



# Mendocino County Roundup

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

### June

- 12-13 American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Ukiah
- 14 Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Willits
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 19 North Coast Junior Meat Goat Show, Redwood Empire Fair.
- 21-25 Mendo/Lake 4-H Summer Camp, Camp Masonite Navarro
- 25-29 Cal Focus, UC Davis

### 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
- 24 County Council Meeting
- 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



## Congratulations to 2010 Graduates!

We wish you all a bright future!

- Fort Bragg
  - Justena Weaver
  - Mallory Weaver
  - Veronica Weaver
- Long Valley
  - Cody Adkisson
- Potter Valley
  - Gina Gervase
  - Dylan Ricetti
  - Sara Kile
  - Tyler Rockel

- Redwood Valley
  - Kayla Delbar
  - Trevor Kollenborn
- TRAIL
  - Tessa Behnke
- High 4-H
  - Hannah Foster
- Willits
  - Emilee Yadon

Special Congratulations to  
**Tessa Behnke**  
 2010 Russell Preston  
 4-H Scholarship Winner!

# Record Book Corner

By Barbara Nordin-Elmer

This continuing Record Book Corner should help you stay up to date for the 4-H year. Keeping up with your Record Book activities will help you have more accurate records and cut down on the anxiety that can build when meeting end-of-the-year deadlines. In addition to county events during the year, you also need to record any club or project events or activities. We will add more events monthly as a regular feature.



## Shooting Sports Training 11/7-8/09 Level C Ukiah

Category #

3 Event Attended

## Achievement Night 11/14/09 Level C Willits

Category #

3 Event Attended

4 Leadership Development—Committee or Chairperson: Helped with decorations, set up, clean up, program planning, food.

6 Communications — Representing 4-H: Acted as commentator or MC, led the 4-H pledge.

## SET Power of Wind Workshops 12/4-5/09 Level C Ukiah

Category #

3 Event Attended

## Clover Bud Field Day 1/9/10 Level C Ukiah

Category #

3 Event Attended

4 Leadership Development — Committee or Chairperson: Planning and helping with activities.

## 4-H Leaders Workshop 1/23/10 Level M

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Category #

3 Event Attended

5 Communications — Prepared Talk; Presented workshop

Some members are appointed or elected as a club representative to the County Council, Sectional Council, State Council, or County Livestock Auction Committee. These positions can be recorded under Leadership Development — Officer: reports to your club do not count as Communications (6).

# Join 4-H Relay for Life Team “4-Health” June 12-13

4-H has organized a team for Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society. The event will be held at the Ukiah High School football field and track. It begins at 10 a.m. on June 12 and ends at 10 a.m. on June 13. The team “4-Health” is looking for volunteers to walk a few laps or donate funds to sponsor the team.



Please join us for this fun community service activity. Sponsorship forms are on our website at: <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>. Any questions, contact Liz Edgington at 707-513-7064 or by email at [lizzielou\\_10@hotmail.com](mailto:lizzielou_10@hotmail.com).

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## Ultra-Sound Carcass Contest Sponsored by: Hildebrand Hay & Cattle and Ukiah Taco Bell

Premium offered  
1<sup>ST</sup> \$200 2<sup>ND</sup> \$150 3<sup>RD</sup> \$50

The Systems Approach uses a scorecard which is one part of a program to provide junior exhibitors a learning experience that emphasizes all aspects of production. It is used to evaluate the total product rather than just the live animal as it appears on show day. The Systems Approach will reward exhibitors for their learning and effort for the entire year. If we attempt to teach junior exhibitors proper selection, care and nutrition, then we should reward them for their successes in those areas. The scorecard actually gives several evaluations and weights each category to determine a composite score. Exhibitors can be successful on one, two and all three areas on the scorecard and by doing so can be successful without “winning” the class. Part 1 – Lean Yield. Part 2 – Usefulness Evaluation. Part 3 – Gain and Quality Grade. This contest will be performed Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in Racine. Ultra-sound information and process can be found at [www.settercattle.com](http://www.settercattle.com).



## *“Club Scribe”*

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



### **Willits 4-H Club**

**Submitted by Jorden Elliott**

In March through April our club did a cookie fundraiser. Our club did a great job of raising money. At April’s meeting we talked about the upcoming and previous fundraisers and turned in all our cookie order forms. We also announced all next upcoming group meetings and talked about the snack bar Tami Elliott and Jorden Elliott will be doing for the Gymkhana on June 26th.

