



4-H NEWS ROUNDUP

University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources
NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN LASSEN COUNTY

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Calendar of events...

JANUARY 2026

JANUARY

- 1 UCCE Office Closed for Winter holidays
- 6 Deadline for Home Arts Registration, Cookie contest, and Photo contest (see flyer)
- 15 Mandatory Midyear Treasurer Review– 6:00 pm, Location TBD
All Youth Treasurers and Treasurer Advisors required to attend
- 17 Lake 4-H Breakfast, 7-10 am, Janesville Fire Hall
- 19 UCCE Office closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 18 Home Arts Extravaganza 1-3 pm, Jensen Hall (see flyer)
- 22 VMO Quarterly Committee Meetings 6:00 pm, 4-H Office
- 22 Richmond 4-H Rabbit meeting, 6 pm, LHS Room 514
- 25 4-H Family Feud Event, 4:00 pm, Jensen Hall, hosted by Ambassadors (see flyer).

FEBRUARY

- 12 County Presentation Day & Job Interview Registration due to 4-H office
****Late entries will not be accepted*
- 22 County Presentation Day & Job Interview Contest, 1:00 pm @ Jensen Hall, LC Fairgrounds
- 26 Community Club Leader meeting, 6 pm, 4-H office

MARCH

- 1 Mandatory Market Beef & Dairy Steer pre-weigh in and tagging. 8-11 am. LC Fairgrounds
- 7 Standish Indian Taco Feed, 3-8 pm, Standish 4-H Hall
- TBD Regional Presentation Day Entries Due
- 26 Community Club Leader meeting, 6 pm, 4H office
- 28 Regional Presentation Day
- 29 Small Animal Skills Day

APRIL

- 5 Easter
- 11 Washoe Small Animal and Still Exhibits
- 23 VMO Quarterly Committee Meetings, 6:00 pm, 4-H Office
- 26 County Horticulture Day



National & State 4-H News:

[National 4-H Council](#)

State News:

[University of California 4-H Youth Development](#)

Join 4-H: [Join 4-H - UCCE Lassen County](#)

4-H Project Sheets: [CA 4-H Resource Center - Projects](#)

4-H Volunteer Leader and Member Resources:

[CA 4-H Resource Center](#)

The Roundup Newsletter is published by the Lassen County 4-H Youth Program, University of California Cooperative Extension, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The Roundup is a monthly newsletter for 4-H members, leaders, parents, and friends of 4-H in Lassen County.



Please submit Articles and/or photos by the 3rd Thursday of each month to:

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4-H Youth Program Office
707 Nevada Street
Susanville, CA 96130
Tuesday & Thursday 9-12 & 1-5
or by appointment

Cooperative Extension Office
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Susanville, CA 96130
Monday—Friday 7-12 & 12:30-3:30

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'25-26 4-H Community Club Leaders:

Doyle/South County

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Dyer Mountain

Cassie Lemaster (530) 258-6987

Johnstonville 4-H

Cody Waltman (530) 310-1366

Lake 4-H

Nancy Hemphill (530) 640-1096
Mandie Jaso (707)845-2610,

Milford 4-H

Chris Hallmark (530) 310-2661,
Lacy Music (530) 351-8908

Richmond 4-H

Jessica Jones (530)249-5969
Linda Von Helf (760) 221-4471
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Standish 4-H

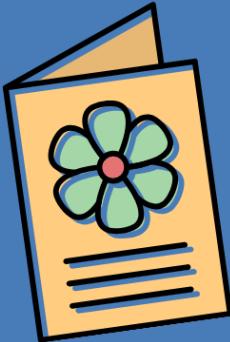
Virginia Bartholomew (530) 310-1993,
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Thompson Peak 4-H

Jason Meadows (530) 310-4169



HOME ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA



**JAN. 18, 2026
1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**Jensen Hall
Susanville Fairgrounds**



**Join us in learning how to do
some amazing art projects!**



Enter your
cookies (specify
kind) for a
chance to win
an award!

