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December-
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2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

DEC	8	REPORTING DUE (Outreach, Program Planning Guide, budget)
JAN	12	MODOC LEADER'S COUNCIL MEETING @ 5:30 PM, 4-H Conference Room
FEB	?	PRESENTATION DAY TBA
MAR	19	SECTIONAL PRESENTATION DAY @ Cedarville



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H week was in October and Modoc 4-H kicked off the new year right! Clubs held everything from game nights to Ice Cream parties. The

Providence 4-H Club held a huge 4-H educational day at their school. Kids talked about their projects and did live demonstrations with their animals! Way to go Modoc 4-H! We proved that 4-H GROWS HERE!!!



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Modoc Leaders earn Golden Clover



SV Leader 2015 Emerging Leader



Bonnie Bunyard has been awarded the California 4-H Golden Clover award for Emerging Leader. Bonnie is the Community Club leader of Surprise Valley 4-H Club in Modoc County. She has been the leader for three years and in that time the club has grown to 60 members. She has almost every child in the district in 4-H in her community and Surprise Valley 4-H is now the biggest club in our county. Bonnie is also the Modoc 4-H Leader's Council Secretary. Bonnie gives endless hours to her 4-H club. She is also the sewing, communications and cooking project leaders. Bonnie started a Primary Club and they even hold their own meetings with an officer team. The competition is fierce for this award and Modoc County is very lucky to have Bonnie as a 4-H Leader! Congratulations Bonnie! She will receive a medallion and a \$500 cash prize.

Smith awarded Golden Clover



Ken Smith of the Davis Creek 4-H Club won the Clay Outdoor Adventure Award this year from California 4-H. This Golden Clover award goes to someone that is actively involved in the outdoors projects 4-H has to offer. Ken is the Shotgun Shooting Sports Leader for our county and created a Muzzle loading project this year. He was also the Shotgun Coach for the first ever California 4-H Shooting Sports Team that took their first trip to Nationals this year. Ken was instrumental in creating a state team and participating in the National Championship. Ken spends almost every weekend all Spring at the Range with our members. He coordinates the County Top Shot Competition and is always there when you need him. Ken is known for his dedication to not only shooting sports but his local club as well. He can be heard saying "Success from Effort" and "Aim Small, Miss Small". Modoc County 4-H is grateful for all of Ken's hard work to grow our program. Ken will receive a medallion and a \$500 cash prize from the CA 4-H Association. Congratulations Ken!

Club News



Davis Creek 4-H

Davis Creek 4-H started a new year. They had a meeting for enrollment night and have a lot of new families and members.

The new officers were elected for the 2015-2016 year. Riley Atkins- President, Kirsten Bickford-Vice-President, Jake Cuzick-Secretary, Jake Fields-Treasurer, Sam Hadwick-Reporter, Hardy Ingraham-Healthy Living Officer and Paden Smith-Sgt of Arms.

The new officer team went to the Klamath Falls to a County Officer's Training. They had a lot of fun. It was a super hero theme and they spent the weekend making goals, doing team building activities and having fun like swimming and games. Thank you to our leader, Lana Atkins for taking the officer's.

Our Shooting Sports Leader Ken Smith got an awesome award from California 4-H. He won the Clay Outdoor Adventure Award. It is a golden Clover and he gets a medal and a \$500 award. We are glad to have him in our club and he does a lot for 4-H. Congratulations Mr. Smith!

The club is busy planning their year. They will be having an Awards Night on November 15th and a Halloween Party on October 25th. They will be at the Davis Creek Community Hall. The club and parents will be doing a work day at the Community Hall on November 14th. Record books were due the 15th and are being judged now. We hope to have lots of Gold ones so we can go to County.

The club has a lot of primary members this year and have set up a mentor program. Each member that is over 13 is assigned one or two primaries to sit with at meetings and help during events. It will be good for the little kids to be able to ask questions and get them not to talk during meetings.