On April 10th, kids helped a senior on Bonnie Lane with some painting and dump runs. Our club had 5 kids who went to Presentation Day: Caitlyn Forester and Hailey Riley, gold; Emmy Heiken and Maddy Forester, blue; and Stetson Burgess, blue. Willits 4H Club did really good on their presentations. We are partly in charge of Ag Day on May 20th at the Rodeo Grounds in Willits.



Our next meeting will be in June still to be scheduled, and we will be doing an end of the year BBQ. We will let you know about the June meeting.

### **Mendocino Spartans 4-H Club**

**Submitted by Kenyon Begley**

We have nice people in our club. They’re respectful, helpful 4-Hers!

Last month, in April, we went to the beach to clean up trash. It was our club’s monthly community service project. We went to Big River Beach in Mendocino. We found weird stuff like tires, Red Wolf cans, and stuff you wouldn’t think to find on a beach – like rugs and socks and a FULL can of orange juice. That was really weird. While we were down there, we also explored some caves and found some crab shells.

This month, in May, we are doing a grounds beautification project at Bethel Baptist Church. We will do stuff for the church like planting new things in the garden containers, pulling weeds, knocking off spider webs with brooms, washing window and other tasks. But we will only do it if it’s not raining. If it rains, we will have to postpone the beautification project until

another time. We have many of our project meetings at Bethel Baptist, because they donate the space to us 4-Hers.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we are closing our 4-H year with an end-of-the-year pool party at the new aquatic center. That will be very fun! First, we will have a very short regular-ish meeting. We are each going to bring a future 4-H friend to the party, and they can check out the club. Then we all swim!



### **Round Valley 4-H Club**

**Submitted by Jocey Thiemann**

Hello from Round Valley 4-H. Our May meeting was on May 3, 2010.

On Saturday, May 8, our group did an entry in the FFA Field Day Parade. Members had small animals with them such as rabbits, pygmy goat and a dog. We won a blue ribbon and we had a lot of fun.

On Sunday, May 9, we had a food booth at the Covelo Jr. Rodeo. It was a big hit!

Members are busy with their 4-H projects. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 7, 2010 at the Buffalo Room.



*Round Valley 4-Hers participated in the FFA Field Day Parade winning a Blue Ribbon for their entry.*

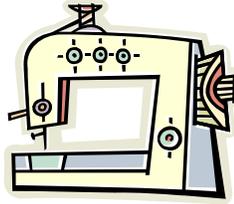


*Club Scribe reports continued on the next page.*

## Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club

Submitted by Megan Whetzel

The Ukiah Shamrocks most recent meeting was on May 6. Prior to our meeting we had a group of dedicated members that met to make fleece beanies and hats for our community service project, Caps for Kindness. These hats will then be delivered to the State Field Day at UC Davis and then be distributed to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents of the 4-H members and the members themselves who were able to come out and sew and make the hats. These wonderful people included Flo Passof, Sheila Smith, Katy Selzer, Rhonda Gournon, Kelly Boesel, Leah Wurm, and Nadine Boer. We were able to make 45 hats in two hours. Some of these included other hats that were made by family members of the kids in our club.



At the general meeting we nominated our officers. We received a lot of nominations for next year's officers which will definitely help our club. Our next and final meeting of the year is May 27, 2010 at the 4-H Office. We will be electing our officers and celebrating our Super Stupendous Spectacular Shamrock Supreme Show, where all of the 4-H members will be able to showcase their projects from the past year. Please be there at 6:25 pm so you don't miss out on the fun!

Lastly, members please note that there will be a record book workshop and fair information meeting on June 8 at 4 -7 pm at the 4-H office for all the members that need help or have questions.

## Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H Club

Submitted by Bryon Norcross

The Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H Club met on Tuesday, May 11 at the Redwood Valley Grange.

The Mendocino County 4-H Communications Group provided the entertainment for our meeting. They presented a play that they did for County Presentation Day. The play was called, "A 4-H Carol" and was based on the "Christmas Carol", by Charles Dickens. The play was really fun to watch. The message of the

play was that if you don't come to 4-H, the future of 4-H might go away. It also talked about how to get more out of 4-H. The players were Lezlie Elmer, Chayton Johnson, Chesney Johnson, Cooper Johnson, Colton Pinson, Becca Pierachini, and Macaela Stenback. Good Job, everyone!

Our activity was to talk about what we didn't like about "Bob" and then talk about what we did like about "Bob." "Bob" was a stick figure drawing on a piece of paper. When we said what we didn't like about "Bob," we crunched a corner of the paper. Pretty soon, "Bob" was all crunched up in to a ball. When we said something we liked about "Bob," we would smooth out a part of the paper. What we learned was that even though you say nice things to someone afterwards, they are never the same after you've said bad things first.