**Lassen County
4-H Member's
must register by
Jan. 6, 2026**



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Click here: [Register for Home Arts Extravaganza and Cookie and Photography contests](#)



Hi All,

It is that time again, applications for the Devil's Garden Colt Challenge are open! The Devil's Garden Colt Challenge is an opportunity for youth to take home and train a wild horse. Horses are typically weanlings but older horses can be made available for experienced 4-Hers. Youth trainers are given a 6 month training window and an opportunity to compete at the Colt Challenge which is held at the Modoc District Fair in August. The top trainer receives \$1000 cash. There are over \$3500 in prizes total. Youth can view and pick up horses in Alturas, Litchfield and Ridgecrest, CA. Check out this blog for more information <https://www.devilsgardenucc.org/post/colt-challenge-faq>

2026 Timeline:

- 12/15/25 Applications Open
- 1/16/26 Applications Due
- 2/2/26 Entry Notification
- 2/3-17/26 Horse Viewing & Lottery
- 3/1-30/26 Horse Pick-Up
- June Video Progress Update
- 8/23/26 2026 Colt Challenge at the Modoc District Fair

California is the largest agricultural producer in the country, yet one in seven families in California face hunger.*

* <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/california>

“It’s the empathy for me.”



FOOD ACTION ACADEMY: Get Creative

Learn. Get Creative. Take action.

Connect with youth across California to learn about the factors that affect people's access to food. Gain practical skills to create a plan for positive change.

WHO California youth ages 11 – 18

WHERE Online via Zoom

WHEN Tuesdays from 6 – 7:15 p.m.
January 20, 28
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3

**SIGN UP BY
JAN 13, 2026**

bit.ly/GetCreative26



Learn more

Information Session

Jan 6, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Info Session
bit.ly/GetCreativeInfo26



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4-H FEUD

**JANUARY 25
STARTS AT 4:00PM**

JENSEN HALL

**5 MEMBERS PER CLUB TO PLAY
COME SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!**

**POP CORN BAR
PRIZES FOR THE FIRST
PLACE TEAM**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:
VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS**



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Dear 4-H Club Leaders and Members,

Selling our Lassen County 2025-26 4-H Sponsor Decals directly supports our local 4-H youth and the programming that is essential in assisting today's youth develop a plan for college and career readiness. Please sell as many as possible, and remember all sponsor donations need to be turned into the 4-H Office or to your club leaders before the March 4-H Council Meeting. Stay tuned for the incentive program for high sellers! Contact your leader to pick up your forms! Thank you!



2026 LASSEN COUNTY 4-H SPONSORSHIP FUNDRAISER



Please consider partnering with Lassen County 4-H Council and become a sponsor. 4-H is a tremendous youth development program. Members learn so many life skills through the various projects. Your sponsorship ensures we fund county wide events and projects. Sponsors will receive a 4-H Sponsor Decal and will be recognized in our monthly newsletter, on our Facebook page, and our annual sponsor banner. Premium sponsors (Gold & above) receive complimentary Fair BBQ tickets that will be available at the bbq unless prior arrangements are made with the 4-H office.

4-H is a registered nonprofit and donations are tax deductible.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS AND Prizes for Premium Sponsors

| Sponsor | Bronze | Silver | Gold |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| (\$25) | (\$50) | (\$75) | (\$100 = 2 BBQ tix) |
| Gold Plus | Platinum | Emerald | Diamond |
| (\$250 = 4 BBQ tix) | (\$500 = 6 BBQ tix) | (\$750 = 8 BBQ tix) | (\$1000 = 10 BBQ tix) |

YOUR SPONSORSHIP GOES TO: FAVORITE FOODS DAY, HOME ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA, HORTICULTURE DAY, PRESENTATION DAY, SHOOTING SPORTS, FAIR AWARDS, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, DOG SHOW/MANSHIP, COMMUNITY SERVICE, CLOVERBUDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS... (be sure to check donation level and record amount below)

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR DONATION RECEIPT: Collecting Member's Initials: _____ Date: _____

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4-H Member: Complete the information and cut/tear off this portion.

