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**JANUARY, 2012**

# COLUSA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

Arbuckle 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary  
Colusa 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall, 745 Ware Ave, Colusa  
Maxwell 4-H – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary multipurpose room  
Princeton 4-H – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm, Princeton High School multipurpose room  
Stonyford 4-H – See article for monthly dates, Town Hall  
Williams 4-H – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary Multipurpose Room  
4-H Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every other month, 6:30pm, CIP room (begins Sept)

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## CALENDAR:

### JANUARY 2012

- 3 Cooperative Extension Office reopens after the Holidays
- 4 Maxwell Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Maxwell Elementary
- 6 Due: Presentation Day registration
- 7 Thrive training, CIP Conference Room, 10-2:00
- 8 Stonyford Club Meeting, 4:00pm, Town Hall
- 9 Arbuckle Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Arbuckle Elementary
- 9 Colusa Club Meeting, 7:00pm, St. Bernadette's Hall
- 9 Princeton Club Meeting, Princeton H.S.
- 14 Colusa County Presentation Day, Williams Middle School, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Butte County 4-H Rabbit show, Chico State Barn
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – Cooperative Extension closed
- 16 Due: Online Registration for Citizenship Focus
- 17 Williams Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Williams Elementary
- 18 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CIP Conference Room
- 28 Chico State University Swine Day, 8:00am, Chico State University Farm Pavilion

### FEBRUARY 2012

- 7 Beef Weigh-In and Entry, 7:30am – 11:00am
- 11 Sheep & Meat Goat Educational Day & Sale, CSUCHico
- 11 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Northcoast Youth Summit: "Target Tomorrow"
- 20 Presidents Day – UCCE Office Closed
- 25 Poultry Play/Field Day, 9:00am – 2:00pm, Fairgrounds



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**FOR STATE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES GO TO:** <http://www.ca4h.org/News/Calendar/>

## PLEASE NOTE:

- As of November 1<sup>st</sup> new leaders and members must enroll online at the 4-H Office. Make an appointment with Angelika to give you access. This process will assure the 4-H Office and clubs are updated with new information. Any new leaders may not hold meetings until they have enrolled online, paid \$6 insurance fee, attended an orientation meeting, and received fingerprint clearance. Thank you for your cooperation in these steps.

## FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS—2012

- February 11, 2012 – 9th Annual NORTHCOAST Youth Summit: “Target Tomorrow”  
<http://www.ysummit.org>
- June 7-11, 2012 – Colusa County Fair, “Stars, Stripes and Fair Delights”
- July 18-22, 2012— California State 4-H Horse Classic, Elk Grove, CA <http://www.california-equestrian-center.com>

## SAVE THE DATE:

- Home Ec Review – Sunday, March 4, 2012 at Arbuckle Elementary School, 9:00 a.m.

## LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN/ENTRY DATES

- Beef – February 7, 2012 from 7:30 am - 11:00 am
- Sheep, Swine & Goats – April 17, 2012 from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Rabbits & Avian – May 7, 2012 from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

## THRIVE TRAINING

Submitted by: Cody Murphy

On January 7th from 10:00-2:00 4-H will be kicking off the Thrive Program in Colusa County. This training is open to 6-12th grade club officers, Key Leaders and leadership project members and leaders. It will be a one day leadership workshop to start up the new leadership curriculum and online record book. Lunch will be provided and Colusa County 4-H Leaders Council is sponsoring the event. This will be a fun filled day led by the Thrive team of Adrian, Samantha, Caitlyn and Cody Murphy, Serena Carlsen and County All Star Josh Brown. A lot of activities are planned so we hope you can attend this great training. Please call the 4-H office today to RSVP and save your spot. RSVP no later than Friday, December 16, 2011.

## SHEEP & MEAT GOAT EDUCATIONAL DAY & SALE

Chico State will be holding our annual Sheep & Meat Goat Educational Day & Sale on February 11, 2012. A basic program outline and consignor information is continually being updated on our website ([www.clublambpage.com/chicostate](http://www.clublambpage.com/chicostate)) and we are also on facebook (Chico State Sheep and Goat Unit). We are in the process of planning a great morning of educational sessions to be followed by a sale of project lambs and kids that will fit May/June fairs. **\*New this year\*** - due to the current budget situation, we need to start charging for the educational component of the event. The cost will be \$5 per person. Each person will receive a raffle ticket for our raffle ewe as well! If you have any questions, please email Celina Johnson at [crjohnson@csuchico.edu](mailto:crjohnson@csuchico.edu).



