



Mendocino County Roundup

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4-H Calendar of Events

March

- 8 Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Willits
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 20-27 2010 National 4-H Conference, Maryland
- 25 Bunko Fundraiser for Trenton Phillips, WA Focus, U4HO
- 27 County Presentation Day, Fort Bragg
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day, U4HO Closed

April

- 10 Rabbit Meat-Pen Field Day, Fort Bragg
- 12 Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Willits
- 15 Club Project Proficiency Enrollments Due, U4HO
- 15 Mendocino County Roundup Deadline
- 17 4-H Extravaganza, Willits - Cancelled**
- 18 Redwood Valley/Calpella Horse Show ***Date Change***
- 24 Potter Valley Rabbit Show

May

- 1 County Council Meeting, Ukiah
- 10 Junior Livestock Auction Committee Meeting, Willits
- 15 Roundup Deadline
- 20 Ag Day, Willits
- 29 State Field Day, Davis
- 31 Memorial Day, 4-H Office Closed



News & Notes from the 4-H Office

Help us help you! So that the 4-H office meets your needs, please help us by emailing whenever possible with your requests for information, supplies, or enrollment changes. With just two of us in the front office, coupled with the extra furlough days we need to take, it helps us immensely! Normally, we are open during the lunch hour; however, occasionally appointments necessitate closing the office. We'd hate for you to come a distance and find the office closed. Let us know you are coming, and we can generally schedule around your visit. For Roundup articles, please send to cemendocino@ucdavis.edu. As always, we're here to help!

J.T. and Linda B.

Deadline to Register is March 15

Presentation Day

Saturday, March 27



Redwood Elementary School
324 S. Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg
Sign-in - 8:30- 9:30 am
Group Assembly - 9:30-9:45 am
Demonstrations begin at 10 am

Need an entry form?
Go to
<https://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>
or
call the 4-H office at 463-4495

Message from the Fort Bragg 4-H Club Hosts....

Our committee has been working weekly with hopes to provide a fun-filled event. Please note, we will have a Silent Auction for a little fun and to raise some money! The Food Crew is planning a yummy menu. We will be serving breakfast items, drinks, and lunch. A judging contest will also be set up in the cafeteria for another fun activity. The downtime is packed full of science, sewing, and other projects. We are looking forward to lots of fun!

The Fort Bragg Club organizers are gathering a list of hotel accommodation for those of you who would like that. Another fun opportunity Fort Bragg can offer you is the Aquatic Center. It is located next door to the Presentation Day location. Bring your bathing suits! We are hoping for a good turn out. Even if you are not sure about doing an actual presentation, come over anyway to join the fun and support your buddies!

Those who receive gold medals at the County Presentation Day are invited to take their presentation to the next level!

Sectional 4-H Presentation Day **Del Norte County** **April 10, 2010**

Details will be available at
County Presentation Day

4-H Summer Camp **Camp Masonite-Navarro June 21-25**

All 4-H members and Counselors in Training (CITs) interested in participating in this year's summer camp are encouraged to send in your registration as soon as possible as the limited spaces are quickly filling. (Chaperone registrations are \$125 and due April 14th.) Forms may be downloaded from our website at <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> or by contacting the Ukiah 4-H office at 463-4495.



Registration is again handled by the Lake County 4-H office. Applications are to be returned to them at 883 Lakeport Blvd., Lakeport, CA 95453. Any questions about Camp may be directed to the Lake County 4-H Office at 263-6838 or jfrazell@ucdavis.edu.

Save Money...Take Advantage of Early Registration

Early Registration \$125 due March 5

Registration \$135 due April 9

Late Registration \$150 due May 7

Space is limited—Registrations are accepted on a first come basis

**Postmarks
OK**

Ag Day - Willits

Thursday, May 20
Willits Frontier Days Grounds

Help!! We will host approximately 1,200 elementary school children and need your help manning stations or guiding classrooms through the stations.

If you can help, please contact Linda Edgington at 463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu.

Incentives & Recognition Committee:

This committee would like one person (adult/youth) from each club to serve on this committee. What does this committee do? At the moment they are working on a "How to assemble your record book" packet. They are also working on updating our proficiencies to be more current and with four levels instead of three. This committee also is charged with deciding which pins to use for awards for Proficiencies and Clean Stall.

For more information, contact Linda Edgington at 463-4495 or lgedgington@ucdavis.edu.

Bunko Reminder...

Bunko Fundraiser for Trenton Phillips
Washington Focus Trip
Thursday, March 25 6:30 pm
Ukiah 4-H Office
\$20/Advance, \$25/door
Info: 485-8855 or 489-7231

\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$



Looking for money for education? There are several opportunities for 4-Hers to help pay for higher education. Most applications are available at the 4-H Office.

