



Mendocino County Roundup

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4-H Calendar of Events

October

- 03 4-H County Council Meeting, U4HO
- 04-10 National 4-H Week
- 05 Gold Record Books due from club leaders, U4HO
- 07 National Science Experiment Day
- 08 Record Book Judging
- 10 Eel River Clean-Up, Eel River Rd., Potter Valley
- 12 Columbus Day Holiday, U4HO closed
- 15 4-H Enrollments Due, U4HO
- 15 *Mendocino County Round-Up* Deadline
- 17-18 Pumpkin Fest/4-H Petting Zoo, Ukiah
- 20 Food Safety Training, U4HO
- 24-25 Shotgun Leader Training at Ukiah Gunnery Range
- 25, 31 Community Club Leaders' Financial Reports Due, U4HO
- 31 4-H Cloverbud Field Day, U4HO

November

- 6-8 Statewide Leaders Forum, Pacific Grove
- 14 4-H Achievement Night, Willits Community Center
- 15 *Round-Up* Deadline
- 26-27 Thanksgiving — 4-H office closed

New Member Enrollment Update

During the course of enrolling 4-H members for the 2009-10 year, the questions we've received have had some consistent themes. So we'd like to clarify those questions here.

First, the 4-H age of a member is based on their age as of Dec 31 of the current 4-H year.

Second, Cloverbud (primary members) are enrolled in K-third grade or are five-eight years old. A member becomes a junior member at 4th grade OR nine years of age. That means a third grader who turns nine before Dec 31 can enroll as a junior member (and thus compete for awards and take part in large animal projects). It also means that members in 4th grade and 8 years old count as junior members.

Senior members are in grades 9-12.

Also note that Cloverbud members **may not compete** in any way, whether as part of proficiencies, record books, Presentation Day, Extravaganza, etc. Their record book is different than Junior and Senior members and does NOT carry over to their junior member personal development report (PDR). This is a State 4-H policy, and county programs may not alter it. Counties can, however, be more strict if we so desire.



Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show

Submitted by Linda Edgington



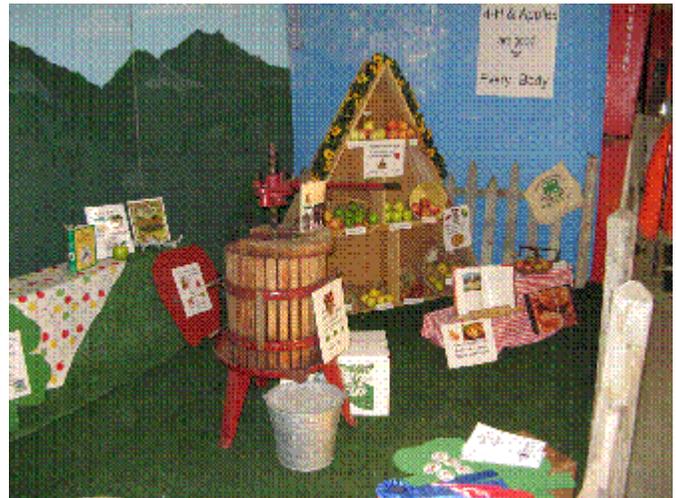
The annual Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show in Boonville took place from September 18-20. Once again, 4-H was front and center at the fair!

Congrats to all 4-H members who entered project animals in the various competi-



tions. And congrats to Jessica Crowhurst of Redwood Valley/Caleplla 4-H for being named 2009 Outstanding Breeder for Mendocino County! To commemorate the award, McAsey Farms in Potter Valley gave Jessica a custom silver buckle, and Ukiah Taco Bell awarded her a \$1,000 check.

In addition, several volunteers and I had an information table in the back of the Apple building. We had many science activities for the kids to play with and learn from. Our theme was "4-H & Apples Are Good for Everybody," and the booth was festooned with science-based apple facts and info about 4-H alike. The booth was a hit, as we were



Snapshot of the 4-H booth

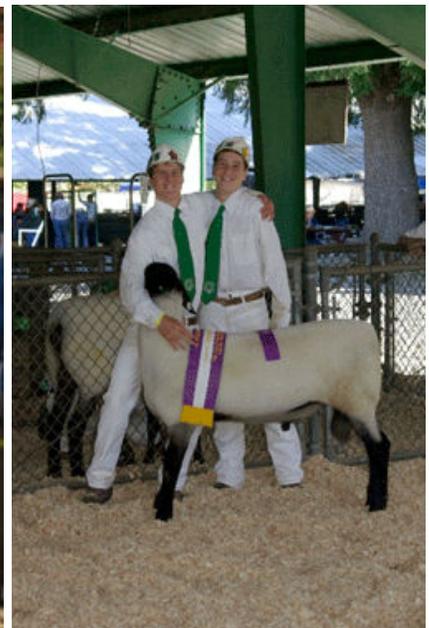
successful in recruiting new members for almost all clubs in the county. Thanks to Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Community Leader Nadine Boer for contributing so many of the decorations we used!

