June 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17th at the CCWD Board Room in San Andreas. It begins at 7 pm. All 4-H families are welcome to attend! You do not need to be a 4-H leader to attend. Parents and 4-H members may also represent your club.

Please note that there will be no May 4-H Council meeting.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

May 13th, Calaveras Fair Weigh Ins (see entry information for all details at www.frogtown.org)
May 14-17th, Calaveras Fair
May 25th, Memorial Day HOLIDAY
June 1st, All Star Applications Due
June 17th, Calaveras 4-H Council mtg., 7 pm, CCWD old Board Rm., San Andreas (behind S.A.M.M.)
June 30th, 4-H Club Record Book Judging deadline
July 1st, NEW 4-H Year BEGINS!
July 15th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting/Council Elections, 7 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas
July 15th, Record books due to Calaveras 4-H Office for county judging
July 18th, Countywide Record Book Judging, Calaveras County Office of Education, adult judges will be needed. Must RSVP the 4-H Office by July 15th. Clubs that don’t provide judges will not have books from their club judged. Please no children.

4-H Radio Project!
By Hope Baird, West Point 4-H Club

The West Point 4-H Club’s "4-H RADIO PROJECT" is locally produced by member Sylvia Hood, now in her 2nd year of radio communications. The final show of this 4-H year will air on Thursday, May 14th, between 9:30A and 10:00A on KQBM FM 90.7 and online streaming at KQBM.org. The theme will be (what else??!?) "Going to the County Fair", just in time for Opening Day of the Calaveras County Fair. The show includes interesting interviews with our club leader Anita and the guiding light of 4-H in Calaveras, Jennifer Goerlitz. You'll also hear tips about raising animals at home, and Sylvia's poetic
and musical takes on this fun American tradition. Get your County Fair days off to a great start by listening to our show on the 14th!

Looking For A Variety of 4-H Projects Leaders

Primary (also called Cloverbuds) Project Leaders Wanted! Diverse projects - robotics, summer camp, etc. If you know someone or are interested in leading projects that include science, engineering, technology, GPS or other types of projects, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office, 209/754-6474.

Maker's Fair!

Fairgoers will have the opportunity to participate in our mini Maker's Fair. On Thursday in the Exhibits Tent, folks will be given the opportunity to be creative. Great event for kids! The competition will be pipe cleaner art, loom art and card making. After the contest, a panel will judge the creations and ribbons will be awarded. There is limited space, so sign up at the Exhibits Tent on Thursday, May 14th. The competition begins at 2 pm. For more information contact the Calaveras Fairgrounds, 209/736-2561 or visit www.frogtown.org.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Games of Chance and the 4-H Program

Q. What is a raffle?
Answer: A raffle is an activity that requires no skill in order to win a prize. Prizes are awarded through the purchase of chances.

Q. Can 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs/units or Councils conduct raffles?
Answer: No. 4-H participants cannot conduct raffles. Proposition 17 sets forth rules that govern lotteries and charitable raffles in California. It states that private non-profit organizations can use these methods of fundraising.

Public non-profit agencies, such as the University of California 4-H Program are not legally permitted to conduct lotteries, raffles, bingo or other games of chance (4-H YDP Policy Handbook Section 703.2B 3b). The 4-H Program receives funds from both state and federal sources and is a public non-profit.

Q. Can 4-H members sell raffle tickets as a fundraiser for their club or for other organizations?
Answer: No. 4-H members cannot sell raffle tickets to fundraise for their club or other organizations, as a 4-H member or representative.

Q. If another organization runs a raffle and donates the money to a 4-H club, can the 4-H club accept these funds?
Answer: Yes. A 4-H club can accept funds raised by another organization through a raffle if they are to be used to further the educational mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program. However, the use of the 4-H emblem and clover are protected under the law and cannot be used to promote raffles (section 703.2B ; .703.2B 3a,b).

Q. Can raffles occur at 4-H sponsored events?
Answer: No. Raffles cannot take place during 4-H sponsored events; it implies an endorsement of activities that are against our policies.

Q. What is the difference between a raffle and a drawing?
Answer: In a drawing everyone has an equal chance to win a prize and there is usually no money involved to be included in the drawing. A raffle is a lottery where an individual’s chances of winning are increased by the number of chances that they purchase.

Q. Can a 4-H event offer door prizes?
Answer: Yes. If everyone is given an equal chance then this activity is considered a door prize or drawing. There should be no purchase required to participate in the door prize.