- **Mendocino County Farm Bureau Scholarship**
Info: MCFB at 462-6664
(Application packet also at 4-H Office
Applications due March 15)
- **California Farm Bureau Federation**
Info: MCFB at 462-6664 or <http://www.cfbf.com>
Applications due March 15
- **Kohls Scholarship**
Up to \$1000 for college. Info at <http://www.kohls.com>.
Due March 15.
- **Preston Scholarship**
Offered in honor of Dr. Russell Preston, noted physician in Mendocino. Three \$1,000 scholarships available to qualified graduating seniors.
Due April 14
- **Mendocino County Cattlemen's Assoc. Rudy Mora Beef Scholarship**
Due May 1
- **Mendocino Wool Growers Scholarship**
Due July 15



Project Proficiencies Reminder...

Project proficiencies are due in the 4-H office by April 15th. Please have one person compile the list of members, projects and levels that they will be trying to achieve.

The President's Corner

Submitted by Stacey Anderson, 4-H County Council President



Spring is quickly approaching, and our to-do list is growing by the minute. Like always, the last County Council meeting was packed full of important dates and information. Please watch the 4-H Calendar for upcoming meetings, and feel free to join us. Any parents, leaders, or members are encouraged to come to a meeting. Many of our terms are coming to an end, we need some new blood and energy to become part of the Council. At the May meeting, we will be making nominations. You should come or you may be nominated for a position you didn't know you wanted! Just kidding, though please do come or send someone who would like to become part of the Council!

Do you love 4-H and all it has to offer to your children? Maybe you are not quite sure how the 4-H system works yet. County Council Meetings are a great way to learn more about 4-H and what we have to offer at a County Level, State Level, and National Level. 4-H is a wonderful opportunity to educate our children in a fun way with all of those important life skills. If you are not aware of the many different components that are available please check out <http://ca4h.org>. There are exchange programs, governing opportunities, community service, scholarships and so much more.

A couple items that are in the planning process are 4-H Summer Camp, County-wide Presentation Day, Ag Day, and yes we are already working on both the Redwood Empire Fair and Mendocino County Fairs. Please note that Summer Camp is quickly filling up, so get your entry forms in ASAP. The Summer Camp crew does such a great job that everyone wants to come back each year. Along with these events, each club has a few projects under fire, and more County activities are in the works. Our County *Roundup* will try to keep you posted with all of these activities and deadlines.

We can use your assistance with the fair awards program. Our goal is to raise \$8,000.00 to be able to provide awards to both the Redwood Empire Fair and Mendocino County Fair. However, that is a lot of money. We need your help, please! It would be great if each member would bring in at least one donation, it doesn't matter if it is \$1.00 or \$100.00. Each donation is greatly appreciated and much needed. A few things are changing to help to improve the awards program. We are hoping to make everything run smoother and quicker. Do note that some awards have been eliminated to help with cost and the length of the awards program. Watch for those changes in the premium books. On the positive side we are working on the Junior Building to ensure the Best of Show winners will be receiving an award this year. Our overall goal is to congratulate each participating member for a job well done and be able to provide awards to those who have won them.

I hope everyone is having a great 4-H year, and I hope to see you at the next Council meeting!

Stacey

4-H & Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion March 26 through April 18

Spread the word....

Ukiah's Tractor Supply Company is participating in a national Paper Clover Promotion. 4-H clovers are sold and prominently displayed for \$1 or more at the store.



Sixty percent of the clover sales go to our local 4-H program, 30% goes to the National 4-H Council to help underwrite the program, and 10% goes to other land-grant institutions.

4-H Photography Contest & Film Festival at State Field Day

The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team announces two new competitions for the 4-H State Field Day on May 29 at UC Davis.



Photography — Any regular 4-H member may participate; enrollment in a photography project is not necessary.

Film Festival — If you have a love for video production join the State 4-H Field Day's first ever 4-H Film Festival. The theme is "What does 4-H mean to you?"

Visit <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/> for more contest and festival rules, deadlines and other details.



"Club Scribe"

News from county 4-H clubs



Potter Valley 4-H Club Submitted by Britlynn Rodriguez

At our February general meeting we had special guests; the Laytonville Vet Science Club. There was their leader, Shanna Braught, and three members; Emma Braught, Mady Braught, and Linnea Mitchell. We split into five different groups, and every group got their own *cow hearts*. In my opinion they looked disgusting and were huge! Shanna told us how the blood flows throughout the heart. I walked around and took pictures of everyone either loving it or being totally grossed out. Here are a few things people said: "It's the most disgusting thing ever!"— Hailey Thornton. "It was very slimy" —Drina LaRose. "There was a lot more fat than I expected" —Hailey Huey. "It was gooeey"—Garrett Chase. "They were pretty gnarly"—Will Eddie. Everyone poked and prodded the hearts for about a half hour. Afterwards, we said thank you, they left, and the meeting continued on as it normally would.



