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4-H Calendar of Events

February

- 04 Livestock Expo Meeting, 6:30 p.m. U4HO
- 09 Auction Committee, 7 p.m. Willits
- 16 Mendocino Co. Roundup Deadline
- 18 First Camp Counselor Meeting, 6:30- 8 p.m., U4HO
- 24 Registration Deadline for 4-H Livestock Expo
- 25 Livestock Expo Meeting
- 28 4-H Livestock Expo-Redwood Empire Grounds

March

- 02 Entry Forms Due- Presentation Day, U4HO
- 07 Extravaganza Field Day
- 09 Auction Committee, 7 p.m. Willits
- 11 Camp Steering Committee, 6:30 p.m., U4HO
- 14 County Presentation Day, Laytonville
- 16 Mendocino Co. Roundup Deadline
- 19 Coast Ag Day, K-5th grade, ROP center, FB
- 28 County Council Meeting, 9 a.m., U4HO

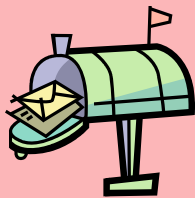
April

- 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 U4HO
- 15 Mendocino Co. Roundup Deadline
- 17 4-H Extravaganza! entry forms due, U4HO
- 25 Potter Valley Rabbit Show, Potter Valley
- 26 Redwood Valley/Calpella Horse Show **Key: U4HO=Ukiah 4-H Office**

**Goodbye and
Thank You,
Francine Niles!
Welcome Will Parrish
February 9!**

Due to increased mailing and printing costs, we will soon begin using the internet for publication of our newsletter. Those with email addresses will receive an email note when the new issue is posted. We will continue to mail to those without email.

Please be sure to let us know if your email or mailing address change!



Russell Preston Scholarship applications now available!

Up to 3 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be given to graduating seniors who are actively participating 4-H members and have completed 4 years of club work with plans to continue their education. Scholarship details are available at <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu> or at the Ukiah 4-H Office.

Application Deadline is April 14th — due in the Ukiah 4-H by 5 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Sadly we say goodbye....

For the past ten years, Arlene Fuller has put her creativity, energy and enthusiasm into developing a dynamic program that primarily served youth on the Mendocino Coast. She has created a host of projects that engaged youth enrolled in 4-H clubs as well as reaching out to local schools and the community. Her innovative projects have included after-school holiday



crafts, video production and the Coast Water Festival, among many others. Arlene's involvement in the community has been invaluable to our program. It is with great sadness that I must announce Arlene's lay-off. Due to cutbacks at the state level, we have had a reduction in funding resulting in the necessity of staff layoffs, unfortunately that includes Arlene. We hope that this situation is only temporary and have been working diligently to obtain outside funding through grants.

In the meantime we will be making some changes to ensure that the coast clubs, leaders and youth members are provided the support that they need to be successful. As of January 15th your questions regarding policy, procedures, or other issues can be directed to Linda Edgington, 4-H Program Representative; Linda Blatchford, Office Manager, or me. We will do our best to make sure that this transition is as smooth as possible. While the coast office will only be open by appointment for awhile, I think we will be able to address your needs as we move forward. Linda and I will both be traveling to the coast more often and will do our best to continue to get to know you and your members. We will be looking for an alternate location (a school perhaps) for the 4-H library that can be accessed during normal business hours, so if anyone has ideas please let us know. In addition we will be visiting during community club meetings to listen to feedback and ideas of how to best support our members in this difficult time. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, ideas or concerns. Thank you for your patience.

Julia C. Fetherston

4-H Youth Development & Human Resources Advisor

Reflections about change...

The unexpected news of a layoff is obviously difficult. For the past 11 years I have been involved in some of the most fulfilling work I have ever done, and for it to be cut short at this point is very hard. Through the 4-H program I have had the pleasure connecting with many dedicated, fascinating and motivated people. I feel fortunate to have made new friends and to have learned so much. I appreciate and thank you for the encouragement and support you have given me; it has been a joy working together on common goals and meaningful projects. How gratifying to know we can make a difference in the life of a child!

On the bright side, I will continue as a 4-H volunteer with a few of the projects I initiated in the fall. Additionally, I am committed to the important work I have been doing with watershed and environmental issues. This year the Coast Water Festival will be held in conjunction with the Earth Day celebration on the coast. This a terrific opportunity to collaborate with the people involved at Noyo Food Forest and there will be opportunities for coast 4-H youth to be involved.