## POULTRY PLAY/FIELD DAY

My name is Cody Murphy and I am from the Arbuckle 4-H Club. This year for my Emerald Star Project I am going to do a Poultry Play Day at the Countywide Poultry Field Day. This will be a hands-on event you can come to and bring your chicken. We will have chicken obstacle courses, educational workshops as well as judging and knowledge quizzes. This event will take place at the Colusa County Fairgrounds on February 25th from 9:00-2:00. Lunch will be available for a small cost. This event will take place as the annual Poultry Field Day and include all of those activities plus much more. Look for entry forms to come in next month's newsletter.



## COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY

**January 14, 2012 at Williams Middle School, Williams, 9:00am**

*Registration form is included in this newsletter and is due to the 4-H office no later than Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.*

If you need information on giving presentations download the State 4-H Presentation Manual from <http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/index.asp>.

**NOTE:** Gold medal winners at county proceed to Sectional then State. Consider S.E.T., Healthy Living or Citizenship as your topic (see below). Give your presentation to five different audiences, including County Presentation Day and win a Super Presenter award.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AT THE 2012 STATE 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

California 4-H offers a thematic recognition pin for youth who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and focus their presentations on one of the following areas:

- Science, Engineering and Technology (SET):  
**Renewable Energy**
- Citizenship: Military Youth: **"Speak Out for Military Kids"**
- Healthy Living: **Healthy Foods**

Participants may only choose ONE focus area for their presentation, and the area must be the PRIMARY topic of the presentation. Youth must first qualify through county and sectional events in order to present at the State 4-H Presentation Day. For details, visit [www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition Opportunities](http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/PD/Recognition_Opportunities) or see full page sheet at the end of this newsletter.



## 2011 STATE 4-H RECORD BOOK COMPETITION RESULTS

The results from the 2011 State 4-H Record Book Competition are in. The 4-H work presented by 4-H members around the state demonstrates the tremendous outcomes and impacts of the 4-H program! From the 103 books submitted, the judges awarded 19 State Winners, 54 Medalists, 29 Merits, and 1 Participation.

The results are posted at <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/>.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Colusa County 4-H Council will be Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the CIP Conference Room. All certified leaders and all approved members are voting members of the council. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Agenda items are due by noon the day before. Remaining council meetings for the year are: March 21<sup>st</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **COLUSA COUNTY 4-H HAS TWO MEMBERS WIN REGIONAL IN THE IMAGINE THIS WRITING CONTEST!**

Imagine this... Writing Contest Regional Winners - 2011

Congratulations to two Maxwell 4-H members! They will compete at the state level where one winner from each grade level will be chosen. Good luck Abby and Hollie!

Grandfather's Cattle  
Abigail Dunlap, 3rd Grade  
Maxwell Elementary School - Dena Lausten, Teacher

A Lot to Know About Sheep  
Hollie Azevedo, 4th Grade  
Maxwell Elementary School - Dianna Detlefsen, Teacher

## **EXPERIMENT OF THE WEEK**

### **Magic Crystal Tree**

Create a magically colorful, snow-covered tree!

Impress your friends by creating a colorful Christmas tree out of salt crystals, cardboard, and a few other household items. Within a day, you'll have a colorful snow-covered tree that seemed to magically sprout from nothing! For the experiment and instructions go to:

<http://www.stevespanglerscience.com/content/experiment/magic-crystal-tree>



## **2012 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE DELEGATION**

The State 4-H Office is pleased to introduce the California Delegation to the 2012 National 4-H Conference, March 24-29, 2012.

- Adult advisor, Mary Meyer, San Mateo County 4-H Program Representative
- Sarah Lloyd, San Mateo County
- Evelyn Rumsby, Santa Clara County
- Taylor Walters, Santa Clara County

While the team size is smaller in 2012, primarily due to funding restrictions, we are excited that these outstanding youth leaders will represent California this important National 4-H Event.

