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The Newsletter for the 4-H Family

Clover Country 4-H Newsletter

April 2015

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April 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd 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 28th, Mountain Ranch 4-H Chili Cook-Off
 April 7th, 4-H Home Arts Expo deadline
 April 9th, Agriculture Awareness Day, Calaveras Fairgrounds
 April 11th, Children's Fair at Bret Harte H.S.
 April 11th, Calaveras Fair entries due
 April 18th, 4-H Home Arts Expo, hosted by Angelus Ranus 4-H Club
 April 22nd, Calaveras 4-H Council meeting, 7 pm, CCWD Board Room, San Andreas
 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.



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 MINUTES

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

CCWD Board Room, San Andreas

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Council President, Chris Markus
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nikki Bell. 4H Pledge was led by Kaomi Payne
2. Additional Agenda Items – none
3. Roll Call and Club Reports:
Angelus Ranus – (3) Cake auction on Monday to help pay for wrist bands for Fair
Murphys – not present
Mountain Ranch – (2) planning chili cook off
San Andreas – (4) Arrived after ethics class
Tri-Dam – (1) no report at this time
West Point – (1) getting fair projects started
Jenny Lind – (3) starting annual dinner planning – working with Calaveras Consolidated Fire Auxiliary; 19 members in swine; Lego Robotics is wrapping up, these kids are planning to help other Lego projects
Mokelumne Hill – not present
Copper Hills – (2) working with community garden and getting ready for fair
Calaveras Wranglers – not present
Toyon – not present
County Wide – none
Ex-Officio – (1)
Guests – none
4. Correspondences – Letter from Gail Kautz awarding Council \$2500 from Concours d'Elegance and thank you note from Megan Borzone for Fair Showmanship Plaque
5. Reports
Secretary – Michele Compton moved to approve the minutes as presented, Dani Bell 2nd, no discussion, motion passed
Treasurer – current checking balance: \$13,021.60. Kim Payne moved to approve the treasurers report as presented, Anita Hatfield 2nd, no discussion, motion passed
All Star – Kenny Reed is putting on the ice cream social on the Wednesday of Fair – be looking for opportunities to help
Staff – currently we have 75 leaders and 225 members, last year we ended with 72 leaders and 229 members; we now have sandwich boards for 4H events and meetings that can be used by clubs; Jennifer will be meeting with Valley Springs Youth Center on February 19th to discuss after school club opportunities; there will be a single EIN number for all new clubs, eventually all clubs may be switched over to have the same EIN

6. Old Business

- a. Fundraising Ideas – none new at this point
- b. Chocolate Bars Fundraiser – Council will profit \$2,107.50. All chocolate bars are given out to the clubs. If any groups have problems selling their chocolate, contact Chris and she can help
- c. SubRegional Presentation Day Recap – Attendees gave report – small group this year but all presentations were very good. There was discussion to have new ideas to get more involvement next year, maybe a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon?
- d. Kiss the Pig – the boards are done! Most of the clubs have their boards
- e. 4H Booth at Children’s Fair and Fair Tent – we are hoping to have a more interactive booth with the iPad, activities and clubs working in shifts
- f. Future All Star Project Application/Guideline Review – the committee met before the Council meeting. An official proposal will be brought to the March meeting. Ideas that were discussed were to have an Emerald Star Project or All Star Pledge Project as an individual project and then the All Stars would do a group project together each year. Kim Payne moved to have Calaveras Hat Etiquette to allow stars to be cascaded, Kelsey Markus 2nd, discussion was held and motion passed
- g. 4H Fair Plaque Fundraiser – a committee was put together to come up with a smaller number of plaques that would be given out. Committee consisted of Mary Payne, Kim Payne, Michele Compton and Jennifer Goerlitz

7. New Business

- a. One-Page Business Plan – Jennifer met with a variety of people in the community to start an expansion review committee to get more interest in 4H. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 2nd at 5pm in the CCWD Board Room. Adults and older members are welcome to attend.
- b. County Wide Record Book Clinic – will be held March 3rd, RSVP by February 25th
- c. Wildlife Project – taken off the agenda until there is further information
- d. Children’s Fair – will be held April 11th at Bret Harte High School from 11-2. There will be more games and more small animals. Jennifer is looking into free giveaways we can hand out
- e. Board of Supervisors – we will be going on March 24th. We want homemade projects to give out. If you have anything please bring 5 of each item to March Council Meeting
- f. Ag Awareness Day – DATE CHANGE! April 9th! Please RSVP by March 18th

8. Adjourn – meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Kelsey Markus

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100 For 100 Challenge!