I feel encouraged by the efforts of Julie Fetherston and John Harper to seek funding, and I am hopeful that this period of economic hardship will be brief. I will miss you all very much, and I wish you the best of everything in the months to ahead.

Arlene Fuller

Presentation Day Is For Everyone!

There is Still Time to Sign Up

This event is for ALL new & returning 4-H members!

Deadline to submit your entry form is March 2.

When: Saturday, March 14, 2009- Presentations begin at 10 a.m.
Where :Laytonville High School, 250 Branscomb Road, Laytonville
Hosted by Long Valley 4-H Club

Participating in Presentation Day...

- Helps you to be a more confident and relaxed speaker
- Is mandatory for each 4-H Star level
- Is fun as you learn more about your topic



Need an entry form?

Go to <http://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>
or contact the 4-H office
463-4495

Information you need to prepare for Presentation Day is on the 4-H website:

<http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp>,
scroll down the page for the link to the manual.

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 from the Mendocino County 4-H website (<https://cemendocino.ucdavis.edu>) under "Camp Forms." For those without internet access, the camp application packets are available at the Ukiah 4-H office or by calling 463-4495. Registration is once 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.

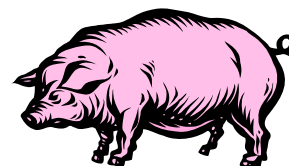
Save Money....Take Advantage of Early Registration!

HANDS ON LIVESTOCK EXPO

Last Day to Register...
February 24th
\$10 payable to
Mendocino County 4-H

Saturday, February 28, 2009
8 am to 5 pm

Redwood Empire Fairgrounds
Carl Purdy Hall
1055 North State Street, Ukiah



Have you registered yet? This is not your ordinary Ag Class! What is the Expo? It's an activity filled day that will be like spending a day in vet school. See the schedule below.

8:00—8:30 am **Early Bird Registration and Skillathon** (High point cumulative Skillathon winner of the day earns silver buckle!)

8:30—9:00 **General Registration** continues

9:00—12:00 **Quality Assurance and Ethics** by Dr. Jeff Goodwin, an entertaining expert in the field

12:00—2:00 pm **Working Lunch** where you can attend hands-on labs featuring:

1. **Carcass Evaluation** by Jordan Fricke (a recent CSU grad who will show you what to look for in carcass finish, premium cuts and how to apply that information to your animal on-the-hoof.)
2. **Dissection Lab** by Dr. Mike Lane (UC Davis vet school professor) and some of his Students who will show you the digestion system of ruminants as well as other systems.
3. **Parasites in Poop** by Dr. Matt Portillo (4-H Youth Development Advisor for Butte County) who will teach how to test for parasites and develop your parasite-control plan. (You can bring your own parasite sample!)
4. **Livestock Judging Team** by Crystal Waters (Chico State senior and Mendocino 4-H alumni) will give a demonstration on livestock judging at the collegiate level.
5. **Ask a Vet Booth.** Available will be Dr. Sarah Mason, a Lake County veterinarian.
6. **Livestock Inspector Booth.** Be sure to talk with Mary Ann Underhill for information on bio-security.

PLUS MUCH MORE! There will be dozens of local vendors, breeders, feed suppliers and industry organizations represented and all giving away door prizes to a lucky visitor to their booth. More Skillathons will also be available. All this, and lunch provided in a backpack, so you can eat while you work!

2:00 — 4:00 **Species Workshops.** All market species including beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, rabbits and poultry will be represented showcasing the most up-to-date information to help you raise your animal this year. Experts from around the state will speak on selection, showing, fitting and more. There are opportunities to ask questions of some of the industries' best producers.

4:00 — 5:00 **Awarding of prizes,** large and small. Lots of opportunities to win!!

**Registration form available at cemendocino.ucdavis.edu
(click on the calendar listing), or at the Ukiah 4-H Office.**



Have you ever wondered
what Extravaganza
really is?
Come on by and find out!

Field Day for Extravaganza

Saturday March 7th 9am-12 noon
Ukiah 4-H office

This event is open 4-H members and the public, so bring your friends!
We have an exciting morning planned for you!

