H group met on Tuesday, June 8. We talked about the Redwood Empire Fair in August. We will be having another meeting later this month to review our fair entry forms.

At the meeting, we also voted to help support the 24 Hour Cancer Prevention Relay. Laura Schuler and her mom, Kathy, entered and will be walking around the track at Ukiah High School to help raise money to help fight cancer. They will be wearing Korean uniforms.



Our members were asked to sign up for an office for next year if they wanted to. Our contest at the meeting was "brightest clothes." Three members participated, and they won a prize. We also had a dessert potluck to thank the Redwood Valley Grange members for letting us have our meeting in their building.



Swine Showmanship & Clipping Field Day

Saturday, July 17

**Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
1055 N. State St., Ukiah**

- 8 am Sign-up
- 8:30 Clipping & Fitting, Instruction in showmanship, Show Ring Etiquette
- Noon Lunch available for purchase
(Proceeds to the Jane Amundson Memorial Scholarship Fund and Fair Awards)
- 1:00 Showmanship Classes: Awards will be given.

Sponsored by the Redwood Valley-Calpella 4-H Swine Group, this event is open to all 4-H and FFA members of Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma and Humboldt Counties. No entry fee—Uniforms are not required, casual clothing preferred. Please bring your own cane or flapper for showmanship. Hogs will be provided. For information, contact Susan Pierce at 485-8356 or 357-0252.

Opportunities & Updates from the State 4-H Office

- **For 4-H members:** Have you completed your **My 4-H Story** from your **2009-2010 4-H Record Book**? If so, submit your My 4-H Story with an embedded photograph by **July 31** to be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. The State 4-H Office will use stories to craft member spotlights highlighting the work of 4-H members across the state. For more information and to submit your story, please visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4879>
- Applications are currently being accepted for the **2011 National 4-H Conference**, to be held on **April 2-9, 2011**. Applications are due by **October 1, 2010**. Please check the state website for an application. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults — at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture — assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and state and county Extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. Territories, and the Canadian Provinces. Applicants should be at least 15 years old. More information can be found at: <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/n4hc/> or please contact Quang “Hogan” Tong: 530-752-5644.
- 4-H members involved in sheep projects may be interested in planning ahead to attend the **2011 National ASI Convention, January 19-22, 2011** in Reno, NV. You may visit the American Sheep Industry site, http://www.sheepusa.org/Future_Convention_Dates for more information. Please note: There is currently no CA funding available to assistance with attendance.
- The **2010 State 4-H Leaders' Forum**, with the theme of, "Upgrade! S.E.T. your system! Go!", will be held **November 5-7, 2010** at the **Asilomar Conference Center**. Forum registration is due **September 1**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf.>
- The **2011 Western Regional Leaders' Forum**, "Cruise to 4-H Excellence!", is planned for **May 7-14, 2011**, and will be held aboard a cruise ship visiting Alaskan and Canadian ports as attendees participate and learn at the many workshops being offered. You can visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html> for more information and registration details.

SET Updates

- **2010 Experiment to Focus on Water Quality - 4-H2O**
The 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H2O, will focus on water quality and climate change. Facilitators will lead discussions to help youth better understand climate change. Visit the national website for more information - <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/>
- **4-H National Youth Science Experiment Events in the Community**
The 4-H National Youth Science Experiment is the perfect opportunity to promote 4-H to the community while sparking the interest of youth in learning more about 4-H science, engineering, and technology activities. Counties are encouraged to host at least one large NYSE event at a public venue. The event may be planned by the County 4-H Office, a group of 4-H volunteers and members, an All Star team, an Emerald Star project, or by a 4-H Club.
- The Green Education Foundation (GEF) has launched the "**Green Thumb Challenge**," mobilizing schools and youth groups nationwide to plant 10,000 gardens in 2010 with the aim of connecting kids to the healthy benefits of gardening. For more information, visit http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=22&Itemid=289.
- Turn your trash into treasure and be on TV! Participate in the **PBS DesignSquad Trash to Treasure Contest** and recycle, reuse, and re-engineer everyday materials into an out-of-the box invention. Visit <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html> for more information.

To see ALL the State 4-H Updates, go to: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/>

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Web Sites

National 4-H Council

www.4-h.org

California State 4-H <http://ca4h.org>

Record Book forms, officer manuals, Policy Handbook, opportunities for youth and leaders, etc. Click on **Downloads** for links to electronic 4-h forms, clip art, and the policy handbook.

Mendocino County web site:

<http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>

The *Roundup* is available on this web site. You can also be notified when a new *Roundup* 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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