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New Healthy Living Curriculum

The newest addition to the 4-H Curriculum is Be Safe: Safe, Affirming, and Fair Environments. Every day across our communities, young people are faced with feeling unsafe, disconnected, unsupported, and harmed because of bullying, harassment, and other forms of violence. This new curriculum is designed to help young people aged 11 to 14 and adults work in partnership to create environments that are physically and emotionally safe. It draws from extensive research from a variety of key disciplines – as well as evidence-based bullying prevention programs.

This Curriculum was created by subject-matter experts at Michigan State University. Limited quantities available.

Curriculum For Ag Science, Forestry & Small Engines

Woods®, a Blount International brand, is a 4-H supporter, helping youth learn about and develop a passion for agri-science, forestry, and small engines. Through a partnership between Blount International and National 4-H Council, funds have been designated to promote life-skill development through 4-H education. For every $50 you spend on the 4-H Mall (order subtotal, after discount, before shipping), you will receive 1 free curriculum set of your choice Forestry, Small Engines, or Agri-Science Curricula. To redeem, simply send an email to 4HStuff@fourhcouncil.edu with your order number or call us at 301-961-2934 within 24 hours after you’ve placed your order and let us know which set you would like to receive. Limit 10 free sets per customer. While supplies last.

Advance Prices and Savings For Exhibitors!

Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee

May 14-17, 2015

Thursday/Friday Adult Admission - $8.00
Friday Senior Admission - $5.00
Saturday Adult Admission - $10.00
Sunday Adult Admission - $12.00
Friday/Saturday Child Admission (6-12 yrs) - $5.00
Sunday Child Admission (6-12 yrs) - $8.00
Single Day Unlimited Carnival Wristband - $20.00
Daily Parking - $5.00
Lot A Parking - $20.00
Season Parking Pass - $20.00

To Be Eligible for Exhibitor passes you must: have entered an item in the Fair for competition, be competing in Miss Calaveras, Calaveras Idol, or Saddle Queen, or competing with a Frog Jump team.*

4 Day Unlimited Carnival Wristband Exhibitor - $49.95
4 Day Admission Wristband Child Exhibitor - $15.00
4 Day Admission Adult Exhibitor - $25.00

Advance tickets are only available at the Frogtown box office until May 13 at 5 p.m. For online purchase options visit frogtown.org

LIVESTOCK NEWS

A Request From the Tower Family

The Tower Family, Caltel and Calaveras Telephone have requested that, in the event they purchase your animal at the Junior Livestock Auction, please do not give them a gift. In lieu of a gift, please make a donation to a scholarship of your choice.

Winning – At What Cost?

As fair time and various competitions approach we often hear parents and leader concerns about the ethics of some participants in the 4-H program. The following short story fits very well in the discussion of WINNING IN 4-H.

We hear, "We just know that member did not do the work on the outfit entered in the 4-H Home Arts Expo -- her mother did it!" "You know that kid who was County Winner -- his parents did the record book!" "Did you see those parents grooming that animal at the fair...and then the kid wins the showmanship contest!" "I just know that member has not had that animal for 60 days before the fair. This is obvious favoritism".

Sometimes, there is little or nothing that can be done about personal ethics as it affects the way people behave when they are involved in a competitive situation, or any situation for that matter. 4-H is not set up with a system of policing and it shouldn't be. The infractions that help youth WIN AT ANY COST are few. People will violate the rules, whether it be ignoring the speed limit, cheating just a bit on income tax or littering along the highway. Because 4-H involves people it is unlikely that those who have such values and standards will be eliminated.

But there is an opportunity to open lines of communication with the young members of the program about what is right and wrong and that right and wrong are personal decisions. We can help them when they are young, but that will be THEIR decision to make as they grow older and become more independent members of the great American society. Those who must WIN AT ALL COST are the losers in life’s game. A WHALE OF A PRICE TO PAY TO WIN.

Adapted from Humboldt County Gram, Charles Hilgerman

THE TEN Commandments OF SHOWING LIVESTOCK

As the Calaveras County Fair nears, read these “Ten Commandments for Parents of Youngsters Showing Livestock” by Clyde Lane, Jr., Extension Specialist from the University of Tennessee.

1. Thou shalt not feed, train, and care for thy animal for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring for thou hath made mistakes, too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show activities for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his or her opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

West Point 4-H Club News!