Fashion Revue: we'll show and explain all the categories from Clothing construction to Clothing Selection and even embellished wearable accessories. This years' special contest will be an apron using a Simplicity pattern #9565.

Favorite Foods: we'll demonstrate how to set a table, make a menu, pick a recipe and answer questions about safe food handling. You'll also learn how to answer questions from the judges. New this year is a cookie contest.

Still Exhibits: This is a wide open category, we'll show you what you can enter and even have a few hands on activities such as creating your own scrapbook page. Some of the categories are photography, fly tying, welding, drawing/painting, and quilting to only name a few.

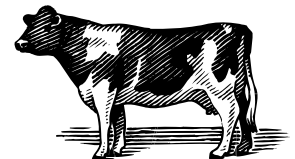
So don't be shy, come and see how 4-H is MUCH MORE than animals! We ask that you RSVP by March 2 so we'll have enough handouts and goodies for everyone. The Extravaganza Event will be held on May 2 at Eagle Peak School, so you'll have plenty of time to use what you've learned at this Field Day to enter the Extravaganza.

For more information or registration please call the Ukiah 4-H office at 463-4495.

Opportunities & Updates from the State 4-H Office

- The University of California, Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences **33rd Annual Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day** is March 6 & 7. **Registration deadline: February 13:** Visit their website for more information at: <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/StudInfo/clubs/NewsEvents/Events/fieldday>.
- **4-H Members:** Are you ready to conduct a 4-H Presentation? Many types of presentation await you: demonstrations, science demonstrations, displays, speeches, readings, and more! The 4-H Presentation Manual, 2009 Impromptu categories, and list of **2009 Sectional 4-H Presentation Days** is now available online at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/>.
- If you receive a gold at your county and sectional 4-H presentation days, plan to present at the 2009 State 4-H Presentation Day on **May 30, 2009** at UC Davis!

COOL= Country of Origin Labeling



The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced their final rule on mandatory country of origin (COOL) labeling for commodities including all livestock used for meat. The rule becomes effective on March 16, 2009, and includes 4-H animals sold at the fairs

Normal records of births, sales and purchases should be kept, along with the normal affidavits being used by the rest of the industry. When folks buy cattle or other livestock, the seller should supply this form.

For more information and copies of the COOL affidavit, check out the following websites:

USDA at: www.ams.usda.gov or
National Cattlemen's Beef Association at:
www.beefusa.org



"Club Scribe"

News From Our 4-H clubs

Round Valley 4-H Club

Submitted by Kenyon Duke Reporter

By our December meeting was fun. We had our ornament exchange, where the different groups made animal ornaments to exchange. I made a pig because I am in the swine group. Members also brought in canned food for our canned food drive. The food will go into gift baskets, given out at Christmas. We also had a cake walk which I always enjoy as my mom is very tight with sugar at our house. The horse group helped out with the Round Valley Lioness craft fair at the Round Valley recreation center before Christmas.

In February the swine group will be responsible for refreshments at the community meeting. We are all starting to gear up for the new year, with new projects, new ideas on what we would like to see! Our January meeting was held at 5:30 pm on January 5th, 2009 at the Round Valley Indian Tribes Administration, Buffalo Room. We would like to thank the Round Valley Indian Tribes for making their meeting room available to the Round Valley 4-H.

Spartan 4-H Club

Submitted by Seamus Begley

The Mendocino Spartan Club had a great 2008.

In December, the Spartan Group closed the calendar year with a party. Food, drinks, and goodies were there. A baking project took place during the party and we all decorated cookies.

The Community Service Committee helped the less fortunate by purchasing small toys and useful household things to be stuffed into stockings. The committee members had previously taken the stockings home and decorated them. This was fun. At the December meeting, the items were sorted into age groupings, and stockings were stuffed for specific aged kids. The stockings were given to Safe Passage for distribution.

Fort Bragg 4-H Club

Submitted by Kelsey Price

In December community service was donating blankets and sleeping bags to the Humane Society for the animals. Our club went Christmas caroling at Sherwood Oaks Convalescent Hospital. We also gathered and donated 91 pounds of canned food to the local food bank. Mendocino Coast Hospital invited our club to help in their disaster drill that was being held at the Coast Guard station. Many of our members helped out by being burn victims on a boat that had an explosion. They all had a lot of fun!

