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The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

April 2014

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April 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 23rd at the CCWD Board Room in San Andreas (Note: this is the **4th Wednesday** for the month of April only). 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

March 29th, Sectional 4-H Presentation Day, Wellman Hall - UC Davis

April 7th, 4-H Home Arts Expo deadline

April 12th, Mountain Ranch 4-H Chili Cook-Off

April 12th, Livestock & Home Arts Entry Forms due for Calaveras Fair

April 19th, 4-H Home Arts Expo, hosted by Angelus Ranus 4-H Club

April 23rd Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas

May 14th, Calaveras Fair Weigh Ins - see Entry Guidebook for all details at www.frogtown.org

May 15-18, Calaveras Fair

May 26th, Memorial Day HOLIDAY

June 18th, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas

June 30th, 4-H Club Record Book Judging deadline

July 1st, NEW 4-H Year BEGINS!

July 16, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas

July 16th, Record books due to Calaveras 4-H Office for county judging

July 19th, Countywide Record Book Judging, Calaveras County Office of Education, adult judges will be needed. Clubs that don't provide judges will not have books from their club judged. Please no children.



What Are You Up To In 4-H?

Is your club or project holding a fundraiser? Are you participating in a community service event? Did you enter your 4-H project in a show & would like to share your experience & what you did? 4-H members, please consider writing an article and submit it for the next 4-H newsletter. You can receive credit in your 4-H record book! Please submit your articles to Jennifer Goerlitz, 4-H Program Coordinator, jggoerlitz@ucanr.edu .

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CALAVERAS 4-H COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 19th, 2014

President – Chris Markus Vice President - Kenny Reed

Secretary – Patty Reed Treasurer – Kathy Carlin

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. In attendance were the following clubs: Angelus Ranus (0) Murphys (0) Mountain Ranch (3) San Andreas (3) Tri-Dam (2), West Point (1) Jenny Lind (5) Mokelumne Hill (0) Copper Hills (0) Calaveras Wranglers (4) and Ex-Officio (1) Guest (0)

West Point -- Two members attended Presentation day. Ticket sales continue for their Tri-tip dinner

Jenny Lind -- Several members attended Presentation day and two are going to Sectionals

Tri-Dam - - Held Judging contest in February

San Andreas - No report

Mt. Ranch Getting ready for the 3rd annual chili cook off April 12th

Wranglers – Seven members attended Sub-Regional Presentation Day and 3 are going to sectionals

Murphys - - No report

Correspondence: S.H.A.R.E.S. quarterly check brought in \$79.29

Additional Agenda item None

Reports

Secretary Report: Patty Reed – January Minutes read motion to approve Kelsey M 2nd Anita motion passed

Treasurer report: Kathy Carlin – January treasurers report read Motion to approve Kelsey M 2nd Jarrod S. Motion passed

All Stars: Chris Markus Elena gave a recap of her project and stated that she learned quite a lot about Public Speaking, advertising and gained organization skills for planning a large event. She thanked everyone for making the project possible.

Staff: Jennifer reported that we have 222 members and 65 leaders. UC Cooperative Extension celebrates its 100th Birthday. There will be a celebration May 2nd from 3 to 6pm at the Master Gardener Demonstration Garden in San Andreas. Members are encouraged to bring projects and displays to the event. Chris M and Anita will help with the organization.

Geocaching Project - Countywide geocaching is being offered at New Melones. Sign up by March 14th

Jennifer is asking for new display boards for fair. The ones currently being used are quite old.

July 1st new policy - - Every 4H event, club and project meeting will be required to provide drinking water

4H is looking at the uniform statewide and discussing possible changes.

Children's Fair is scheduled for April 12th at Bret Harte. RSVP to Jennifer

Old Business

Sub-Regional Presentation Day - -Jarrod S reported that the event went very well and there were many good presentations. Elena was busy with her judging contest and it was fun. Kayomi also report she had a fun day, Kim P stated the judging contest provided an activity for the members during the down time and would like to see this continue and Jennifer sent a Thank you to JL 4H for hosting the event.

Fundraising - - Kelsey reported on Round Table fundraiser set for March 25th. Round Table will give back 20% of profits to Council.

T-shirt fundraiser Chris Markus – volunteered to chair the \$100 for 100 sponsors

Candy sales --candy has been distributed and sales are well underway

Kiss the Pig - Kelsey reported things are well underway in the contest.