Right: Shanna Braught is talking to Drina LaRose and Hailey Huey about blood flow in a cow's heart.

Anderson Valley 4-H Club Submitted by Angus Fraser & Cate Soboleski

In December the AV 4-H sold mistletoe at the Holiday Bazaar. We got together for a few hours one day and bundled the mistletoe and put on ribbon. We met at the Bazaar and set up our table. We also did some community service at the AV Grange Holiday Dinner. We all dressed in uniform and helped with clearing tables, washing dishes, and cleaning up after the community dinner.

In January, we started our First Aid/CPR classes with Jan Wasson-Smith. We have learned a lot about what to do in an emergency and will be practicing CPR on dummies in the next few weeks. Everyone who attended the classes will test for their First Aid/CPR certificate. Our next meeting will be on March 2 at 5:30 pm at the Philo Grange.

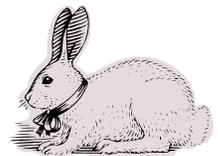
Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club Submitted by Megan Whetzel

At our February meeting of the Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H club, we were lucky to have a few guests. We all would like to thank Nancy Steiner and her Guide Dog group who presented their project to our club. We met the trainers and their dogs which included a 7 week old puppy, a 6 month old, a year old and a retired dog. We also want to thank Trenton Phillips who talked to our club about Washington Focus and how he is going to be able to travel to Washington, DC this summer. We covered a lot of topics at this meeting, and this is going to be a fun 4-H year. Since our community service theme for this year is the Senior Center, we created Valentine's Day hearts and placemats to give to the Seniors for Valentine's Day. Some members delivered the items to the Senior Center on February 8. Our next meeting is March 4, 2010 at the Ukiah 4-H Office. Please be there early so you won't miss anything!

Long Valley 4-H Club Submitted by Garrett Campbell

February has been busy for Long Valley. We had our Annual Super Bowl Sunday Breakfast. It was a great success. We would like to thank everyone who donated items and their time to help make our fundraiser a hit. We really appreciate the cooking project and some of the officers for really making the breakfast work. It was sure a yummy breakfast!

Our projects are all getting really busy trying to get ready for the new year. Kids are getting ready for the animals that they will soon be purchasing, The Communications Project members are working hard on getting ready for Presentation Day. We are very lucky to have such a small community that the 4-H members are getting tons of hands on experience. Braught's had two baby lambs, Whitely's are lambing, Campbell's are getting ready to have piglets, and the swine group was able to bottle feed baby calves, Braught's will soon have kids (baby goats), Kelsay's will be having bunnies, all of which the kids get a chance to enjoy.



We are looking forward to another successful year.

Club Scribe reports continued on the next page.

Willits 4-H Club

Submitted by Jorden Elliott

At November's meeting we did the normal activities. We went over what we had done in our past project meetings. One of us in each project had to go up and say what we have learned and when the next meeting is. A few of our adults got to go judge record books, and a lot of the first year kids did really good for their first time. The adults were very proud.



Then at December's meeting we did a gift exchange. We are still working on collecting cans for the food drive and also warm hats for the cancer patients. We did pictures with Santa and a bake sale as a fund raiser. It turned out really well. We are currently working on getting ideas for more community service for our club. All dates for upcoming project meetings were announced. At January's meeting we handed out record books and awards. Our next club meeting will be Feb.22nd at Blosser Lane School at 7:00 pm.

Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H Club

Submitted by Bryon Norcross

The Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H group met on Tuesday, February 9.

Linda Edgington was our guest speaker. She did a Power Point presentation on record books. It was very good. We learned a lot.

Trenton Phillips did a speech on his upcoming trip to Washington, DC and what it is about, what they will do, and how he is trying to raise money to go. The club voted to donate \$150.00 to him.



Trenton also did a Power Point photo presentation on 4-H camp. Eric Smith helped him explain how camp works and what it is about. There was a question and answer period. Camp forms were available for members to take and sign up. Camp is a lot of fun and the food is great! There's a lot to do.

We had the Valentine contest. There were a lot of funny and very nice valentines.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30 at the Redwood Valley Grange.

Mendocino Spartans 4-H Club

Submitted by Kenyon Begley

On February 8 the Spartan 4-H Club of Mendocino went to Lodge At The Woods to visit the elders. We brought cards we had made, read poems we had written, and gave them cookies we had baked.



Spartan Club again gathered lots of warm stuff like jackets and blankets for the homeless and the people in need. We did this last month too, but there are so many people in need, we decided to do a second drive.

