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FEBRUARY, 2011

COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS (Please look at calendar below as dates sometimes change):

Arbuckle 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
Colusa 4-H – 2nd Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa
Maxwell 4-H – 1st Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room
Princeton 4-H – 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room
Stonyford 4-H – 2nd Sunday, time TBA, Town Hall
Williams 4-H – 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall (9th & C Street)
4-H Council – 3rd Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

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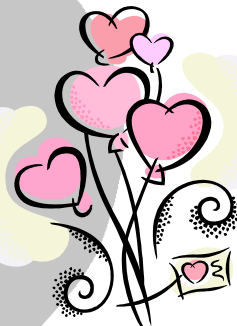
CALENDAR:

FEBRUARY 2011

- 1-3 Colusa Farm Show
- 2 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 4 DUE: Registration for Home Ec Review, DATE CHANGE (formerly 2/18)
- 5 S.E.T. trainings: Red Bluff, Oroville, Davis
- 6 Beef weigh in/Fair Entry, 7:30-11:00, see article for details
- 12 CSU Chico Sheep & Goat Educational Day (see flyer in this newsletter)
- 13 Stonyford Club Meeting, Town Hall
- 14 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 14 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton HS Multipurpose room
- 15 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 19 Rabbit & Cavy Field Day, Modesto (look for flyer in this newsletter)
- 21 UC Holiday, Colusa office closed
- 25-26 THRIVE training, Chico, place TBA
- No Colusa Club Meeting in February

MARCH 2011

- 2 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose room
- 6 Home Ec Review, Maxwell Elementary, 9:00am –LOCATION CHANGED!!
- 12 Glenn County Livestock Bowl
- 13 Stonyford Club Meeting, Town Hall
- 14 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 14 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 14 Princeton Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Princeton HS Multipurpose room
- 15 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Veteran's Hall
- 16 Council meeting, 6:30 pm, CIP Conference Room
- 19 Sectional Presentation Day, Willows, 9:00am, Willows Intermediate School
- 26 Countywide Livestock Skill-a-thon Emerald Star Project



DATE CHANGE:

The January newsletter stated Home Ec Review registration is due February 18. **The correct due date is Friday, February 4th.** We apologize for the confusion and any inconvenience the date change created.

LOCATION CHANGE!!!!

HOME EC REVIEW IS NOW BEING HELD AT MAXWELL ELEMENTARY, SAME DATE, MARCH 6TH!

COLUSA COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK DATES

- Sunday February 6, 2011- Beef weigh in/Fair Entry date, 7:30am-11am
- Saturday, March 12, 2011 – Glenn County Livestock Bowl
- Monday, April 11, 2011 – Sheep/Goat/Swine weigh in/Fair Entry date, 2pm-6pm
- Sunday, April 17, 2011 – Colusa County 4-H Horse Show, 44th D.A.A. Fairgrounds
- Monday, May 9, 2011–Rabbits/Avian weigh in/Fair Entry Date, 3:30pm-5:30pm
- May 28-29, 2011 – California Equine Educational Field Day, Davis
- May, 28, 2011 – State 4-H Field Day, Davis
- June 9-12, 2011 - Colusa County Fair “Blue Jeans and Country Dreams”

MARKET ANIMAL CHANGES FOR COLUSA COUNTY FAIR

1. Go to: http://www.colusacountyfair.com/03_county_fair/Exhibitor_Information.html for details of the NEW! Alternate weigh in program, requirements, swine ear notching cards, FAQs.
2. Livestock leaders may require members to weigh their animals at these weigh in days.
3. **Important: the weigh in/entry dates are the LAST day to enter market animals. The wise exhibitor will turn in entry forms/fees before this date, skip the long line at weigh in day and proceed directly to the scales.**
4. New! Poultry inspection (10:00), weigh in (11:00) and judging (2:00) will be Tuesday, June 7th. Meat pens are 2 birds only. See page 95 of premium book online.
5. Sale of Champions will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11th
6. Keep tabs on your animal's weight. The fair is offering open scale days the first Sunday of the month starting March 6, April 3 and May 1, for one hour, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

COLUSA CLUB MEETING DATES: None in February, March 14th, April 11th, May 2nd

SUCCESS STORY!

Check this out!!! Colusa County 4-H is featured in the Healthy Living Newsletter!
<http://www.ca4h.org/files/66973.pdf>

Home Economics Review **Colusa County 4-H**

Colusa County 4-H has held a Home Economics and Arts judging event for at least 20 years. Over the years it has evolved into an event that combines judging activities and project exhibition for 4-H members interested in home economics and consumer science topics such as foods and nutrition, home furnishings, arts and crafts, mini gardens, and cake decorating. Now called the “Colusa County Home Ec Review,” this event provides a platform for 4-H members to showcase their projects and skill development at a countywide event. The event encourages the advancement of life skills including decision making, public speaking and relationship building, all while promoting creativity.