4H Council Bylaws - - Needed to provide a specific term limit for Council officers. Motion to have a 4 year term limit made by Anita 2nd Kelsey, motion passed.

4H Booth at fair - Setting up the booth at fair will be Jennifer, Chris, Sylvia, Traci & Jim Farrell and anyone else who can help. We are always looking for new display boards. Amy Barry suggested an activity such as a Touch N Feel box that way no staffing is needed the entire time.

New Business

Board of Supervisors March 25th RSVP to Jennifer by March 19th. 4H members are encouraged to bring a small animal etc. to say Thank You. Need homemade items for gift bags (donated by Michelle C.)

Ag Awareness day RSVP by March 11th ... Agriculture Awareness Day is March 20th

Record Book Clinic March 4th Tuesday RSVP by Feb 20th.

Adjournment: 8:45 Motion to adjourn 1st Kelsey M - 2nd Kim P - Motion passed meeting adjourned.

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West Point -- Ticket sales continue for their Tri-tip dinner, It’s pick up only

Jenny Lind -- Planning for Knowledge Bowl, annual dinner fundraiser & design contest to decorate the club stock trailer. They are also looking for a derby car

Tri-Dam - - Looking forward to Ag Day

San Andreas - Alpaca group had 2 new babies. Several members attended the Poultry Show in Stockton and won Reserve Champion Turkey.

Mt. Ranch Still looking for judges for the 3rd annual chili cook off April 12th. The rabbit project attended the Turlock show

Wranglers – Planning on a play day and attending the Horse Expo

Correspondence: Ironstone presented us with a \$2500 donation for Concours 2013 participation.

Additional Agenda item None

Reports

Secretary Report: Patty Reed– February minutes motion to approve as read with correction to spelling error Kelsey M 2nd Kyra motion passed

Treasurer report: Kathy Carlin – February treasurer’s report read. Motion to approve Kelsey M 2nd Kyra Motion passed

All Stars: Chris Markus reported on the recent record book clinic. It was a success with Julia in attendance

Staff: Jennifer Reported Home Arts Expo scheduled for 4/19 entries due by 4/8
Geocaching Project - Countywide geocaching is being offered at New Melones. Signups continue
Children’s Fair is scheduled for April 12th at Bret Harte. RSVP to Jennifer
100 Yr Celebration plans continue. Amador planning a Science fair, Tuolumne also making plans and Chris M is the coordinator for Calaveras. Shasta, from San Andreas 4-H Club, along with other 4-H’ers and the local TV (CCTV) is making a video and hopes to have it ready for the event.

Old Business

New Fundraising ideas -- Kelsey reported on Round Table fundraiser set for March 25th. Round Table will give back 20% of profits to Council.

Candy sales --candy has been distributed and sales are almost complete with only a few bars left

4H Record Book Clinic Jennifer reported there were many new members in attendance making the event a success with lots of great questions and members really learned a lot about record books.

Kiss the Pig - Kelsey reported things are well underway in the contest. We have 5 or 6 in the running to win the grand prize of Kissing a Pig at fair. Kenny R. has offered his pig, Bubba to be the recipient of the KISS.

Cundiff & Bettencourt Family requests - - Requests were made to close current bank savings accounts linked to 4H, deposit the monies into Calaveras 4-H Council’s checking account and open new savings accounts strictly under the Memorial Scholarships. Kim P made a motion to accept the request as read in the letter sent by the families, 2nd Susan W motion passed.

4H Booth at fair - Setting up the booth at fair will be Jennifer, Chris and Sylvia and anyone else who can help. We are always looking for new display boards.

Ag Awareness – reminders and updates for tomorrow’s event.

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New Business

Ironstone Chris Markus will send thank you letter to Gail at Ironstone, on behalf of Council. Letters to Gail are always appreciated especially from members. Chris had received a thank you letter and expressed her joy at receiving a thank you from 4-H members, for her help at a different event.

Farm to School Network Jennifer reported on upcoming programs to promote healthier eating and using local resources in getting from local farms/gardens into the schools.

Adjournment: 8:28 Motion to adjourn 1st Dezani B - 2nd Kayomi P - Motion passed meeting adjourned.