The National 4-H Conference is the Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>



## HOME EC REVIEW

Sunday, March 4, 2012 at 9:00am

Arbuckle Elementary School

**\*New this year:** Members may enter a table setting and a stand-alone entry in the same project. Remember members must be enrolled in the project to exhibit in the category. Information and registration packets will be available at the January Council meeting for all nonlivestock project leaders.

## VOLUNTEER LEADER WEBSITE

The volunteer leader website is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: [fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu).

## 2012 CITIZENSHIP FOCUS

California and Washington Focus enhance citizenship skills as youth engage in one of the study/travel programs and carry out a plan of action to address an issue in their school or community.

### California Focus

June 15 – 19 in Sacramento

Cost: \$550.00 for youth, \$650.00 for adults

Criteria:

Participant – Be an enrolled 4-H member and have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Chaperone – be a certified leader and 21 years of age with authorization to chaperone from your county 4-H staff



### Washington Focus #1

June 24 - July 2, Road to Democracy - Washington, D.C.; Williamsburg, Jamestown/ Yorktown. Cost: \$2,190.00

June 24 - 30, Heritage Trail I – Washington, D.C. Cost: \$1,840.00

### Washington Focus #2

July 8-17, Global Journey - Washington, D.C, Philadelphia, & New York. Cost: \$2,330.00

July 8-14, Heritage Trail II – Washington, D.C. Cost: \$1,840.00

Washington Focus Programs are open to all adult 4-H leaders and to all youth members who have completed their sophomore year in high school or will be 16 years of age by the time of travel.

More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/Focus/> or with Pat English, [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu). Online registration will open on December 1, 2011 and is due on January 16, 2012.

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

• AMEILA LAGRANDE • BAILEE HAYWOOD • BARRETT LANGLOIS • BRADEN LYSS • CHRISTIAN LYSS • ERIN WALSH • GABE GRIMMER • GARRETT HAMILTON • GRAESON BELL • HANNAH CUTTER • JESSI CODER • KATIE WILLIAMS • KRISTINA GODINEZ • KYLIE BURGESS • LIAM DEWIT • MAKAYLA FREED • MAKAYLA MOORE • MONROE MILLER • SARAH DRIVER • SEARAH ROBERTSON • SYDNEY PARSONS • TODD READING • WILLIAM DAFOE •

## STONYFORD 4-H MEETING

Submitted by: Kashoy Brown

On Sunday, December 4, our club had lots of fun making 48 bags for the local seniors in our area. Each bag was filled with fruit, candy canes, homemade cookies and banana bread made by our parents. After our meeting the bags were delivered by the members. Also, we got our decorations ready for hanging on the tree and mini trees to decorate the town with. Our Christmas tree was cut from the Mendocino forest, by Kayla's family. We have also approved sponsoring a youth dance at the Stonyford Town Hall on December 10 from 7:00pm to 10:00pm.



4-H members; Valeria, Kashoy, Aubrianna, and Courtney

## 4-H SERVICE LEARNING PROJECTS

Mandi Bottoms, Healthy Living Coordinator, [mlbottoms@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mlbottoms@ucdavis.edu) reports the website for Revolution of Responsibility is <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/>. Members can apply for financial assistance up to \$1,000 for your service-learning project. (\*This is an opportunity for groups to fund their CANstruction entries.) The next application due dates are January 15 and April 15. The application is available on line. The goal is to work with each student that applies until they get funding for a service learning project. Healthy Living, S.E.T. and Citizenship are all related. Mandi has cards with 50 ways to include healthy living in 4-H service learning projects. See which of these spark the interest of the member. The healthy living information may be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/files/122657.pdf> At State Field Day there will be a My Plate Challenge. Check out the details and see if this is for your members: <http://fruitsandveggies.challenge.gov/>. **Mandi encourages everyone to include the healthy living, S.E.T., Citizenship and service learning in their presentations at State Field Day. Last year they focused on injury prevention and they gave out 12 special recognition pins to the youth who participated. This year the focus is on healthy foods. There were handouts showing resources from state and national healthy living programs.**

\*CANstruction: a structure built from canned goods. Entries are displayed at Atwood Hall during the county fair and may follow the fair theme. The food is then donated to Colusa Impact. Plan now!