Saturday May 23rd we will be having another petting zoo at the Feed Barn in Jackson. Saturday May 30th we will be having a petting zoo at the Amador County Animal Shelter. Also at the fair the ice cream social will be on Wednesday, May 13th from 6-8 pm. Any of these events please feel free to join us and if you have any questions call Anita (209)293-4451 or send a message back.

LISTEN UP Livestock Leaders, Parents and Members!

To: Calaveras County Fair Livestock Leaders and Exhibitors
Fr: Laurie Giannini, CEO/Fair Manager
Re: California Drought

As you are aware California is in a drought. As a fairgrounds and an Ag District the board and staff have been on the forefront of water conservation. We have a plan for the next 60 days that involves the cooperation of all of our exhibitors and leaders.

At the April 8 board meeting the Fair board voted that the 2015 Junior Livestock Show will be a natural show. There will be no washing. We will need to keep the animals hydrated and safe.

Please remember the following:
1. Wash your animals before your come to the Fair.
2. Use products that do not need to be washed out.
3. Clip, fit and shear before you get to the Fair.

Water is our most important commodity. The Fair will also be limiting the use of the water truck. (Only for safety and dust control.) We will be limiting the amount of time we run our water features. We are on a regimented watering schedule and have reduced the number of seasonal flowers. Some areas are not receiving any supplemental watering.

Thank-you in advance cooperation. Please forward this information to your parents and exhibitors.

Laurie Giannini
Calaveras County Fair
CEO- Fair Manager
May 14-17, 2015#
Livestock Curriculum

Thanks to a donation from Tractor Supply Company, with every purchase of our Horse Curriculum Set (Item 01523S), you will receive one set of your choice of the following curriculum: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, or Veterinary Science. To redeem, simply send an email with your order number to 4HStuff@fourhcouncil.edu or call us at 301-961-2934 within 24 hours after you’ve placed your order and let us know which set you would like to receive. Limit 5 free sets per customer. While supplies last.

Sacramento County 4-H Mountain Horse Camp

We are trying to get a few more horse kids to come to our annual Mountain Horse Camp. This has always been a favorite of the horse members in our county, but as with many 4-H activities, the number of kids coming to horse camp from Sacramento County has been declining over the past few years. So we are reaching out to our surrounding counties in an effort and fill our available spots (this is a "first come first serve" opportunity). Campers must be 12 years old or have graduated from the sixth grade. They must also be a second year member in their 4-H Horse Project. This year's Horse Camp dates are July 12 - 18, 2015.

We have created a Facebook page with photos and more information. So click the link enjoy the photos and hopefully some of your members will be able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity..
Please contact us at mountainhorsecamp@gmail.com

Thank You, Robert McNabb
NASCO'S LIVESTOCK SHOWING BOOT CAMP

FEATURING: Associated FEED & SUPPLY CO.

Saturday, May 9th
8:00am - 4:00pm

SEMINARS OFFERED

Beef Cattle with Blaine Rodgers: 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
Swine with James Backman: 9:00 am - 11:30 pm
Ethics Training with John Mendes: 12:00 pm
Dairy Cattle with Tony Garcia Jr.: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Sheep with Nick Warntjes: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Boer Goats with Stephanie Jefferson: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Limited to stock on hand.
No other discounts apply.

4-H hats, scarves, and ties & FFA scarves and ties available.

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eNasco.com/farmandranch
4825 Stoddard Rd Modesto, CA 95356
March 23, 2015

Dear Bird Owner:

We are investigating an incidence of H7N3 Low Pathogenicity Avian Influenza that was detected in a commercial turkey operation in Merced County, California.

To date, the avian influenza strains detected within the United States, including the H7N3 strain, have not been found to be transmissible to humans. Properly cooked poultry and eggs are safe to eat. Birds from the involved flocks will not enter the food system.

Avian influenza, commonly called the bird flu, is a disease found in a wide variety of domesticated and wild birds. Cases are classified as either low pathogenicity or high pathogenicity based on the severity of the illness they cause in poultry. Once introduced into an area, infection can spread through bird-to-bird contact or through contact with contaminated people, feed, or equipment. It is important that you are aware of the signs of avian influenza and the methods you can use to reduce the risk of your birds becoming infected.

Your birds depend on you to keep them healthy. If you observe signs of illness or increased mortality, please call the Sick Bird Hotline, your local CDFA Animal Health Branch District office, or the USDA Veterinary Services (VS) toll free number below. We also encourage you to submit any dead birds to the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory’s Necropsy Services for California Backyard Poultry Owners Program (information included).

