4-H Extravaganza

Date: February 11th
Time: 6-8 pm
Place: 975 Broadway (new First 5 Building) Get map here.

Come one and all! This year let’s get the county 4-H community together. We will have arts & crafts, pot luck dinner serving Tri Tip, side dishes and desserts, we will also have a lively game of Bingo! Get with your community club leader and find out what to bring. If you want to play Bingo please bring a gift ($5 and under) to play with.

4-H Bee Keeping Project

The will be Foothill Bee Keeping meeting on Feb 25, 9-12, 2012 at 12200 B Airport Rd., Martell, in the GSA building near the County Airport.

All members interested in developing a bee keeping project should attend this meeting to learn how to do a Bee keeping project.

This is a great opportunity for our members. Contact Larry Jones, 267-5674, or the Master Gardeners Office, 223-6838.
Here are the results for this years Presentation Day!

Haley Anderson                Silver
Riley Anderson                Gold
Danielle Dentone              Gold
Macie Dentone                Gold
Nicole Dentone               Gold
Emma Franklin               Silver
Clayton Holmes               Silver
Anastasia Karnaze             Gold
Elianah Kosinski             Silver
Abigail Poppert         Gold
Elianna Poppert              Gold
Christian Santinelli          Gold
Emma Schluter                Gold
Ashlyn VanDeHei              Gold
Jayden VanDeHei              Gold
Karson White                 Silver
Kory White                   Silver
Chico State Sheep and Meat Goat Educational Day and Sale is on February 11, 2012! Join us for a morning of educational workshops covering nutrition, fitting and grooming, showmanship, health, retail meat identification and project animal selection. Below is a list of workshops and speakers. We will also be offering around 60 lambs and 15-18 meat goats for sale. For more information or to see some of the consignments and lists of consignors, visit www.clublambpage.com/chicostate or follow us on facebook (Chico State Sheep and Goat Unit)

New this year – we are having to charge for the event. The admission charge is $5 per person, children 9 and under are free. Each paid person will receive a raffle ticket for our raffle ewe lamb and buyers will be refunded their $5 if they purchase a lamb or goat in our sale!

Workshops:

Sheep Selection and Sale Quality Evaluator – John Hawkins from Hawkins Club Lambs in Oregon
Meat Goat Selection – Stephanie Horton from HJ Boer Goats in Escalon, CA
Sheep Showmanship – Kadee Buckmaster, Chico State Student
Meat Goat Showmanship – Michael Ackley-Grady, Chico State Student
Sheep Fitting and Grooming – Jordan Baumgartner, Chico State Student
Meat Goat Fitting and Grooming – Jon Blevins, Blevins Boer Goats, Live Oak, CA
Necropsy Demonstration – Dr. Gary Darling, DVM, Chico CA
Retail Meat Identification and Meats Judging – Dr. Patrick Doyle, Chico State Faculty
Sheep and Meat Goat Nutrition – Gretchen Richards, Honor Show Chow Sales Representative

General Schedule:

8:00 AM – Registration and Breakfast Concession (provided by Junior Members of Northern California Meat Goat Association)
9:00 AM – Welcome and Introductions
9:30 AM – Workshops start (30 minutes each, everyone can go to 4 – your choice)
11:30 AM – Workshops conclude – Lunch and Preview Sale animals
11:30 AM – Consensus Judging for Lambs and Goats
11:30 AM – Lunch (Concession lunch provided by Junior Members of Northern California Meat Goat Association)
12:30 PM – Sale order ready
12:45 PM – Stockdog raffle prizes announced! Main prize is a Border Collie puppy!
1:00 PM – Sale begins – Payments will not be accepted until 5 minutes after the last animal sells! We take cash and check – sorry, no credit cards!
Shenandoah Valley 4-H Club Achievement Night

Shenandoah 4-H held their Achievement Night and received their pins and certificates. All star Chelsea Anderson gave out their awards.

Shenandoah’s goat group attended U.C. Davis Goat day. They learned about health care and aspects for your goat. Thomas Condon, Mary Rose Condon, Danielle Dentone, Macie Dentone, Nicole Dentone, Abigail Poppert, Elli Poppert and leader William Baldard all improved their goat handling skills that day.

Amador County Fair Fundraiser

The Amador County Fair is once again hosting their 2nd Annual Fair Aide (formally called Battle of the Bands)

This is a great fundraiser for our fair. 4Her’s that benefit from the fair should work a shift at this event.

Some of the featured events will be:

- Dutch Oven Cook-Off
- Tri-tip Cook Off
- Lots of fun things for the kids to do
- Home & Garden Show

The Amador County Fair began in 1938. In the past some funding has always come from State funds generated by horse-racing while the majority of funds are generated by our own activities and donations of property, cash and talent. With the horse-racing funds depleted, the State is now threatening to cut all support for county fairs.

California Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 95 (AB95) March 24, completely eliminating funding for the California fair network. Without additional sources of revenue, more than 30 fairs, including Amador’s, are threatened with closure.
Amador County Fair

Look for changes this year to make sure the fair will be here for future generations!

The fair is looking for volunteer groups to help out this year. They need help in a variety of different areas (gates, parking, etc.) to offset expenses. Spread the word!

New this year **online entries only** (if you do not have internet access the fair will have computers available, libraries are also available, & the 4-H Ext. office) Project leaders will need to go to the fair to verify entries are accurate & to sign them. Livestock entry deadline is June 20th.

**Premium Book Changes:** Pg. 31, new rule: Exhibitors will be limited to exhibiting 20 rabbits total (excluding market rabbits).

Pg.46, replacing Rule D. Market Sheep will have to be slick shorn prior to the vet check on weigh in July 24h.

Amador County Junior Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting

JLAC will meet on: March 22nd, May 24th, June 28th with a year end wrap up BBQ/Swim Party on August 11th. Meetings are held in the Fairgrounds Board Room at 6 PM

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NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: will be held on March 6, 2012 at the GSA small conference room on Airport Road at 7pm.

UCCE OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 5:00 pm  
Office is closed noon to 1:00pm.

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