There was also a very small Dress & Lead contest. We had some problems with communication and advertising it, so we are planning an all out effort for next year's fair!

Thanks to Stacey Anderson and Shanna Braught for contributing some of these pictures.



4-H'ers line up with their project poultry



Wil & Chayton (PV 4-H)



“Club Scribe”

News from county 4-H clubs



RV/Calpella 4-H Club **Submitted by Bryon Norcross**

We had our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8. We talked about what we did during the summer. There were a lot of kids who took animals to the fair in Ukiah. Everyone worked very hard, but it was a lot of fun, too. Some of us went to 4-H summer camp. We had a good time and the food was great! Our club president asked us to raise our hand if we wanted to run for an office this year. Lots of kids raised their hands, because there are a lot of offices. There will be an interview process to decide who will serve as an officer. The project leaders talked to us about their projects so we could decide if we wanted to join their groups. There are a lot of things that members can do.

We have a new community leader, Teri Crowhurst. Teri does a lot for our club. Thank you, Teri! Teri talked about the PumpkinFest and the 4-H petting zoo that is happening next month. She encouraged everyone to sign up and bring an animal. It’s fun! Lots of people come by and want to see and pet the animals. The little kids love the rabbits. Last year, the calf kept trying to escape!



The Redwood Valley Calpella 4-H club will have their next general meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Redwood Valley Grange Hall. See you there!

Round Valley 4-H Club **Submitted by Jocey Thieman**

At our September 14 meeting, those who attended signed up for a lot of projects. We elected new officers, including President Ashley Edwards, Vice President Noah Davila, Secretary Noelia Davila, Treasurer Matt Edwards, Reporter Jocey Thieman, Sergeants of Arms Nadia Davila and Kenyon Duke We have our meetings on the first Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be October 5..

Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H Club **Submitted by Megan Whetzel**

The September 3rd meeting of our club was a very enjoyable one. It was a potluck at Todd Grove Park, and the many families came out for some food and fun. The Shamrocks also installed the new officers for the new 4-H year. The officers will be: Madeline Cline as President, Duncan Cline, Marishka Gournon, and Jessica Harris as Sergeant of Arms, Adriaan Boer as Treasurer, Becca Andrews as Secretary, Megan Whetzel as Reporter, Morgan Martinez as Activity Director, Meghan Andrews as Supply Officer, and Kaitlyn Bushby as Historian. Congratulations to all our new officers!! This year promises to be a very eventful and fun one and we all look forward to having new members join. We also have many new projects this year including cooking, rockets, and rifle sports! Our next meeting is October 1st and we will be signing up for projects for the 2009-10 year.



Mendocino Spartans 4-H Club **Submitted by Kenyon Begley**

Our club had its first meeting Monday the 14th of September. We talked about the new kids signing up for projects who weren’t at the enrollment day. Also there was discussion about various project meetings. This year we’ve moved our community meetings to a larger space than we used last year. Our meetings are now held at Preston Hall in Mendocino.

A couple of Fine Arts projects have already met and done some really fun things. By the time you read this, we will have had our first community service activity scheduled for those of us not attending animals at the fair. We will have also participated in the California Coastal Clean Up on September 25th. Our next community meeting will be held October 12th, 2009.

Fort Bragg 4-H Club

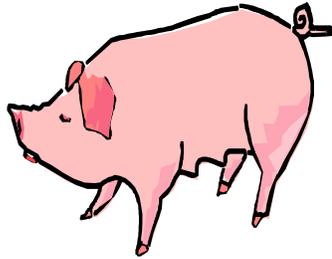
Submitted by Myles Anderson

We were busy over the summer! Our club participated in the Redwood Empire Fair, local parades, and festivals, and we will have attended the Mendocino County Fair in Boonville by the time you read this. Our club did very well at REF. We placed well in our market classes and in showmanship. Our club took 11 swine, two chicken meat pens, three sheep, three steers, and one meat goat to the auction.