Our contest this month was the best flower bouquet. Our members brought some very beautiful flowers. Morgan Ingram was the winner. Bryon Norcross got second and Jacob Crowhurst got third. They each got a huge chocolate bar and everyone else got to have a piece of candy for participating.



Our community leader, Teri, asked the members to start thinking about which office they would like to run for. We will be nominating new officers in June.

Our next meeting will be on June 8.

## Fort Bragg 4-H Club

Submitted by Myles Anderson

G'day mates! At our May general meeting, I gave my presentation "Hoops, There it is." Day at the Park in celebration of Week of the Child, which occurred April 24<sup>th</sup> at Bainbridge Park in Fort Bragg was very successful. We sold baked goods and people brought animals like ferrets, goats, rabbits, sheep, and chickens. We also participated in a parade with other groups and our animals.

"Boom-Boom-Pow, 4-H Fun, Oh Wow" is taking place on the Redwood field next to the aquatic center on a date to be announced. We will be inviting all of the Mendocino County 4-H members to this.

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A committee is forming to organize a booth at the Redwood Empire Fair to highlight the Mardi Gras theme. Our club will meet soon to work on our stall decorations. Our intermediate beekeeping group developed a swarm flyer to post as a service to the community. Adriane Lowe interviewed Deanna Lowe for the club interview. Our dress up contest was to wear a T-shirt from the furthest destination from Fort Bragg. Molly Dorsey won the contest with a shirt from North Carolina. Lane Norvell laid out the judging contest from Presentation Day to test members' judging skills in a variety of areas like photography, scrapbooking, knitting, and quality of duct tape. Darren Rexrode was awarded the Dynamite award - Congratulations! Time for me to go to bed.



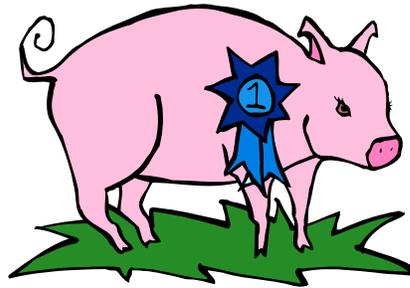
## \$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$

- **Jane Amundson Memorial Scholarship**—Open to all high school seniors who have participated in their local 4-H or FFA program, show financial need, and have the ability to succeed in their future goals. Requires high school transcript, letters of recommendations and completed application. (Application and details are available at the 4-H office.) **Deadline for submission: Postmarked by July 9, 2010.** Scholarship application materials are sent directly to Susan Pierce, PO Box 740, Redwood Valley, CA 95470.
- **Born and Raised in Mendocino County**—Born and Raised is a non-profit program that is for 4-H and FFA members. Born and Raised awards kids who have the top place sheep at the fair that are Born and Raised in Mendocino County as an incentive for youth to improve their own flock or support other growers in this county. For specific requirements, check with the 4-H Office. We have a flyer you can pick up or have mailed to you. **Deadline to apply is August 1st — no exceptions.** Applications are sent directly to Born and Raised, PO Box 285, Potter Valley, CA 95469.



## Help Staff 4-H Booth at California State Fair

Once again The California 4-H Foundation is recruiting 4-H members and leaders to help staff the 4-H booth at the California State Fair (July 14 - August 1). This is a great opportunity for 4-H members and volunteers to share with the public their 4-H experiences, as well as, the wide range of projects and leadership opportunities that are available to youth through participation in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. Small 4-H projects are



welcome to accompany you (robots, rabbits, arts/crafts, service dogs, etc.) to give the public a “feel” for what types of projects are available. Examples of service projects

also make for good stories to share with the public. Please feel free to bring photo albums or record books with you to show anyone who may be interested in learning even more about your 4-H project.

Parking passes and fair admission tickets will be provided to 4-H members and adults who sign up for a 2-hour shift. A maximum of 4 youth and 2 adults per shift will be allowed. Each shift must have two adults in the booth at all times.

To sign-up, please visit <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4887>

**Redwood Empire Fair  
2010 Premium Books  
Now Available On Line**

[www.redwoodempirefair.com](http://www.redwoodempirefair.com)

**Fair Dates: August 5-8  
“Mardi Gras at The  
Redwood Empire Fair**

# Successful Ag Day in Willits

In spite of rain showers off and on during the week, May 20 turned out to be a beautiful day to host about 450 north county youth for Ag Day in Willits. First through fifth graders from Round Valley Elementary School; Laytonville, Branscomb and Spy Rock Schools; and Blosser Lane and Brookside Elementary Schools in Willits were treated to an event featuring hands-on activities and demonstrations designed to engage youth in different aspects of agriculture including natural resources, food production, and animal husbandry among others.