## BOOKS FOR KIDS AFRICA

Submitted by: Charlie Laux

My Sister Chaena and I are super excited about raising \$845.60 for our 4-H Community Service Project, Books for Kids AFRICA!

Books for Kids AFRICA is an organization located in Mozambique, Africa. Their purpose is to provide the rural villages with books through lending libraries to promote reading. They are joining forces with the incoming Peace Corps Volunteers on a pilot project to supply each volunteer a set of 50 books to take to their assigned location. They needed people to donate money so they could purchase books for this project. Chaena and I decided to set a goal of raising \$200.00 which would be enough to sponsor one Peace Corps Volunteer. We thought it was going to be difficult to hit our original goal of \$200 so we had a plan to give a presentation to various clubs in Colusa County asking for a donation and sell baked goods at a booth at the Hometown Christmas in Colusa. Once we started doing our presentation to a few clubs, we were on FIRE! We collected over \$212.00 at two separate presentations! We were so surprised and excited! We had to keep adjusting our goal and our display board because the donations were so big! We collected quadruple our original goal!

Chaena and I want to say thank you to the clubs that donated to our Community Service Project. You all are part of this success: The Stonyford 4-H Club, The Colusa 4-H Club, The Colusa 4-H Council, The Colusa Lions Club, The Colusa Rotary and the Maxwell 4-H Club. We would also like to thank Joe, Garrett, and Heather Hamilton for donating baked goods and working in the booth during Hometown Christmas. We also need to thank Laurie Klewe for donating baked goods for the Hometown Christmas Booth and always supporting our activities.

The Colusa Arts and Crafts Club made burlap bookmarks to send with our money. We will be mailing it all off this week and really look forward to getting word back from the Peace Corps Volunteers about their progress and experience in Mozambique. You can learn more about this organization by visiting [www.booksforkidsafrica.com](http://www.booksforkidsafrica.com).



## COUNTYWIDE PROJECT - PRESERVATION & CURING FOODS

Don Litchfield/Carolee Ornbaun are offering countywide Preservation and Curing Foods project (smoked sausage, etc.), 20 members max, first come first served. You must call 4-H Office to be added to the project list.

## FUTURE RABBIT SHOWS

Rabbit shows with youth activities are fun and informative. They are great places to learn more about rabbits and improve in sportsmanship before County Fair. Below are some examples of youth shows that offer not only breed classes, but may offer other activities such as showmanship, Breed ID, judging contests, poster contests, and breeder classes. Two great 4-H rabbit events both regularly held in January will not be offered this year -- Murphy's 4-H Rabbit Show in Amador County (may have a show in 2013) and the State Rabbit Field Day (Sonoma County <http://www.examiner.com/pets-in-oakland/california-state-rabbit-field-day>) may restart the event in 2014. By looking online at the ARBA website <http://arba.net/showsSearch.php> or 4-H newsletters from other counties you may find more shows.



Rabbit show entries are usually sent either through email or regular mail—the deadlines to enter are typically a month before the show.

- Event: Butte County 4-H Rabbit show in Chico, CA. at the Chico State Barn. Though this show is ARBA sanctioned, as of this writing, it is not listed yet on the ARBA website. Show Date: January 14, 2012. Contact Donna Crosby at 530-868-1183 or Moria Wallen (530-518-1974) [moandtwo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moandtwo@sbcglobal.net) for more information or to send an email entry.
- Event: March Hare at the 4-H Center in Rohnert Park. This show is ARBA sanctioned and is sponsored by the Sonoma County 4-H Rabbit Raisers. Show Date: March 3, 2012, Contact: [hindekelly@gmail.com](mailto:hindekelly@gmail.com)
- Event: (4-H) Rabbit & Cavy event at the Gold Country Fair Grounds in Auburn, CA. This is not an ARBA sanctioned show, so no legs for ARBA Grand Champion can be won, but it is a great show to practice showmanship, Breed ID, etc and earn 4-H hat pins and ribbons. Show Date: March 17, 2012, Contact: Johanna Humber 530-633-9046, or go online: [http://ucanr.org/sites/placercounty4h/Community\\_Clubs/?calitem=126227](http://ucanr.org/sites/placercounty4h/Community_Clubs/?calitem=126227)

## CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS CONTEST

By joining the ***Caring for our Watersheds*** program you take a stand for the environment. You join students from all over the world who want their voice to be heard. We all need to work together to ensure our watersheds are healthy.