West Point 4-H Club challenges the other Calaveras County 4-H Clubs to see who can help raise enough sponsors for this fundraising opportunity that helps our families who cannot afford enrollment fees. The new 4-H year will be upon us soon. For more information call Anita at 209/293-4451.

4-H Home Arts Expo Entry Reminder

The 4-H Home Arts Expo will be held on Saturday, April 18th 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 7th**. If you have a project such as arts & crafts, foods, soapstone, welding, sewing, etc. please consider attending.

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.

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 **June 1st**. To view the full list and description requirements of the scholarships available, visit: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships/> or <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14957>

4-H State Leadership Conference

Dates: July 23-26, 2015
Location: UC Irvine
Who: Ages 13-19

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff. The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members, key leaders and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference. http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SLC/

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 **June 1st**. The applications are now available on the state website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/GoldenClover/> .

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

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 2014 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.

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.

Honored vehicle marques vary but this year include Tucker, Alfa Romeo, Studebaker, Packard, Duesenberg, Pierce-Arrow, Bentley, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar. Special classes spotlight early Fords, sports cars, exotics, race cars, coachbuilt luxury marques, plus unrestored and original automobiles.



The Ironstone Concours d'Elegance takes place Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 10-4:30 on the grounds of Ironstone Winery in Murphys. For more information call 209/269-6950 or see <http://www.ironstonefoundation.org/>.

Job Opportunities

Position: Recruiting for a State 4-H Program Representative for Animal Science Education

Link: <https://jobs.ucop.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58202>

Location: State 4-H Office, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618

Posting Salary: Min: \$15.76/hr. to Mid: \$23.32/hr. | Full time position

Job Closing Date: March 26, 2015

Summary: This position has major and continuing responsibility for coordination and leadership of ongoing statewide educational programs in the areas of youth leadership development and related educational content areas. Oversee 4-H educational practices, extended learning opportunities, and coordination of animal science education and events related to 4-H youth development projects. Develop education materials related to animal science and ensure strong educational components are present in local, sectional, state, and national events. Ensure consistent educational programs at events throughout the state. Work with assigned advisory committees and Sectional and State 4-H Leaders' Councils providing expertise and guidance to program staff and volunteers related to animal science education in the delivery of programs. Provide guidance and act as a resource to 4-H volunteer leaders throughout the state related to the 4-H presentation program, state field day, state fair, state state and national events and sectional and state leader's councils. Incumbent has a moderate degree of autonomy in developing the program to meet the diverse needs of youth and communities.

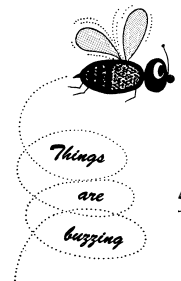
4-H Program Representative II

Tuolumne County UCCE Office

Details and vacancy announcement will be available soon.

Reminder 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.

Revised 4-H Youth Protection Policy

4-H volunteers, please review the new revised policy on working with youth. The information on this is located at <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Policies/Chapter11/#IV>. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office, 209/754-6474.

WANTED!

4-H parent, leader or older 4-H youth member who would like to help write the monthly 4-H newsletter. If interested in helping, please contact Jennifer at the 4-H office, 209/754-6474. Thank you!

LIVESTOCK NEWS

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK PROJECT LEADERS!!

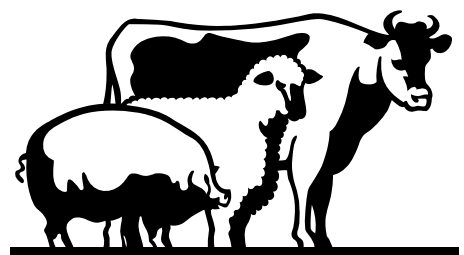
Please remember to check with your Community Club Leaders before signing livestock entry forms. 4-H members are required to attend not only 80% of your project meetings, but also must satisfy the Calaveras 4-H Attendance Policy of attending community club meetings to be eligible to show at the Calaveras 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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4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE

SYMPOSIUM



2015



Visit the Interact Session & Youth Career Fair!

Meet agricultural researchers, educators, industry and government organizations at the University of California, Davis Veterinary School of Medicine. Interact and learn about animal science and agriculture, available careers, educational opportunities, and top industry issues.

Date: May 27, 2015

Time: 5:30pm—7:00pm

Location: Gladys Valley Hall, School of
Veterinary Medicine, UC Davis

Cost: Free to 4-H and FFA members

Parking on campus costs \$9

Register by May 11 at

<http://ucanr.edu/symposiumfair>



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