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4-H Home Arts Expo Entry Reminder

The 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held on April 19th at 10 am, Mark Twain Elementary in Angels Camp. This is a terrific opportunity for 4-H members of all ages to show off a project that they have made or produced this 4-H year within their 4-H project. Entry forms are due by **April 8th**.

If you have a project such as arts & crafts, foods, soapstone, welding, sewing, etc. please consider attending. All details and entry forms are at

http://cecentralsierra.ucanr.edu/Events_Workshops/?calitem=231944&g=45464

Need An Updated 4-H Club or Project Roster?

Your 4-H community club leader should be able to generate a list for you. But, you can also contact Jennifer at the 4-H Office for a roster of your club members.

2013 Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships

The 2013 Statewide 4-H Higher Education Scholarships are available for application and due to the State 4-H Office, submitted electronically by **May 1st**. To view the full list and description requirements of the scholarships available, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/>

Golden Clover Awards



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 1st**. The applications are now available on the state website at:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/> .

Please nominate a worthy candidate that you believe is deserving of this great honor!

California Agriculture License Plates

This is a project spearheaded by the CDFA that began about 6 years ago. The DMV required at least 7,500 pre-orders before approving the license plate. They received the minimum on pre-orders and now the plates are being produced and can be ordered <http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg/reg17.pdf>. Annette Leeland has clarified with Josh Eddy, Executive Director of the California State Board of Food and Agriculture, how proceeds from the license plate sales will be used to support agricultural education programs. A small portion of the plate fee (about \$1 per plate) will go into a fund every year when a plate is renewed or a new plate purchased. The fund will be used to issue grants from CDFA to organizations doing agricultural education. The grant eligibility and distribution process are currently being determined.

Please help spread the word about the "California Agriculture" license plates. This is an important movement in raising the profile of agriculture and helping to support the next generation of agriculture industry's innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders.

For additional information and FAQs visit: <https://secure.cdfa.ca.gov/eqov/calagplate/>

April 2014 Issue – California State 4-H Newsletter#

What will you find in the CA 4-H newsletter? Information about upcoming scholarships and awards, event dates and deadlines, program and research updates and stories from the field.

You may access the PDF document at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/186902.pdf>

The Word version of the newsletter is also available for viewing here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/186914.docx>

Find an archive of all 4-H newsletters on our website: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/News/>

Ironstone Concours Foundations Makes Generous Donation to 4-H!

Foothill counties 4-H youth members, staff and leaders have participated in the Concours since its inception in 1993 and 2013 was again a huge success. Hundreds of guests enjoyed the car show on the grassy winery grounds along with silent and live auctions and buffet and gala lunches. 4-H members in their white and green uniforms set up project displays, greeted and visited with guests, competed in a public speaking event, and handed out awards including their popular bags of homemade cookies. A few lucky 4-Hers signed up for the early morning shift welcomed car owners as they arrived.

4-H members look forward to the Concours each year as they get to share their project work with the public and explain what 4-H is all about. Gail Kautz said, "I remember seeing a young 4-H'er with a goat on a leash talking to guests next to the 5 million dollar Bugatti that was a gift for the Shah of Iran." Being a past 4-H volunteer leader herself, she loves to see the 4-H'ers and makes a point to visit with them throughout the day.

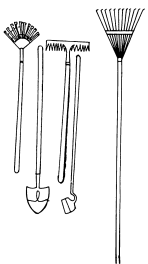
4-H members from Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Amador, El Dorado and San Joaquin counties are requested to participate in the Concours and received donations when they do. The Ironstone Concours Foundation also supports Calaveras and Bret Harte FFA programs, Calaveras and State Fair scholarships, and last year completed their \$100,000 pledge to help build the California State FFA headquarters in Galt.

The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance takes place Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10-4:30 on the grounds of Ironstone Winery in Murphys. For more information call 209-785-4234 or see <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/>.



Upcoming Master Gardener Events in the Demonstration Garden

Government Center, San Andreas



April 25th, Spring Plant Sale, 3 – 5:30 pm

April 26th, Open Garden Day, 10 am – 2 pm & Spring Plant Sale 10 am – 12:30 pm
Topic: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (Defending your garden from critters and attracting Beneficial insects).