Davis Creek 4-H is off to a great new year.
-Sam Hadwick, Reporter



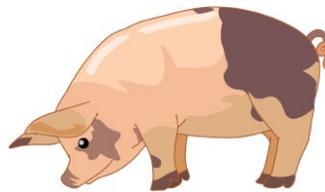
Back to School



Left: Davis Creek 4-H Members, Riley Atkins and Jesse Dancer helped work the Back to School Night booth at Modoc Middle School.

Please send us your Club News & Happenings to hhadwick@ucanr.edu
Issues come out every other month,
entries will be due
Jan 15th for the next issue!

Chico State Swine Day!



January 23,
2016

8 am-2 pm

@ CSU, Chico Farm

Modoc County
ELITE
HI 4-H & ALL-STARS

Are you in 9th-12th grade???

Want to step up your 4-H game?
Then ELITE is the group for you! HI 4-H is open to all active high school members, ELITE members get the opportunity to attend SLC, help organize county events and improve their leadership skills!

Applications & Details are available at the 4-H office and will be accepted until November 1, 2015. All-Stars must be nominated by a leader and have earned at least their silver star with a plan for earning their Gold.
Join ELITE this year!!!

Club News



Surprise Valley 4-H

Wow, I'm finally reporter again. It's good to be back so I can write about 4-H to all you people. The last time I was writing for you, it was 2013.

Thanks to Miranda Linker, who has done a great job as reporter this past year. Okay, let's get down to business. There has been a lot of stuff happening in 4-H lately. And I mean A LOT.

From the officers training to the Calendar Girls dinner, these 4-Her's, (newcomers and old pros), have been working very hard. Along with our project leaders, volunteers, and our club leader, we are on our way to start a successful 4-H year.

Klamath Falls: Officers Training

So, we started off the year with the Annual Officer's Training, this time held at The Shiloh-Inn Hotel in (haha, inn-in. Funny? No? Fine, I'll get back to writing.) Klamath Falls, Oregon. Officers from all over the County came, including New Bieber, Tule Lake, Likely, and Surprise Valley. The training included: games, door-prizes, meetings, and a fake practice meeting. The night before, 4-Her's stayed the night and enjoyed some dinner and fun time in the pool.

November 11, 2015:

Surprise Valley 4-H helped out at our local Veterans' Hall dinner. Members served spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, drinks and desserts. The Primary members also helped by serving cake to people who wanted it. By the end, all the 4-Her's were VERY hungry and ate their well-deserved meal!

Annual Food Drive Bag Distribution: We have been distributing empty bags, so that local people can fill them and provide food for those in need.

Surprise Valley Education Foundation - Calendar Girls Dinner:

At the dinner, the 4-H members helping were those who had worked on the Calendar Girls calendar. Older members also helped plate and serve the catered food to the people attending. Our 4-H Photography Leader, Terry Miller received an award for his hard work, helping with the photographers (Sydna Kennedy, Cedar Klugherz, Iris Klugherz, Sequoia Klugherz, Miranda Linker and Maya Shultz), who are all members of Surprise Valley 4-H Photography. Many of the ladies who are featured in the calendar were there that night and seemed to enjoy the festivities (and the dinner!). This has been a very successful fundraiser for our club and there are still a few copies of the calendar left for sale!

Achievement Night: We had a delicious potluck dinner and received our Record Books, with our pins and 4-H water bottles. It was a fun night!

We've been really busy and it's starting to be an exciting and fun 4-H year!!!

Sydna Kennedy, Reporter

Photos:

- #1. We had a lot of Pee Wee members helping at the Veteran's Day Dinner! (Along with our more experienced members.)
- #2. Older 4-H members serving the younger members spaghetti dinner.
- #3. Mr. Miller and some of the photography kids.
- #4. Some of the Calendar Girls at their table.



Fair Fun



Another year of fair has come and gone! Modoc County 4-H had a booth at the Modoc District Fair giving out information and handing out free bottled water. Thank you to Alturas Ranches for donating water to fair patrons. 4-H Members manned the booth and gave out stickers, tattoos, pencils and Frisbees. The booth showcased photos of members at activities throughout the year.

Modoc County 4-H got 1st place in the Youth Feature booth with our 4-H Grows Here garden!