Round Valley 4-H Club

Submitted by Jocey Thiemann

Round Valley 4-H held its meeting on February 1st. We met at the Buffalo Room at 6 pm and discussed our March meeting. We will have a potluck and a Mad Hatter contest. Each member should make a hat for fun. Each project group had a meeting scheduled.



One of our group leaders, Tamela, showed us helpful hints for presentations. We were reminded about Presentation Day in March. Ashley Edwards, President, gave a presentation on Shetlands. The club voted to do a concession stand during FFA Field Day in May. The money raised will help pay for a new scale for the market animals. Our next meeting will be on March 1st at 6:00 pm.

Fort Bragg 4-H Club

Submitted by Myles Anderson

We interrupt this show for a special report...this month in Fort Bragg 4-H we had a guest speaker from Living Light speak about making healthy food choices. We also had a winter dress-up contest where members came in costume as blizzards, Eskimos, and skiers and snowboarders. Our community service this month was donations of cans of food to the food bank. Thanks to Matt Hautala for being the chairman of our community service. Dominique Weaver, Justena Weaver, Lucia Jones, and Mallory Weaver did well showing and doing showmanship at the January Jamboree Rabbit Show in Santa Rosa. Their rabbit leader, Ashley Peters, showed her rabbits and also judged showmanship at the show. Trent Barclay was interviewed by Adriane Lowe and she shared what she learned about him. Congratulations to Sydney Clark for getting the DYNAMITE award this month.

Opportunities & Updates from the State 4-H Office

- State 4-H Leadership Conference Director is looking for a small group of 20 members, ages 15 and older at time of conference to help with SLC. The **2010 State Leadership Conference** is planned for **July 29-August 1, 2010**. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong 530-752-5644 or qtong@ucdavis.edu for an application.
- The State 4-H **Equine Education Advisory Committee** will be conducting an **Art Design Contest** for the State 4-H Horse Classic logo. The winning design will be used on the programs and souvenirs at the State Championship 4-H Horse Show in June. Entries are due **March 31st**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/Artwork%20contest.pdf>.
- The **2011 State Ambassador Application** has been posted on the CA State 4-H website. All interested members who qualify should fill out an application form, <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>. Applications are due by **March 31, 2010**.
- The **2010 State 4-H Horse Classic** - Educational Contests Information, Rules and Entry Forms are now posted online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>. The event will be held on **April 24 & 25** at Reedley College, Reedley, CA. Entries are due **April 1st**.
- Are you a 4-H member or volunteer with experience and interest in technology? Apply to the **2010-2011 California 4-H Technology Leadership Team (CTLT)**! The CTLT increases the use and awareness of technology in the 4-H program through workshops, providing IT support, assistance to 4-H Clubs, and at statewide events. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age or older. Membership is a fourteen-month commitment, July 2010 through August 2011. The deadline to apply is **April 30, 2010**. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/>
- The **Championship 4-H Horse Show** information and rules are online at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp>. The dates are **June 25-27, 2010** at Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, CA. Entries are due June 1st with an Early Bird Special by **May 15th**. There are new classes being offered such as gymkhana walk/trot, versatility and elite showmanship.

- The **Golden Clover Awards** recognize outstanding achievement of 4-H members, volunteers, 4-H program staff, and groups within the 4-H YDP. Applications are due postmarked by **May 31, 2010**. The 2010 applications are now available on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover>. Please nominate a worthy candidate that you believe is deserving of this great honor. Direct questions to Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or email at qtong@ucdavis.edu.

Fun Volunteer Opportunity!

The Gardens Project of NCO is coordinating **Spring Garden Blitz!**, a county-wide work day to get our community-supported gardens ready for the spring and summer seasons. Spring Garden Blitz! will take place on the **first day of Spring, Saturday March 20th**, from 9am – 12pm at community-supported gardens across Mendocino County, including Brookside Farm in Willits, Cleveland Lane and Orchard Apartments community gardens in Ukiah, and the Noyo Head Start Preschool in Ft. Bragg. Activities will include: planting fruit trees and perennials, laying irrigation, taking out asphalt, building a tool shed, mulching, planting veggies, building raised beds, and more! All interested parties should please call for more information. Contact: Kelly Burwell at 462-2596 x 185 or email at Kburwell@ncoinc.org

Feed Seminars...

Rainbow Ag and Purina/Land O Lakes will host feed seminars for sheep, goats and hogs the week of March 23-26. They will supply a pizza dinner to 4-H and FFA members/leaders.

Contact Lory McAsey, Rainbow Ag, at 462-2404 for more information.

Shasta Poultry Show...

To be held on Saturday, March 27 at the Shasta College Farm. Entries due March 19th. For details, contact Leeann Stearns at 530-226-0413.

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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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