Turn in with cash/check \$s collected to your Club Leader or at the 4-H Office
SPONSORSHIP LEVEL:

| | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$25) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze (\$50) | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver (\$75) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Plus (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum (\$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald (\$750) | <input type="checkbox"/> Diamond (\$1000) |

Sponsor Name: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Decal # _____ **Sponsor Mailing Address:** _____

Collecting Member: _____ **CLUB:** _____

Date: _____

Cash Amt: _____ **Check Payable to: Lassen County 4-H Council, Amt:** _____

LASSEN COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY AND JOB INTERVIEW CONTEST



Demonstrations
Illustrated Talks
Educational Display Talk
Interpretive Reading
Science or Engineering
Presentations
Prepared, Persuasive and
Impromptu Speeches
Share the Fun Skits
Cultural Arts & Job Interview

HOSTED BY JOHNSTONVILLE 4-H

Sunday, February 22, 2026
Jensen Hall 1:00 pm
REGISTRATION DEADLINE 2-12-26

[Click here for Presentation Registration](#)

[Click here for Job Interview Registration](#)

Use Gmail address to upload files for Job Contest or attach & send cover letter & resume to sfortin@ucanr.edu

[Click here for Room Host, Runner, or Evaluator Registration](#)



Presentations



Job Interview



Room Hosts, Runners,
and Evaluators



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[UC 4-H Presentation Manual](#)

[California 4-H Interview Contest Manual](#)

2026 Job Descriptions will be available
on Lassen County 4-H website

**Special Award ** sponsored
by Lassen County Cattlemen for
Best Beef Topic Presentation

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Need help with Registration?

You will not be able to use the "Click here" links in the newsletter. Please return to the attached flyer in the email where the links will be accessible.

The scan code will work for Presentation Day Registration but you must have gmail for the Job Interview Contest Registration. Please attach your cover letter and resume in an email to sfortin@ucanr.edu and do not hesitate to call the 4-H office if you have questions.

**PRESENTATION
TYPES:**

- **Demonstration**
- **Illustrated Talk**
- **Science or Engineering Presentation**
- **Educational Display/Talk**
- **Informative Prepared Speech**
- **Persuasive Prepared Speech**
- **Impromptu Speech**
- **Interpretive Reading**
- **Cultural Arts**
- **Share the 4-H Fun Skits**

**Lassen County
4-H PRESENTATION
DAY**
Sunday
February 22
**Lassen County
Fairgrounds**

4-H Presentation Basics

2018 - 2019

What is a presentation

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea or topic by showing, telling, or expressing your opinion. A presentation may be a demonstration, a talk, a speech, a reading or a skit.

A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to:

- Research a subject
- Organize ideas in a logical order
- Share your spark or your passion
- Practice public speaking skills

Where to Get Started:

You can get ideas for presentations from many different sources. The first place to start is with your projects or developing a presentation around your spark. Your project leader, parents, and other adults also can be a source of ideas. Sources for presentation ideas are project manuals, books, magazines, websites, and brochures from various organizations.

Presentation Type and Style:

Presentations are not just demonstrations. You have



many options ranging from traditional demonstrations for beginning members to persuasive speeches for more experienced members. All of the various presentation styles require similar skills, and are designed to meet the interests, and age-appropriate levels of the member. No style of presentation is better than any other. Choose the style that best fits you for your presentation and then try other styles as you advance in 4-H.

Where are presentations given?

Presentations can be given to many audiences. You may choose to give a presentation to your project or club. You may also present to another organization. 4-H also includes op-

portunities to present at county, sectional and state events with evaluation being provided as to the member's presentation skills. Evaluation is used to help members expand skills for planning,

preparing and presenting in the future, as well as helping members increase self-esteem, self confidence and gain the ability to accept feedback as a tool for improvement.