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop - Pistol Discipline

Friday, May 2nd, 2014 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Facility Location: Madera County 4H class room, 328 S. Madera Avenue, Madera CA, 93637-5465

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the pistol discipline will be held at the Madera County 4H office in Madera, CA. This is a one day-twelve hours course. This course will be held indoors using the Creedmoor portable air gun range and Crosman Silhouette 1700P PCP pistols donated by the NRA. Participants may also bring their own **AIR** pistols to use should they choose. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a volunteer and can lead a pistol project at the club level. The cost for this course is \$30.00 to cover the instruction binder each participant will receive. Teen leaders are invited to attend. Eye protecting will be provided, however, students may bring their own eye protection if desired. Polycarbonate prescription eye glasses are acceptable.

To register for the course or receive more information, contact Sammy Ashworth at [\(559\) 707-0755](tel:5597070755) or email sdashworth@gmail.com Please fill out and bring the medical documents listed below.

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/20100.pdf>

<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/4726.pdf>

Knitting for a Cause!

Create as many hats or blankets as you'd like in any shade of soft, PURPLE, baby-friendly yarn; mixing in white or blue is also encouraged!

Your knitted or crocheted caps and blankets (and purple baby quilts too!) will be given to babies in Amador County to help educate parents about the Period of PURPLE Crying, a normal but frustrating period of increased crying all infants experience in the first few months after birth. This program teaches parents about normal infant crying, how to cope and helpful tips. For more information, contact 209/223-5921 or visit www.purplecrying.info

Club & Project Leaders – please announce!

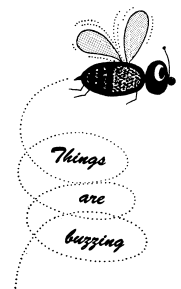
Many 4-H families are not receiving the 4-H newsletter. The 4-H Online program that is used for enrolling each year, has a check box that can be clicked for 4-H families to receive the newsletter. Unfortunately, that is not a feature that automatically signs a family up to receive an email reminder when the latest newsletter is posted.



Please announce at your next club or project meeting, that they must go to http://ucanr.org/sites/Calaveras_4-H_Program/Clover_Country_Newsletter/ and enter their email address in the “**Subscribe**” box to receive the reminders about when the latest newsletter is posted. Thank you for spreading the word!

Update on Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

Please note that although social media is a great resource for disseminating information about upcoming club and project meetings, we cannot rely on these channels as the only form of communication. Not everyone uses social media, nor has a computer. Phone tree committees are an ideal way to remind families of upcoming meetings, and the committee members receive credit in their record book, too! The earlier a project leader can plan the next meeting date, the better able people will be to make attendance at the meetings. The ideal arrangement is to plan the full 4-H year at once, so there is no confusion later.



Fair Entry Deadline April 12

Calling all Calaveras County artists, bakers, canners, crafters, wine makers, welders, wood makers, & floral enthusiasts! Enter your wares in the Calaveras County Fair. Entry forms are due on April 12th by 5 pm.



LIVESTOCK NEWS



Livestock Entries Due

Livestock entry forms are due on April 12, 2014. 4-H Livestock exhibitors should make sure they have the following:

- Livestock Entry Form
- Release & Waiver of Liability
- Large Animal Insurance Form
- Livestock Exhibitor Show Entry Certification Rules Form
- Bill of Sale or Registration paper work

The Fair office will be open until 5 p.m. that day. There is also a drop box for your convenience. Entry information can be found at frogtown.org. Contact entries@frogtown.org if you have any questions.

Porcine Epidemic News – Swine Projects Alert!

The USDA has confirmed that porcine epidemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) has been identified in the United States for the first time through testing at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory. This is not a new virus, nor is it a regulatory/reportable disease. Since PEDV is widespread in many countries, it is not a trade-restricting disease, but rather a production-related disease. The purpose of this circular is to provide fair's with more information on PED strategies.

PED is a viral disease that is associated with outbreaks of diarrhea and vomiting in swine. PED is not a zoonotic disease, does not affect people, and is not a food safety concern. The disease is most severe in young pigs, but can affect pigs of any age. The disease can cause death and loss of production. Most older pigs recover from the disease within 7-10 days. There is no treatment for PED.

While many of the details surrounding the virus are still unfolding, what is known is that it transfers via swine feces and survives in manure for extended periods of time. That means anything that manure and the virus contacts can be a source of infection. Remember to maintain strict biosecurity protocols.