The Home Ec Review gives 4-H members the opportunity to participate as much as they would like, whether they decide to just test the water or dive in head first. Members who participate in the judging classes may leave after an hour, and still fulfill a requirement for their project. Often, members will have limited participation the first year, but after watching their peer’s exhibit they are inspired to exhibit the following year. In this way, new members are slowly introduced to 4-H project components, while also getting invaluable learning experiences and receiving feedback from caring adults.

The Home Ec Review is a combination of three traditional 4-H events—it serves as the Home Economics Field Day, Project Exhibit Day, and offers the opportunity to introduce 4-H initiatives such as S.E.T. and Healthy Living. In a rural county it is increasingly important to efficiently use 4-H families’ time and energy.

PRESENTATION DAY RESULTS

Colusa County Presentation Day was held Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Pierce High School, with Arbuckle 4-H hosting under the capable supervision of Adrian Murphy, chair.

Connor Murphy received a participation ribbon and a red ribbon went to Tarra Edwards of Stonyford 4-H.

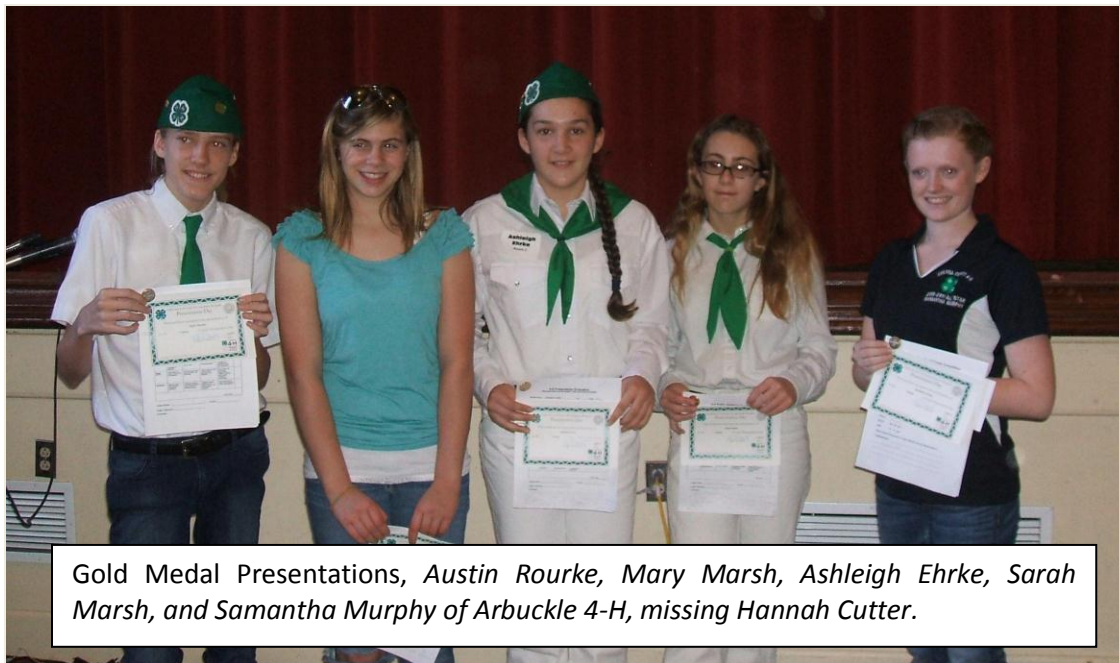
Blue ribbon awards were earned by Vincent Ferrara, Carlyn Marsh, Kyler Stassi, Chantel and Kiersten Bramble, Cody Murphy, Jessica Godinez, Jessica Croxson, Weston Leighty, Adam Cutter, Julio Quijano of Arbuckle 4-H, Eboni Eckford, Drex Minto, Sarah McCabe and Sabrena Nash of Stonyford 4-H.



Gold Medal Presentations were done by Hannah Cutter, Mary Marsh, Ashleigh Ehrke, Sarah Marsh, Austin Rourke, and Samantha Murphy of Arbuckle 4-H.

Blue and Gold presentations are eligible to go to Sectional Presentation Day on Saturday, March 19th at Willows Intermediate School in Willows. The best presentations from Sectional proceed to the State 4-H Field Day at UCDavis on May 28, 2011.