- Answer the question: What can you do to improve your watershed? (Independently or as a team of no more than four). Identify an environmental concern that impacts your watershed.
- Come up with a realistic solution to address the concern.
- Research your idea and explain it in an approx. 1,000 word proposal (include visuals). Be creative!
- Proposal guidelines can be found at [www.CaringForOurWatersheds.com](http://www.CaringForOurWatersheds.com)
- Entries are judged on innovation, environmental impact, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution and visuals.

You can win rewards for yourself and your school!

Contest entry deadline: February 2012 TBA

If you have any questions, please contact your local Program Coordinator: Beth Del Real, (530) 795-1544 or E-mail: [beth@landbasedlearning.org](mailto:beth@landbasedlearning.org).



## NORTH SECTION 4-H LEADERS' COUNCIL 2011-2012 TECH TEAM

John McIntosh, Project Leader  
Alexander Meigs  
Nic Purvis

Nevada County  
Siskiyou County  
Shasta County

It is still not too late to recruit youth and adult volunteers. If you know of any interesting youth and adults, please direct them to the NSLC website:

<http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/North/> At the bottom of the page, the project flyer and application may be downloaded.

### ATTENTION LIVESTOCK LEADERS/TEEN LEADERS

Anyone interested in chairing a specie specific or multi-specie field day for beef, sheep, swine, goat or rabbit, please contact the 4-H office. Unless a chairperson comes forward, these events will be dropped this year.

### 4-H INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

To view the 4-H State news, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/StateOffice>

To view the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology news, go to:  
<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/>.

To view the National 4-H news, go to <http://4-h.org/news/4hnews.php>

To view the National 4-H news Healthy Living Program, go to <http://www.4-h.org/youth-development-programs/kids-health>

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County Director

**Liz Dawley**  
4-H Program Representative



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**Event: Saturday, January 14, 2012 – 9am – 1pm**  
**Williams Middle School, 300 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Williams**

Entries are due to  
the 4-H Office on  
January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Ph# \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

This information must be provided for each member participating in the presentation. If additional space is needed, use additional paper. Also, if you need additional entry forms please copy or call the 4-H office.

Is this a team presentation? (for Creed Speaking select No) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

☐ Check this box if your presentation focuses on one of the Special Recognition topics: *Renewable Energy, Speak Out for Military Kids, or Healthy Foods*. It may be done in the following categories:

PRESENTATION CATEGORIES (SELECT ONE):

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrated/Illustrated Talk                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Demonstration & Illustrated Talk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepared Speech                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Impromptu Speech                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share the Fun                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive Reading                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Audio/Visual Presentation                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Display                               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creed Speaking (no team or Healthy Living option) |  |

Will you be using a live animal? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Topic/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules and Regulations

1. A 4-H member may participate in only ONE presentation at the County Presentation Day.
2. Team demonstrations may be composed of two members as long as each member participates equally.
3. Presentations shall be 3-15 minutes in length and topic appropriate for all ages. Three minutes for an individual primary presentation to 15 minutes for a senior individual or team presentation.
4. Members are not required to wear a 4-H uniform, but should be neatly dressed.
5. Prepared speeches are 2-5 minutes talks on topics of your choice but may extend up to 10 minutes based on age or experience. Judges do not see script. Topic should be appropriate for all ages. Jr. Division: 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Sr. Division: high school.
6. Impromptu speeches are for Sr. Division only. Presentation must be 2-5 minutes. Contestants draw three topics, quickly select one of them, prepare speech in 3 minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Project Leader you've notified about your presentation

## HELP NEEDED – PLEASE VOLUNTEER

High School age: ☐ Judge ☐ MC

Adult: ☐ Judge ☐ Room Coordinator

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_