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For more information, please visit:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Avian_Influenza.html

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Rawson
USDA APHIS Assistant District Director SPRS 6

Dr. Annette Jones
California State Veterinarian
Q. What is Avian Influenza (AI)?
A. Avian Influenza (AI), commonly called bird flu, is a disease found naturally among wild aquatic birds worldwide and can infect poultry and other bird and animal species.

Influenza is characterized by two groups of surface proteins known as hemagglutinin (H) and neuraminidase (N). There are 18 different types of hemagglutinin proteins (H1-H18) and 11 different types of neuraminidase proteins (N1-N11), resulting in 198 possible subtypes, many of these affecting birds.

AI viruses can also be classified into low and high pathogenicity forms based on the severity of the illness they cause in poultry. Most strains are classified as low pathogenicity AI (LPAI) and typically cause little or no clinical signs in poultry. In contrast, high pathogenicity AI (HPAI) causes a severe and extremely contagious disease. While LPAI is considered lower risk, some LPAI H5 and H7 types have the capacity to mutate into HPAI.

Q. What are the clinical signs of AI in birds?
A. Low pathogenic AI signs may include: Nasal or eye discharge, swelling below the eyes, difficulty breathing, and decreased appetite/water intake.

Highly pathogenic AI signs may include: bleeding, bruising, bluish/swollen combs or wattles, a significant drop in egg production, and sudden death with mortality rates that can approach 100 percent in a flock. When poultry are infected with HPAI, they may die before they show any symptoms.

Q. How is the disease spread?
A. Migratory waterfowl have been found to be carriers of recent AI virus strains found in poultry. Influenza primarily spreads by contact between healthy and infected birds and through contact with contaminated equipment and materials. The virus is shed in the feces and in secretions from the nose, mouth and eyes. Contact with infected fecal material is the most common method of bird-to-bird transmission.

The AI virus can spread in the air between birds in a poultry house and between poultry premises with the movement of contaminated equipment, or by people carrying the virus on their shoes, clothes or hands. It can also spread to other flocks on unwashed eggs. Airborne transmission of virus from farm to farm is highly unlikely.

Q. Does LPAI/HPAI exist in the U.S.?
A. Incidents of LPAI are occasionally detected in domestic poultry. In early 2015 and for the first time in over 10 years, multiple incidents of HPAI (H5N8 and H5N2) have been found in migratory waterfowl, backyard flocks and commercial poultry flocks in the U.S. Commercial poultry flocks have been affected in California and Midwest states (e.g. Missouri and Minnesota).

Q. Does AI affect pet birds (e.g. parrots, parakeets)?
A. Although it is rare, AI infection is possible in pet birds if they come into contact with infected birds.

Q. What should you do if your birds have signs of AI?
A. If your birds have signs of AI, or may have been exposed to birds with the disease, you should immediately notify your local veterinarian, the Sick Bird Hotline, local CDFA District Office, or USDA-Veterinary Services.

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If you observe signs of AI in wild birds or wild waterfowl, please call:
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Wildlife Investigations Laboratory
916-358-2790

Q. How is AI diagnosed in birds?
A. Swab samples taken from the throat and/or the cloaca, blood samples and sick or dead birds are sent to a USDA-approved laboratory. The California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory system, with facilities in Davis, San Bernardino, Tulare, and Turlock, is the primary laboratory used in California. If a screening test is positive, the samples are sent for confirmatory testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa. The final analysis determines if the strain is HPAI or LPAI.
Q. What will happen if your birds are confirmed positive for AI?
A. If birds are confirmed positive, USDA and CDFA personnel will work with you to eradicate the disease and depopulate the flock if necessary.

Q. How are birds monitored for AI?
A. USDA, CDFA, county cooperative extensions, veterinarians, poultry businesses and bird enthusiasts collaborate to ensure that various populations of birds are tested for AI to detect any incursion as soon as possible.

USDA and CDFA veterinarians are trained to diagnose foreign animal diseases, such as AI, and investigate any suspicious diseases. This effective surveillance relies on close communication between veterinarians and farm personnel. Animal health officials also screen birds for HPAI where live birds are sold, such as at live bird markets, feed stores, pet stores and swap meets.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), federal wildlife agencies and universities collaborate to survey wild birds in a national wildlife surveillance plan.

Q. Does AI threaten human health?
A. Some strains of AI viruses can infect people having close, direct contact with infected birds.

There is no immediate public health concern associated with the current strains found in the United States.