Modoc County is blessed to have three fairs and the Junior Livestock Show for our members to participate in. The Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair was held in September as well as the Intermountain Fair in McArthur. Members did very well this fair season! Here's some photos of our local 4-H members making some fair memories!



County Record Book Judging Results



Modoc County 4-H held their Annual Record book Judging Contest for the county level on October 17th. Any book that receives a Gold at the Club level is eligible for County Judging. This year we had over 50 books! A special thank you to the judges who sat for 5 hours and giving up their Saturday judging books!!

The judges received mugs with inspirational quotes as a thank you and were served a yummy Mexican lunch. The books this year were outstanding! The judges really enjoyed reading the 4-H Stories and appreciated all the hard work the members put into their books. Modoc 4-Hers took home 40 GOLD RECORD BOOKS!!! Eleven Blues were given out. Great job and keep up the hard work!



And the Winner is...

Member	Earned	Age	Club
Troy Lewis	Gold	Jr	New Pioneer
Austin Pritchett	Gold	Jr	Bieber
Sam Hadwick	Gold	Jr	Davis Creek
Kaycee Cuzick	Gold	Jr	Davis Creek
Jenna Nelson	Gold	Jr	New Pioneer
Dakota Jayo	Gold	Jr	Davis Creek
Megan Nelson	Gold	Jr	New Pioneer
Justin Walton	Gold	Jr	New Pioneer
Koen Brown	Blue	Jr	Tulelake
Gonzalo Ramirez	Gold	Sr	Winema
Kristy Sphar	Blue	Sr	New Pioneer
Dawn Waterman	Gold	Sr	New Pioneer
Haley Dancer	Gold	Sr	Davis Creek
Iris Klugherz	Blue	Sr	Surprise Valley
Austin Albaugh	Blue	Sr	Providence
Sara McCoy	Gold	Sr	Providence
Seth Gibson	Gold	Sr	Providence
Mackenzie McGiffin	Blue	Sr	Surprise Valley
Megan Banwarth	Gold	Sr	Providence

County Record Book Judging Results



And the Winner is...

Member	Earned	Age	Club
Jason Allee	Gold	Int	Bieber
Samantha Dodgen	Gold	Int	Providence
Shelby Criner	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Scott Lewis	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Lance Jayo	Gold	Int	Davis Creek
Cassie Stevenson	Blue	Int	Providence
Cooper Albaugh	Gold	Int	Providence
Brett Waterman	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Jake Fields	Gold	Int	Davis Creek
Anabel Farnam	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Jesse Dancer	Gold	Int	Davis Creek
Leea Brown	Blue	Int	Tulelake
Christian Given	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Jake Cuzick	Blue	Int	Davis Creek
Zane Still	Gold	Int	Surprise Valley
Hayden Frederick	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Charly Simpson	Gold	Int	Surprise Valley
Briseyda Chavolla	Gold	Int	Winema
Jacob Worch	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Cedar Klugherz	Gold	Int	Surprise Valley
Reagan Dahle	Gold	Int	Providence
Destanie Withrow	Blue	Int	Bieber
Riley Lake	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Brett McGiffin	Blue	Int	Surprise Valley
Nadine Messersmith	Gold	Int	Winema
Hardy Ingraham	Gold	Int	Davis Creek
Victoria Ramirez	Gold	Int	Winema
Elizabeth Landoski	Blue	Int	Providence
Natalie Walton	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Riley Atkins	Gold	Int	Davis Creek
Chance Galvin	Gold	Int	New Pioneer
Annette Chavez	Gold	Int	Winema

We are so grateful
for your support!



Special Awards

Modoc County 4-H is so grateful for everyone that supports the program and works tirelessly to make our 4-H clubs the best in the state. Heather Hadwick, County Coordinator and the Modoc County 4-H Leader's Council are proud to give out some very deserving County awards this year. The awards will be mailed to the recipients as follows:

Honorary Member of the Year: Mark & Jessie Milano

Our first every Honorary Members of the Year are Mark & Jessie Milano. The support of the Milano family has been instrumental in building our program. Their foundation has given Modoc County 4-H members opportunities to earn amazing prizes, attend events and further their 4-H career. The Milanos give the opportunity for our members to apply for \$27,500 in scholarships per year, helping countless Modoc County 4-H Members in their journey of higher education. Last year alone, the Milano Foundation donated over \$160,000.00 to the Modoc County 4-H program. Not only do Mark & Jessie selflessly give financial support to 4-H but they are great members of our community and have a love for Modoc County that can be strived for by others.