We were happy with our auction prices and thank all of our buyers. Many members submitted their art work, scrapbooks, fiber arts, quilts, and lego structures and placed well. Our club was awarded the best in show for our feature booth. Congratulations to Justena Weaver for her award, which she got for her excellent leadership skills and great sportsmanship. Congratulations also to Janet Meachum for receiving the Leader of the Year award.

We have had three different enrollment nights for our club. We have many new members and a lot of returning ones. We have over 90 club members. We are so excited for the new 4-H year and for some of our new groups like cooking and crafts, hiking, and tie-dye.

Good luck to all of our club members who received a gold on their record books and will be going on to judging at the county level.

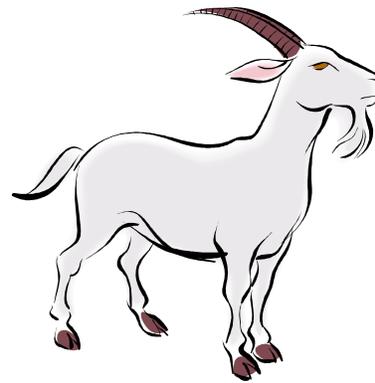


Long Valley 4-H Club

Submitted by Garrett Campbell

We have voted in our new officers for the new year and they are off to a great start. President Paige Polson, Vice President Emma Braught, Secretaries Terria Mitchell and Anna Adkisson, Treasurer Lindsey Ivasku, Reporter Garrett Campbell, Historian/Scrapbooker Mady Braught, Correspondence Secretary Linnea Mitchell. Our Seargents of Arms are Josh Ivasku, Tate Campbell, Collin Spackman-Rowles, & Melissa Adkisson.

We talked about all upcoming event dates & times. We also talked about the projects that we currently have available for returning & new members to sign up for. A couple of our leaders talked about the different projects and what they offer. Two of our



group members, Mady and Emma Braught, went to the Boonville Fair and did an excellent job. Mady took 1st, 2nd and 5th place with her does & Champion Percentage Doe. Emma won 1st place with all her does & Champion Purebred

Doe. Both girls worked very hard in their projects. All does are born & raised in their local project! Congratulation, girls! Here's to a great new year of learning.

County-Wide Projects

4-H is offering the following county-wide projects in the 2009-10 program year. Please take note of them as you consider what projects to enroll in. Contact the Ukiah office for more info.



Communications (Leader: Diane Johnson)
Wood Working (Leader: Neil Elmer)
TRAIL (Leader: Ellen Bartholomew)
Spinning (Leader: Lois Schaer)
Dog Behavior & Training (Leader: Kelly Boesel)
Gardening (Leader: Mendocino County Master Gardeners)
Geocaching (Leader: Joan Duggan)





4-H FERTILE GROUND



A brand-new, science-based after-school program run by teens

Join the
FERTILE GROUND
TEEN TEAM
and you will:

- Have fun, work and learn with other teens
- Get 40+ hours of professional training.
 - Give 40 hours of science lessons.
- Earn money and/or volunteer service hours
- Learn how to organize activities, to teach a topic, work with different age groups.

lots of interactive fun!



hands on science!



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Opportunities & Updates from the State 4-H Office

- **4-H State Fashion Revue** will be Saturday, May 29, 2010 as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. For information, see <http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.
- **My Own Book** (www.myownbook.net), a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the joy of reading, was started three years ago and now distributes over 24,000 books nationwide to less fortunate children. We'd like to see 4-H clubs and groups across the state involved in the My Own Book project. If you are interested, contact Brady and Kyle Baldwin at kyleandbrady@myownbook.net.
- For inexpensive curriculum for 4-H volunteer leaders and members, see the ANR catalog on-line at <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/>.
- **A shooting sports training workshop for the archery discipline** will be held in Modesto, CA on Saturday, November 7, 8 AM - 4 PM and Sunday, November 8, 8 AM - 2 PM. The cost will be \$25. For more info, contact Dan Burner 209-874-2732 (evenings).
- The 2010 **Citizenship Focus Program** will take place June 25-29, 2010. Washington Focus will be June 27-July 5. For more info, see <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

4-H In the News

Jessica Crowhurst (Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H) has been featured not once but four times in the *Ukiah Daily Journal* in recent months! Crowhurst was the subject of a front-page story entitled "Countdown to the Fair" in early August. Next up, she was the author of a front-page article about the 4-H/FFA Large Animal Round Robin, of which she was the winner. On September 28, she was once again on the cover on account of winning the award for Mendocino County Breeder of the Year (see Linda Edgington's story on page 2)! All of that is on top of the July story in the *Journal* that we already mentioned in the August *Round-Up*. Congrats, once again, to Jessica!