The potential for the virus to mutate into a form that spreads from person-to-person is a serious public health concern. Since December 2003, a growing number of Asian, European and African countries have reported outbreaks of HPAI; the rapid spread of HPAI is historically unprecedented and of growing concern for human and animal health.

Q. Does proper food handling prevent AI?
A. Ongoing surveillance and mandatory inspections prevent diseased poultry from entering the food chain. Proper handling and cooking of poultry and eggs protects people against the virus. Poultry and egg products imported to the U.S. must meet all safety standards applied to foods produced in the U.S. Safe food handling and preparation is important at all times.

Poultry and eggs that have been properly cooked to internal temperature of 165°F are still safe to consume. Birds from affected flocks will not enter the food system!

Q. Is there an AI vaccine available in California?
A. No, an AI vaccine is not available or approved for use in the State of California. Although AI vaccines can be found in other parts of the world, they are not commonly used because no vaccine covers all the strains of the disease.

Q. What can poultry producers and backyard flock owners do to prevent AI?
A. Poultry producers and backyard flock owners should strengthen their biosecurity practices. Biosecurity includes any practice that can reduce the risk of introducing disease to a premises.

To be effective, biosecurity must be practiced diligently at all times, without exception, by everyone that comes in contact with the premises. Here are some important tips:

- Discourage waterfowl from using ponds on your property and consider draining these, if feasible.
- Keep poultry confined in houses and/or enclose an exercise area with netting.
- Avoid use of water that comes from sources where waterfowl may congregate during migration.
- Avoid waterfowl hunting during migration; otherwise, ensure clothing, footwear, vehicles, etc. used during hunts are laundered and/or disinfected.
- Do not to co-mingle chickens and other poultry with waterfowl (wild or domestic).
- Do not share birds, equipment or feed with other bird owners.
- Avoid visits to other backyard flocks or poultry operations and restrict access to your birds.
- If visitors are necessary, provide disposable coveralls, boots, and head coverings.
- Scrub and remove all debris from your footwear, giving particular attention to the soles, with soap and water and spray with a disinfectant.
- Consider using a disinfectant foot bath with a scrub mat at the entrance to your bird area.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect (C&D) vehicles and equipment entering or leaving the premises.
- Protect flocks from exposure to wild birds, rodents and insects.
- Control movement associated with the disposal of mortality, litter and manure.
- Isolate and observe new flock additions and returning show birds off-site for 30 days for signs of disease.

For more information, please visit: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Avian_Influenza.html and http://www.aphis.usda.gov/.

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California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory

Necropsy Services for California Backyard Poultry Owners

The California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Laboratory System is the backbone of California’s warning system that helps to protect the health of California’s livestock and poultry. CAHFS serves the people of California by safeguarding the public health with rapid and reliable diagnoses for animal diseases affecting humans. CAHFS operates in partnership with the CDFA, UC Davis, livestock and poultry producers, and California Veterinarians.

Veterinarians and Owners of Backyard Poultry are encouraged to submit sick or recently dead birds for necropsy (postmortem) examination

- Standard diagnostic work for one or two birds per submission is performed at no charge* to the owner.

- The necropsy service is available to California backyard flock owners of fewer than 1,000 birds (chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and squab). Free service does not include pet birds, game birds, or racing pigeons.

- If submitting a recently dead bird(s), carcass(es) must be kept cold (in a cooler or equivalent).

- Submission form must be included at time of submission. Submission form, guidelines, and shipping instructions can be found at: [http://cahfs.ucdavis.edu/submission_forms/index.cfm](http://cahfs.ucdavis.edu/submission_forms/index.cfm)

- This program assists with the State’s surveillance program to monitor and detect immediate threats of disease.

- The information obtained from the diagnostic work is invaluable for monitoring the spread of disease.

*If delivered by mail, shipping and handling costs are at the owner’s expense.

For more information contact a local CAHFS laboratory or CDFA:

CAHFS - Davis Laboratory
University of California
620 W. Health Sciences Dr.
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: (530) 752-8700
cahfsdavis@cahfs.ucdavis.edu

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18830 Road 112
Tulare, CA
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cahfstulare@cahfs.ucdavis.edu

CAHFS - San Bernardino Laboratory
105 W. Central Avenue
San Bernardino, CA
92408
Phone: (909) 383-4287
cahfssanbernardino@cahfs.ucdavis.edu

CAHFS - Turlock Laboratory
1550 North Soderquist Rd.
Turlock, CA
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