Colusa County 4-H Council thanks the chair, Adrian Murphy and volunteers who were judges, room coordinators and M.C.s: Cathy Marsh, Caitlyn Murphy, Jewel Godinez, Ralph Minto, Shelly Murphy, Sarah and Julie Driver, Susie Stassi, Donna Rourke, Kim Croxson and Valerie Ehrke. Thank you to Samantha Murphy who filled dual roles of M.C. and County All Star. The Council also thanks Pierce High School for donating their facility for the event.



Gold Medal Presentations, *Austin Rourke, Mary Marsh, Ashleigh Ehrke, Sarah Marsh, and Samantha Murphy of Arbuckle 4-H, missing Hannah Cutter.*

OVER 80 4-H YOUTH ATTEND FIELD DAY

Over 80 Colusa County 4-H youth attended the annual Lamb and Goat Field Day held earlier in January at the Bob and Cindy Freed residence in Williams.

Participants, sponsors and volunteers at the field day agreed that it was yet another successful event, and there was a lot of enthusiasm for the programs and workshops provided throughout the day.

A number of workshops were presented including topics such as parts and cuts of a goat by Drex Minto of Stonyford. Ralph Minto, also of Stonyford presented a workshop on choosing a market goat. Kelsey McKinley of Maxwell 4-H & Kristine Martin, formerly of Colusa 4-H brought a workshop on choosing market lambs & also provided hands on instruction on how to set up lambs in the show ring.



A gestation, lambing, tail docking, castrating and vaccination clinic was presented by Cindy Freed. This workshop provided the participants with hands on experience with vaccines by giving an IM (intramuscular) injection into an orange.

Dr. Celina Johnson from California State University Chico attended the field day to present carcass evaluation and stomach analysis seminars. Dr. Matthew Portillo, Butte County 4-H advisor & Mike

Cook, Butte County 4-H Livestock Committee Chair gave every member experience in ultra sound readings & calculating back fat.

Louis Cairo's donated beverages and lunches, consisting of lamb, including shepherd's pie & lamb gyros. Cindy Freed provided barbecued goat meat, salad & dessert. Cristy Edwards, co-owner of Louis Cairo's was assisted by Hi 4-H members Kaily McKinley and Searah Robertson.

As an observer of the program, Edwards said she was very impressed with the presentations and the enthusiasm of the participants the day of the Field Day, and that she is happy Louis Cairo's could help a little. "If we as business people can provide assistance to the youth in some way, we are pleased to do it. We want to show goodwill to our youth and our community," she said.

EXPLORING TREES & PONDS WORKSHOP – FREE!

The Exploring Trees and Ponds workshop will introduce you to the project and website, and help you use them with the youth who participate in your out-of-school program. The workshop will include hands-on activities and discussions on ways of using digital cameras for conducting inquiry. Please join us! Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 10am-3pm, Watsonville. For more information contact Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty, 831-763-8026.

FROM THE 4-H SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY E-NEWS: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>

UC Davis CA&ES Field Day

March 5, 2011, 7:15am - 6:00pm

<http://www.ca4h.org/files/66944.pdf>

UC Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences are hosting the 35th annual CA&ES Field Day on March 5, 2011. Over 3,000 FFA and 4-H members (age 14 and older) will participate in 26 contests. High school aged 4-H members are invited to participate and/or observe the contests held on the UC Davis campus. This event will also serve as the California 4-H State Qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Judging, Dairy Cattle Judging, and Poultry Judging contests.

2011 Google Science Fair

<http://www.google.com/events/sciencefair/>

Google has partnered with NASA, CERN, National Geographic, Scientific American, and LEGO to create a totally new kind of STEM competition: a science fair that is more open, inclusive, and global than ever before. The Google Science Fair aims to be the largest global science competition ever and will be open to all students age 13–18 around the world.

State 4-H Field Day

May 28, 2011 at UC Davis, 9:00am – 6:00pm

<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/>

Since 2002, the State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests and educational activities.

Festival of Science: Curious about how things work? Want to know more about something? At the 2011 California State 4-H Field Day, University scientists will answer your questions! Provide your question ahead of the event and we will find the right scientists to provide an answer.

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Initiative/Questions/>

Special Recognition at the 2011 State 4-H Presentation Day: A special recognition pin will be awarded for youth who participate in State Presentation Day and focus their presentations on science, engineering and technology! This year's focus is on the natural properties and the human interactions with water. Potential topics include water quality, conservation, water cycle, effects on plants and organisms, water in cultural contexts, human impacts on water, phases and/or properties of water, storage and transportation.
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities/

INFORMATION FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE: <http://www.ca4h.org/News/>

National Ag Day Essay Contest

Deadline is February 4, 2011

<http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay>

The 2011 theme is "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer." Students (grades 9-12) are invited to submit an original, 450-word essay or a two-minute video essay about the importance of agriculture. The national written essay winner and video essay winner receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition during the Celebration of Ag Dinner held March 15 at the USDA.