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| 12-1:00 PM | Host Club sets up rooms, check-in table, etc. |
| 1:00 PM | Evaluator/Room Host Orientation |
| 1:00-1:30 PM | Presenter and Job Interview Check-in |
| 1:30 PM | Welcome followed by Presentations Awards will be held after presentations have been given and tabulations are complete |

Presentation Types

The 4-H Presentation Manual

has a full listing of presentation basics and can easily answer your questions.

Page 10 of the manual has a quick matrix that will answer these questions:

- Can I give a team presentation?
- How many posters or slides do I need?
- Can I use visual aids?
- How long does the presentation need to be?
- Will I be asked questions?
- Can I use note cards?
- Can I wear a costume?
- Do I need to use references or sources of my material?

Demonstration

- Is doing.
- Is showing how. As you show how, you tell how.
- Is where you make something or do something. There is a final product.

Illustrated Talk

- Is telling.
- Is telling how with the aid of visuals.
- Is where you use charts, posters, photos, computer programs, slides, pictures, models, or cut outs.

Science/Engineering Presentation

A science presentation emphasizes the core process of inquiry to describe, explain, and predict through observation, experimentation, modeling and other scientific techniques. Science methods may rely on qualitative data (descriptions or quantitative data (numbers), or both.

Educational Display Talk

An educational display talk is an organized visual presentation of a program or concept. A display should be designed to convey a message in a limited amount of time.

Interpretive Reading

Speakers may read any published written work that is age appropriate and acceptable for use in a public school classroom. The speaker provides their own introduction of the title, author, characters, the purpose or setting of the writing and more.

Persuasive Prepared Speech

The purpose of a persuasive prepared speech is to sway, convince, and influence, not simply to argue.

Informative Prepared Speech

This format requires the speaker to write and deliver their own speech. The speaker will inform or educate the audience on a single issue or topic.

Impromptu Speech

Impromptu speaking involves speeches that the speaker has developed themselves at the Presentation event within three-minutes of preparation. Speakers draw topics and the speech is developed to be presented immediately.

Pre announced categories are provided each year:

[2026 Impromptu Categories - FINAL.pdf](#)

Share the Fun Skit

Groups perform acts as skits and other presentations that focus on health, safety, community pride, citizenship, science, engineering or technology, or other 4-H projects. The topic must include a topic surrounding 4-H.

Cultural Arts

Individual participants or groups, projects and clubs, perform a customized dramatic reading, musical, dance or other performing arts activity.

Full category descriptions can be found in the 4-H Presentation Manual.

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How to Participate in a Job Interview Contest

The Interview Contest is a popular event that gives 4-H members an opportunity to practice the real-life skills needed to apply for a job. Participants prepare a resumé and cover letter for a job they choose from the job descriptions linked below. Evaluators evaluate their performance during a mock interview and give constructive feedback using a standard evaluation rubric. Review the [UC Job Interview Contest Manual](#).

Interview Contest participants must do the following:

1. Choose a job: Choose from one of the jobs in your age category found listed as an attachment on this email or contact the Lassen County 4-H office. County and Regional contests will be limited to Intermediate and Senior Members.
2. Develop a resumé: Include real-life experiences (education, work, activities, etc.) that demonstrate your qualifications for the job selected.
3. Write a cover letter: Your cover letter should explain why you should be considered for the job selected.
4. Complete registration for the event by using this link [2026 Job Interview Contest](#) Upload cover letter and resume or deliver/mail hard copies to the Lassen County 4-H Office. If you do not have gmail, send your cover letter and resume in an email to sfortin@ucanr.edu.
5. Dress appropriately: Appropriate dress includes 4-H uniform or attire appropriate for a job interview as outlined in the manual.
6. Interview! Relax and have fun.