Club of the Year: Winema 4-H Club

Winema 4-H Club has completely reformed into one of the strongest clubs in the county. They may be small, but they are mighty! They went from 16 members last year to 35 this year. The club boasted over 40 events and service projects on top of their regular club meetings. Their leaders are dedicated to community service in their town and they do everything from clean up days to hosting a huge free easter egg hunt for the entire community.

Volunteer of the Year: Jack Nelson

Jack Nelson is one of our many shooting sports leaders in Modoc County and hails from the New Pioneer 4-H Club. Jack likes to be more a behind the scenes guy but is doing great things for our shooting sports program that many don't know about. Jack is the President of the Alturas Rifle & Pistol Range and comes every weekend for over 10 weeks and helps all day while the Modoc kids use the range. He has applied for many grants and been awarded several that helped get our Youth ammunition, clays and fire arms to use. Thank you Jack for your continued dedication to the program and Congratulations on being named our first ever Volunteer of the Year.

Community Club Leader of the Year: Bonnie Bunyard

Our Surprise Valley Club leader, Bonnie Bunyard has been named Community Club Leader of the Year. Bonnie has been a leader for 3 years and has over doubled her clubs membership. She has almost 30 projects offered each year and boasts 60+ members and growing! In the tiny town of Cedarville, CA, they are the largest club in Modoc County. She has turned her primary members into star 4-Hers giving them opportunities to run meetings, do community service and truly fall in love with 4-H and all it has to offer. Bonnie volunteers countless hours to the 4-H program and has done an amazing job!

Member of the Year: Haley Dancer

Haley Dancer from the Davis Creek 4-H Club is our 4-H Member of the Year. Haley started her first year of HI 4-H this year and was instrumental in the project. She was available whenever she was needed and represented Modoc County at the State Leadership Conference and WHY Camp this year. She helped with the Project Pillowcase service project, back to school night and the Modoc District Fair. Haley served as Treasurer of her club the last two years and is a sophomore at Modoc High School. Haley is a Jr Leader in the Horse project, does shooting sports and goat. She is also a member of the High School Rodeo Team, FFA and played soccer and softball.

Officer Training 2015



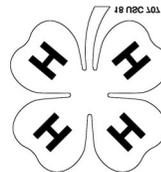
September 18-19th
Klamath Falls,
Oregon

The Officer teams from each of Modoc County's nine clubs came together to spend two days learning about their personal office and gaining awesome team working abilities. This year's theme was "Let Your Hero Out!" and boasted a Super Hero theme. The clubs all picked their own Super Hero Club name and made a logo, made goals for the year, and had the opportunity to hear what other clubs were doing as well. The members all enjoyed hanging out at the Shilo Inn in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The indoor pool was a big hit! Thank you to all of our Leaders and parents who volunteered to come help with this event! Special thanks to Bonnie Bunyard, Heather Hadwick, Claire Crenshaw, Michele Bunyard and Nancy McCoy for heading up our Officer Workshops this year!

The weekend was a great success and the clubs are all off to a great start for a new 4-H year. Here are some fun photos of the conference. Thank you to the Milano Foundation for sponsoring the event!



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4-H Mule Tales Newsletter

The MuleTales newsletter provides your family with important information about the 4-H Youth Development Program. Each bimonthly issue provides information about meetings, events, activities and due dates. We mail one copy to each 4-H family who has one or more member enrolled in 4-H. Please share your newsletter with others in your home.

We encourage clubs and individuals to submit articles and photos. All information must be received in the 4-H Office by the 3rd Monday of each month. The best way to submit information is to email it to:
hhadwick@ucanr.edu

For more information check out the Modoc 4-H Webpage at <http://cemodoc.ucdavis.edu>.



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