4-H State Fashion Revue 2011

Attention Quilters and Sewers: **CA 4-H State Fashion Revue 2011** would appreciate your help. Make a quilt square, a quilt top, or a complete quilt for a wounded soldier. Special size for stretchers and gurneys, approximately 45 x 81 inches, are needed. Red, white and blue fabrics are preferred. If you make 12 ½" x 12 ½" squares then they can be combined with squares made by other people for a whole quilt. Bring or send your squares, quilt tops and quilts to State Fashion Revue at Olson Hall, UC Davis during State Field Day, **May 28, 2011**. Youth are invited to sew squares together and quilt during the morning SFR workshop. Please contact Lisa Kuntz, SFR youth co-chair, creulgirl101@yahoo.com or Mary Engebretsen, committee volunteer, at maryengebretsen@comcast.net with questions or suggestions.

Around the Nation: The 4-H Million Trees Project continues to grow! To date, over 34,280 4-H youth in 45 US states, Canada, and Caribbean nations and have planted 268,846 trees. All 4-H clubs are invited to join the project by planting trees and reporting on the website at www.4hmilliontrees.org. "Every day is a good day to plant a tree!"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

• ADAM MCKASSON CODORNIZ • AIDEN CHARTER •
ALISON ORNBAUN • CHARLIE LAUX
• CLAYTON ANGUS • COLT ORNBAUN •
DYLAN HEIDRICK • EBONI ECKFORD
• GRANT HARTILL • HAILEY TRAYNHAM •
HALLE CHARTER • HANNAH AZEVEDO • JACK EHRKE
• KENDALL WILSON • LEO HERNANDEZ •
LUKE CHARTER • MICHAELA CARVALHO
• MICHAELA KALFSBEEK • NICOLE ROBLEDO •
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2011 Sheep & Goat Educational Day & Sale Tentative Schedule



Sheep & Goat Unit
Agricultural Training and Research Center



Saturday, February 12, 2011

8 am—Registration/trade show

9 am—Welcome/Introductions

9:30 am—Workshops begin

(30 minutes each, participants pick 4 of the workshops to attend)

Nutrition, Reproduction, Carcass Evaluation

Quality Assurance (this will be conducted one time and will take an hour, qualifies for State Fair)

Sheep Fitting, Sheep Showmanship, Sheep Selection

Goat Showmanship, Goat Selection, Goat Fitting

11:30 am—Lunch begins to be served

Tri-Tip Concession lunch provided by the CSUC Young Cattlemen's' Association

Noon—Grab lunch and take part in “Consensus Judging”

Our judge will select the top 2 lambs from 4 classes and the audience will get to “vote” on their favorite, the top two lambs receiving the most votes will be declared the Champion and Reserve Champion of the 2011 Sheep and Goat Day. These two lambs will get to sell in the first two spots of the lamb sale!

12:30 pm —Preview of Sale Animals

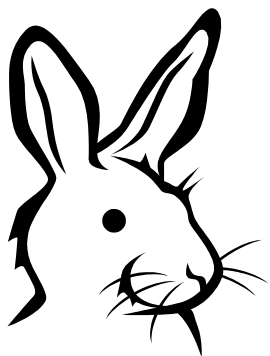
Take some time and study the offering of sale animals! Sale orders will be made available during this time. Additionally during this time, the CSU Chico Stockdog Association will announce the winners of their raffle and the Chico State raffle ewe winner will be announced!

1:00 pm—Sale Begins!

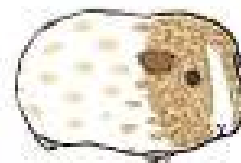
Animals will be released after the entire sale has concluded!



Questions? Call the Chico State Sheep and Goat Unit at 530.898.6024 or email sheepunit@gmail.com



Stanislaus County 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Field Day



Saturday, February 19, 2011

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

At the Stanislaus County Agriculture Center
3800 Cornucopia Way ~ Modesto, California 95358

Everyone is invited to attend!!! Great for all leaders and project members.

Hands-on Workshops

Given by top ARBA Judges and professionals from around the state on Breed ID, Judging, Showmanship and Royalty & Youth Contests.