Alicia Welling (Willits 4-H), **Colton Pinson** (Willits 4-H), and — who else? — Jessica

Crowhurst were the subject of a September 25th story in the *Willits News*. These three 4-H stand-outs will compete in American rabbit Breeders Association's National Convention in San Diego from November 1-5.

The **Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H club** has been featured twice in recent editions of the *Ukiah Daily Journal*. The July 14 issue ran a blurb on the Shamrocks' volunteer work as "celebrity scoopers" at the Ukiah Senior Center in June. The September 15 *Journal* included a story previewing the recent 4-H Open House (see Linda Edgington's story on the following page).

Announcements Bulletin

Miscellaneous Sheep Equipment Available

The UC Cooperative Extension/4-H office is giving away a collection of miscellaneous sheep equipment, including a flexible shaft shearing machine and a handpiece. Call the 4-H office at 463-4495 if you are interested.

Arabian Horse Looking for 4-H Home

Joy Calonico of Willits has a 20-year-old Arabian she would like to donate for use by a 4-H horse project. This horse is bomb-proof and wonderful with children. She's in good health, and as an Arabian, has a longer life span than most horses. If interested, contact Joy at joycalonico@hughes.net or 354-1999.

Manure Request

Ukiah residents Adrian and Felicia would like high-nitrogen manure for their compost pile. They're particularly interested in goat, horse, chicken, or rabbit manure. If you have some available for them to clean up and haul away, call them at 463-6995.

Have an announcement you'd like to list in this space? Contact Will Parrish at 463-4495 or weparrish@ucdavis.edu.

2009-10 Year Off to a Great Start!

Submitted by Linda Edgington

Well, we are off to a bang-up start! I'd like to take a bit of space here in the Round-Up to fill everyone in on some of the highlights of the first month of the new 4-H year. In addition to what we did at the Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show:

- Tessa Behnke, Lezlie Elmer and I attended Anderson Valley's Back to School Night. We were part of the program for the parents and had an information table in the hallway
- The Ukiah Shamrocks hosted an open house on Sept 22, and it was a full house! Lezlie Elmer, Nadine Boer, and the Ukiah club leaders and officers explained what it means to be in 4-H. Many of those we recruited at the Redwood Empire Fair in August were on hand.
- Tonya Campbell of Long Valley 4-H had a table at the Cahto Indian reservation on Sept 17th, explaining what 4-H is and what it has to offer.
- Fort Bragg is in the course of holding open enrollments for the community on three different dates. There have already been leader orientations held on the coast. The Mendocino Spartans have also had open enrollments.
- Sept 30th was the first inland leader orientation, and we had 14 new leaders attend!

Bi-County Leadership Informational Meeting

Lake County C & L Club (Citizenship & Leadership) is inviting any Mendocino County 4-H members, 7th grade and above, to attend their October 28th Leadership Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake County 4-H office. Topics will include upcoming leadership opportunities such as Cal Focus, Washington Focus, State Leadership Conference, State Ambassador Program, Camp Counselor, and WHY Conference. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Lake County 4-H Office at (707) 263-6838 or nmgentry@ucdavis.edu by October 21, 2009 to ensure hand-outs and refreshments for the whole group.

Cloverbud Field Day — October 31st!

Cloverbud Field day is rapidly approaching. It will take place at the Ukiah 4-H office on Oct 31, 10 a.m.-12 noon. High school 4-H members will work with Linda Edgington to plan and organize this fun, informative, and hands-on event. There will be a variety of stations that the Cloverbuds will rotate to. The tentative list is: 4-H Pledge — motto, colors and more; public speaking; science; and make & take craft. Members will leave the field day with their very own 4-H photo ID card.

VFW Essay Contest

The Ukiah chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars has asked 4-H to feature info on its "Patriot's Pen Essay Contest," available for 6th through 8th graders. Up to \$91,000 in savings bonds are available as part of the contest. For more information, see <http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmtylevel&did=151>. Also, there's "Voices of Democracy": <http://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=cmtylevel&did=150>.

New on the 4-H Web Page



The newest section of the 4-H web page is "Community Leader Resources." Also, check out the most recent blog posts (including info on treating poultry pests) and photos from the Boonville fair by visiting <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> and clicking through to the 4-H page.

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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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