Below are links to three very important handouts from the National Pork Board. Please take the time to also read and distribute these important fact sheets:

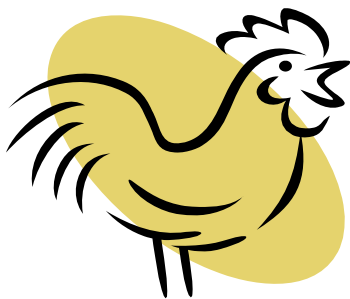
Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV) – What Is It?
<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/PEDV-WhatIsIt%20v2.pdf>

Swine Health Recommendations: Exhibitors of all Pigs Going to Exhibits or Sales
<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/RecommendExhibitor.pdf>

Swine Health Recommendations: Organizers of Exhibitions and Sales
<http://www.pork.org/filelibrary/RecommendOrganizer.pdf>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 916-296-9530 or email jcarlson@calexpo.com .

Agriculture Awareness Day



A big 'THANK YOU' goes to all of the 4-H members and their parents for their participation at Agriculture Awareness Day, which was held on March 20th at the Calaveras Fairgrounds. Students from all over the county were bussed to the event and learned about agriculture in Calaveras County. 4-H members taught about horses, goats, poultry, guinea pigs, llama, alpaca, dog, cavy and rabbit care. See pictures of this event on our Facebook page.

Rabbit Hopping and More at Barbi Brown's Bunnies April 13th#

April 13th we will be hosting a Rabbit Hopping demonstration and lesson for beginners. Bring your favorite rabbit that you think has "the right stuff" to show off and perform. It is great fun.#

We are also pleased that judge Ray Stacy has agreed to join us to do registrations for us. Bring your bunnies and pedigrees as well as your ARBA card to get them done. A rough count of how many plan to bring rabbits to be registered will be appreciated. It will be first come first serve as long as forms hold out.

The Demonstration will run from 11 a.m. to 2 pm at Barbi Brown's Bunnies barn at 15167 S. Airport Way, Manteca, CA 95336.

I look forward to a fun day with friends, 2 legged and four!

Barbi Brown
<http://www.barbibrownsbunnies.com>

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK PROJECT LEADERS!!

Please remember to check with your Community Club Leaders before signing livestock entry forms. 4-H members are required to attend not only 80% of your project meetings, but also must satisfy the Calaveras 4-H Attendance Policy of attending community club meetings to be eligible to show at the Calaveras Fair. You will also need to have completed your fingerprinting and leader orientation, and be a registered 4-H leader to sign fair forms.

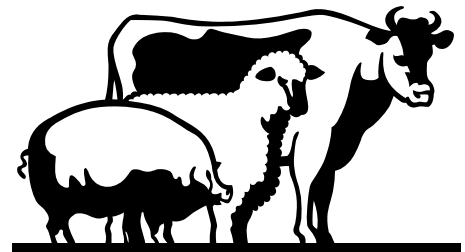
CONTACTED YOUR BUYERS YET?

The following article is printed annually in the *4-H Clover Country* newsletter.

Yoo-hoo!!! Are you a 4-H member who plans on selling livestock at the Calaveras Fair auction? If so, NOW is the time to approach prospective buyers for your animals. Here are some ideas you are ENCOURAGED to use to guarantee a successful sale for you.

- Contact your buyer from last year either by note or phone call. Thank your buyer again for their support of your project and 4-H. Let them know that you will again be selling livestock and look forward to seeing them.
- If this is the first year you are anticipating selling livestock at the Fair or your buyer from last year is no longer available your best option is to advertise. What this means is that there are many "potential buyers" out there. They are just waiting to be approached by you. We often have heard comments about "how So & So never even came to our Fair until a 4-H'er in the community just asked them to come and buy." Many of those people are still buying every year!
- You may feel uncomfortable approaching a person or business. If you have a friend who is also in your situation perhaps you can advertise the auction together. It is highly encouraged that you be wearing your 4-H uniform when approaching people. It shows you are a willing and dedicated individual to your potential buyer.

The time is now to start moving!!! Don't wait until the last minute to find a buyer or contact your last year's buyer. You may find yourself out of luck because someone secured the buyer before you. You will only have yourself to blame so hop to it and GOOD LUCK!!!



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