Youth Rabbit/Cavy Swap Meet

Youth may bring rabbits and cavies to sell. Rabbits must meet junior minimum weight and be pedigreed. Rabbits and cavies will be checked for health and disqualifications at the door.

Food will be available for purchase.

Rabbit cages and supplies will be available for purchase by KW Cages

Questions? Contact Jennifer Ambrosino at (209) 505-1652 or ambrosino@gvni.com.

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Name _____ Age _____ Club _____

Address _____

County _____ No. of years in rabbit/cavy project _____

Project Leader's Name _____ Phone No. _____

Parents Name _____ Phone No. _____

Workshops:

Choose your top two workshops for our information. You can change your mind later and attend whichever ones you want to. We just need to know what to be prepared for.

Showmanship _____ Royalty/Youth Contests _____ Breed ID _____ Judging _____

Mail to: Cody Ambrosino, 701 Beck Creek Lane, Patterson, CA 95363

Livestock

Skill-A-Thon

April 2, 2011

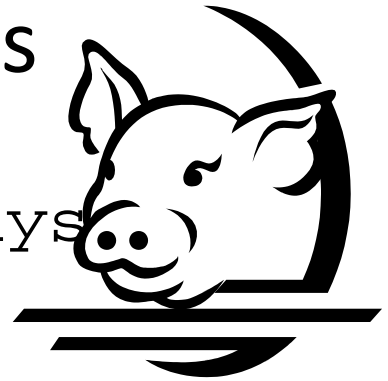
Colusa County Fairgrounds

In conjunction with

2011 Colusa Western Days

8:30 am Check-in

9:00 am Competition starts



This event is being put on by Andrea Thomas, Colusa 4-H
for her Emerald Star Project

Open to 4-H, FFA, Grange and Independent youth 19 and under.

Test your knowledge and skills during a written test and hands on activities.

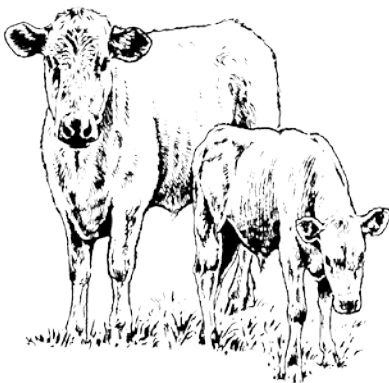
Individual and team awards to be given.

Age divisions:

10 & Under

11-14

15-19



Study Guide available contact Andrea to have it e-mailed to you.

Livestock

Skill-A-Thon

Registration Form – use one per team of 3
(*you do not have to belong to a team to compete*)

☐ Club, Chapter or Grange _____

☐ Independent



Adult Contact _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Name	age as of 1/1/11

**Return Registration Form By Monday, March 28, 2011 to
Livestock Skill-a-Thon
c/o Andrea Thomas
2117 Perry St.
Sutter, CA 95932**

Colusa Livestock Skill-A-Thon

Questions? Contact Andrea Thomas @ aaelitegenetics@hotmail.com or call (530) 218-1968



Exploring Trees and Ponds

Informal Life Science Activities for Youth

A little background, first...

In recent years, there has been a growing movement to get youth outdoors to explore the natural world. Youth have an inherent curiosity about natural objects such as trees and pond organisms. This interest can be the focus for an extended exploration of natural phenomena and act as an experiential foundation for developing life science concepts as well as a life-long appreciation of the outdoor environment.

As part of the *Exploring Trees and Ponds* project, funded by the National Science Foundation, EDC has recently launched a website that provides a program of activities for exploring these two phenomena. This site outlines an extended, structured exploration of trees and pond and provides detailed directions for carrying out the activities. A special feature of this project is the use of digital cameras; youth use this technology to both capture artistic moments and carry out scientific inquiry.

**EDC**

YOU ARE INVITED TO A WORKSHOP...

The *Exploring Trees and Ponds* workshop—led by Bernie Zubrowski, senior research scientist at Education Development Center, Inc., Newton, Mass., and lead project developer—will introduce you to the *Exploring Trees and Ponds* project and website, and help you use them with the youth who participate in your out-of-school program. The workshop will include hands-on activities and discussions on ways of using digital cameras for conducting inquiry. Please join us!

DATE: Tuesday March 8, 2011

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm

LOCATION: University of California Cooperative Extension – Santa Cruz County, 1432 Freedom Blvd, Watsonville 95076

CONTACT: Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty – lschmittmcquitty@ucdavis.edu
831-763-8026

REGISTER:

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6027>

Free workshop - Lunch and refreshments provided

<http://treesandponds.edc.org>

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