This month we make valentines to hand out to the people living at Sherwood Oaks. We do it every year because we know how much the people enjoy receiving our valentines. We are looking forward to our swim and skate party at the Recreation Center in a couple of weeks.

Redwood Valley 4-H Club

Submitted by Jessica Crowhurst

At our December meeting, we had a potluck and an awards ceremony. There was a huge turnout, with over 80 people. The decorating committee did a great job and the Grange looked awesome! The Grange has been great for our meetings, and we're really glad we get to use it. We also collected a lot of food at the meeting to donate to the Food Bank. Our rabbit project served at the Community Center and helped pass out food for Christmas dinners. We were there for 2 hours, and we all enjoyed it. People were really grateful for all the good food.

At last month's meeting, our community leader, Tom Rawles, explained what parliamentary procedure is, and how to properly make a motion. He taught us that to make a motion, we should say, "I, (state your name) **move**" All our projects are up and running. We're learning about parliamentary procedure, and we're out serving our community. This year is off to a great start.



Shamrock 4-H Club

Submitted by Adriann Boer

During the January 8th meeting of the Ukiah Valley Shamrocks 4-H Club, a prepared talk was given by the officers regarding Presentation Day. The officers discussed the different types of presentations for the Presentation Day March 14th in Laytonville. We reviewed the events upcoming for our club. Members in our various projects gave reports on their meetings and their activities. A very funny skit was performed by the officers and the members folded and cut up paper to make snow flakes.

Our next meeting is February 5th at 6:30 at the Ukiah 4-H Office on Bush Street.

Hopland 4-H Club

Submitted by Kylie Stutsman

Hello to all 4-H people,

Hopland 4-H held its first fundraiser for the year at the Hopland Field Station Sheep Dog Trials. It was fun, and we had a pretty good turnout. The T.R.A.I.L. program met and did a lot of cleaning this month. If anyone is interested in joining the T.R.A.I.L. program, they can sure use the help.

High 4-H Club

Submitted by Trenton Phillips

High 4 H is off to a great start. We have 20 members enrolled. Our members are from Willets, Redwood Valley, Ukiah, Hopland and Potter Valley. High 4H is for High School students to get together to participate in Community Service, learn from each other and of course have fun. At November's meeting we elected our new officers. In December we had a Scavenger Hunt and shopping trip in Santa Rosa. We had to search in the Railroad Plaza/ Santa Rosa plaza mall for 15 statues, get our teams picture taken

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with them and find the answer to 15 questions. Everyone had fun and got wet and cold. Two teams completed the challenge and answered all the questions correctly in the two hours allowed, a coin was flipped and Macaela, Tessa and Kayla all won Starbucks Cards. In February we are planning to go Ice skating the date has not been chosen. In March we are going to host the food at Presentation Day in Laytonville. High 4 H meets the Second Wednesday of the month at the 4 H office in Ukiah.

State Rabbit Field Day

Mendocino County was well represented by Alicia Welling, Jessica Crowhurst and Colton Pinson at the State Rabbit Field Day in Rohnert Park on Jan. 10 this year. All three of them are serious competitors who study hard and prepare before an event like this. Their hard work paid off, as Alicia Welling placed second in Senior Showmanship, won Judging, won Breed Identification and went on to be the Overall High Point Winner in the Senior Division. Jessica Crowhurst won Senior Showmanship, placed second in Breed Identification, and was 2nd place overall high point winner in the senior division. Colton Pinson placed second in Junior Showmanship. He won Breed Identification, and went on to take 3rd place overall high point junior. A new event offered this year was the Rabbit Knowledge Contest. Jessica Crowhurst was the top scorer, winning the Senior Division, and Alicia took third place.

State Rabbit Field Day is an event offering several competitions in primary, novice, junior, intermediate and senior age divisions. Showmanship is the first event. Judging is another competition, in which the kids have to judge and place two classes of four rabbits, in two different breeds. The Breed Identification contest involves being able to identify 25 rabbits and write down each rabbit's breed, variety, whether it is a 4 or 6 class breed and it's showroom class.

State Rabbit Field Day is a great place to practice skills, test knowledge, learn more and have fun with friends. If you are interested in rabbits, consider joining the fun for next year!

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Web Sites

National 4-H Council
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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