This event would not have happened without the hard work of organizers Shanna Braught-Laytonville and Rowayne Schrage-Willits plus Linda Edgington and Julie Fetherston from the 4-H Office. Co-sponsors included the Mendocino County Farm Bureau who provided funding for the buses and the City of Willits for offering their Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds for the day-long event.

4-H leaders who volunteered as guides and helpers included Christine Kelsay, Tonya Campbell, and Michael Braught from Long Valley 4-H.

4-H Youth who participated as guides and helpers were Terria Mitchell, Paige Polson, Emma Braught, Vincent Grossman, Wade Sizemore, Ian Sanderson, Garrett Campbell, Tabitha Herbstritt and Anna Adkisson from Long Valley 4-H. Redwood Valley 4-H helpers included Wyatt Phillips, Trenton Phillips, and Natasha Looney. Kaylee Dashiell from the Ukiah FFA also helped. Plus Breanna and Maggie Weaver were on hand to help the event organizers move picnic tables donated by the City of Willits.

Some of the displays and activities that captivated the young people's interest included:

- Wool spinning
- Beekeeping
- Seed planting
- Logging and forest management
- Mini-horses
- Western & English Equestration
- Farmer's Market and eating locally
- Soroptomist Fire Training
- Vermiculture (worms)
- Roping
- Pole bending
- Plus many animals

Obviously, many more people had a hand in making this a successful event for the school children. Please accept our sincere thank you.



*Some of the activities at Ag Day included the Fire training house, sheep dog maneuvers, roping, chicken displays, beekeeping, and water quality and use.*

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

### Because of 4-H." An Opportunity for 4-H Alumni to Share THEIR Stories!



The California 4-H Foundation is about to launch a new alumni program. We need your amazing stories of how your life has been shaped "Because of 4-H." This will allow us to refocus on our most important message and image of the incredible people that 4-H helps create — people who, because of their 4-H experience are stepping up to today's challenges and making an impact.

We are looking to our 4-H alumni to help us create the larger 4-H story as we weave this rich and varied tapestry. For more information go to: <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4878>

**The deadline for these stories is June 30th.**

We are asking for your input this month so we can complete a creative project in time for an upcoming alumni event . This is only the first stage of our collective storytelling. As we move forward, we will provide other platforms that give youth, volunteers and parents as well as alumni the chance to tell their stories to create a powerful accounting of 4-H across California.

Questions? Email us at [aleeland@ucdavis.edu](mailto:aleeland@ucdavis.edu)

**Volunteer Enrollment Coordinators** — Volunteers who enroll anyone other than their family members in the 4hOnline system need to be trained, and documentation of their training and understanding of their role must be on file at the county office. Documents and additional information can be found at the 4hOnline web site at: <http://groups.ucanr.org/ca4honline/> (or by contacting your local 4-H office).

**4-H members involved in sheep projects** may be interested to plan ahead and attend the 2011 **National ASI Convention**, planned for **January 19-22, 2011** in Reno, NV. You may visit the American Sheep Industry site, [http://www.sheepusa.org/Future\\_Convention\\_Dates](http://www.sheepusa.org/Future_Convention_Dates) for more information. Please note: There is currently no CA funding available for assistance with attendance.

**The third annual 4-H National Youth Science Day will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2010.** Created to combat a shortage of American young people pursuing science college majors and careers, 4-H National Youth Science Day seeks to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science. 4-H's year-round, out-of-school programming is developed by our nation's 109 Land Grant Universities and is implemented through the 3,100 local Cooperative Extension offices.

**Experiment to Focus on Water Quality — 4-H<sub>2</sub>O.** The 2010 National Science Experiment, 4-H<sub>2</sub>O, will focus on water quality and climate change. Using a three-tiered experiment model, the experiment engages youth of all ages to learn at the simplest level how carbon dioxide can affect aquatic animals, plants and other living organisms in lakes, streams, rivers and oceans. Facilitators will lead discussions to help youth better understand climate change.

The experiment will help youth connect back to their lives by measuring their own carbon footprint, their family's footprint, and estimate energy savings by looking at gas and electric bills. For more information, visit <https://www.4-h.org/NYSD/2010experiment.php>.

**InterroBang**, based on the four grand challenges of the Smithsonian, is a social-network game where K-12 students compete in problem solving missions. These missions engage kids in fun real-word challenges. Participants demonstrate their successful missions by uploading photos, poems, videos, etc. A professional panel, including Smithsonian experts, judges the results and determines winners. To check out the missions, which launch **May 9**, visit <http://www.playinterrobang.com/>.

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](http://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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