Club Fundraiser



• Lake 4-H breakfast Saturday January 17th 7-10am at the Janesville fire hall. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea and orange juice. Dine in or take out for only \$10 and Veterans always eat for free!



Community Service

Lassen County 4-H members assisted the Blue Star Moms with placing over 400 wreaths at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 13th!

Thank you 4-H members for your respectful service!





Community Service

South County Community Service—by Liam Allen

This holiday season South county 4-H made popcorn balls to donate to the Doyle tree lighting. We made two different flavors, cherry and lime. Santa and his elves were able to hand out the popcorn balls to the community with a little message that said "South County 4-H wishes you a merry Christmas" on it.



Club News



South County—by Layton Allen

South County had an amazing December meeting, with the grinch visiting us. Everyone had taken a picture with the grinch and then we took a group photo with him. We had a dessert potluck with everyone bringing delicious homemade desserts. There were multiple choices of dessert and nobody made the same thing. My favorite dessert there was the Thin Mints.



Congratulations to our 4-H LARP Scholarship Recipients!

LARP (Lassen Area Revitalization Project) awarded over \$4,000 in scholarship to 4-H and FFA members. Congratulations to 4-H members Molly Dickson, Abigail Hemphill, and Judah Jaso. More information highlighting the results and turnout from the event and program will be published by LARP in a Lassen News press release.

Record Book Corner Information

Everyone is encouraged to complete a record book!

A record book workshop was held in November and the categories for Sparks Achievements were discussed.

To view a cheatsheet that will be updated monthly, please click here

[Sparks Activity Help Sheet](#)

Emerald Star Workshop coming soon!

TREASURER

Attention all Club Treasurers and Treasurer Advisors!

Mandatory Training and Midyear Review

Thursday, January 15th, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Mrs. Ammon's room-LHS

**Bring your up-to-date Treasurer books
(Monthly ledger reports, Annual Financial Report,
Bank Statements and Monthly reconciliation forms,
checkbook and ledger, Proposed and Actual Budget forms).**

Pizza Provided

Lassen County Fair 2026

“CELEBRATING AMERICA - 250 Years of Red, White and YOU”

Premium Book and Details Coming Soon!



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary

CDFA Lifts Statewide Ban on California Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibitions at Fairs and Shows

Dear Poultry and Dairy Cattle Exhibition Organizers and Managers:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has closely monitored the status of H5N1 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in both poultry and dairy cattle throughout California. Since the implementation of the statewide exhibition ban, CDFA has conducted ongoing surveillance, reviewed viral trend data, and consulted with epidemiologists and animal health partners at both the state and federal levels.

Based on a comprehensive review of current H5N1 infection trends, improved understanding of transmission dynamics, and enhanced mitigation measures now in place, CDFA has determined that the risk associated with poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions has sufficiently decreased. **Effective immediately, the statewide ban on poultry and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows is hereby lifted.**

This decision was not made lightly. CDFA recognizes the importance of protecting animal health, public health, and California's agricultural industries while also supporting youth programs, educational opportunities, and agricultural traditions across the state.

While exhibitions may resume, CDFA strongly encourages all fairgrounds, exhibition organizers, and exhibitors to continue implementing enhanced biosecurity practices and disease-prevention measures. Animals exhibiting signs of illness should not be transported or exhibited, and veterinarians should be contacted promptly if disease is suspected.

If H5N1 is suspected in either poultry or cattle, contact **CDFA Sick Bird Hotline at: 866-922-2473**

CDFA will continue close monitoring of H5N1 activity statewide and will work collaboratively with fair organizers and animal owners to ensure appropriate safeguards remain in place. Additional guidance and recommendations for exhibitions will be available on the CDFA website.

If you have questions regarding this action, please contact CDFA's H5N1 Public Information Officer at cdfa.HPAInfo@cdfa.ca.gov.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to protecting California's animals and agricultural communities.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Annette Jones
State Veterinarian

