



# 4-H Club Notes

## Volunteers Needed to Help With Livestock Expo!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!**

**WED., MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4-H Demo Building.**  
Volunteers are needed to **correct Livestock Expo written tests. Tests are due in the 4-H Office Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>!**

**LIVESTOCK EXPO  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2006 7:00 P.M.**

One representative from each club is needed to attend this meeting so you know what is being planned. You may be asked to bring items to Expo. Volunteer assignments will be made. **DON'T MISS THIS MEETING!**

**Attention Leaders:**

Each club **must** furnish its own (or make arrangements for) animals and equipment in every species for Livestock Expo. Livestock committee recommends 3 youth per animal - pens will be made available for sheep and swine.

**CCLs, Leaders, don't forget, sign up to help at the Expo.**

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**Madera County  
4-H Livestock Expo  
Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

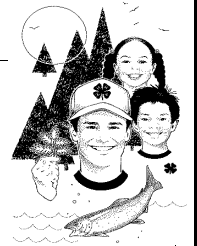
Madera Fairgrounds, Livestock Arena  
Registration: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.  
Skills: 9:30 a.m.  
Awards: 2:00 p.m. (approx.)

**Bring: Pencil and fitting equipment if needed**

**REMINDER:**

4-H members must have taken the Livestock Expo written test to qualify for awards.

**Camp Counselor Applications Due!**



Assistant and Jr. Counselor, Dishwasher, Dean and Adult applications will be due at the 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**All Stars and TLAWs must also fill out the counselor applications which are due Monday, March 6th.**

Counselor applications are available at the 4-H Office.

**Mandatory 4-H Camp Counselor Meeting!**

*4-H Camp Youth Counselors*

Wednesday, April 5th

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Demo Building

*Agenda:*

Review session assignments

Camp Theme

### Madera County 4-H Teen Leader Award Winner (TLAW)

TLAW is the second highest rank a member can earn at the County level. It is not just an honorary rank - it is a working rank awarded to outstanding Junior/Teen Leaders. TLAWs represent our county at State Leadership Conference, and assist with the coordination and organization of county events.

To become a Madera County TLAW you must be completing your freshman year at time of application and be a Junior/Teen Leader. To apply pick up a TLAW application packet at the 4-H office. Return it along with two letters of recommendation. **Applications are due to the 4-H office Monday, April 3, 2006 and interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th.**

### Madera County 4-H All Star

All Star is the highest star rank a member can earn at the county level. You all wear your bronze, silver, gold, or emerald stars proudly on your 4-H hat, but once earned they do not require any more work to keep.

All Star is not just an honorary rank - it is a working star rank awarded to only a few chosen 4-H members. All Stars serve as county 4-H ambassadors speaking before community groups and are role models for younger 4-H members. They represent our county at State Leadership Conference, help run 4-H activities and install 4-H club officers.

So how can you become an All Star? You must be at least 16 years old by January 1 of the program year you are applying and have earned the gold star rank. To apply obtain an All Star application packet from the 4-H office and return it with two letters of recommendation. **Applications for the 2006-2007 All Star team will be due Monday, April 3, 2006 with interviews held on Wednesday, April 12th.**

Each All Star and TLAW team also has an adult advisor who supervises their activities and acts as their chaperone. Becoming an advisor for a countywide leadership team is a very rewarding opportunity for volunteer leaders. Applications for advisor are available in the 4-H Office and are due Monday, April 3.

**ATTEND 4-H CAMP  
July 16 - 20, 2006  
Jackass Rock Campground  
Cost: \$80 per camper  
(family plan available)**

**4-H Camp applications are available at the 4-H Office....Due Monday, June 5th.**

Join us for a great week of outdoor fun in the high Sierra. Special activities are being planned for your enjoyment by the camp committee....there'll also be sessions for hiking, cake decorating, in camp sports, arts and crafts, fishing, horse trail ride, riflery..and more. Ask about 4-H camp...don't miss it!

**CREATING HEALTHY CHOICES  
CALIFORNIA AG DAY 2006  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
At the State Capitol West Side  
Call for Entries: Art in Agriculture  
Contest "Creating Healthy Choices"  
Entry forms are available at the 4-H  
Office.**

**2006-2007  
Budget Meeting**  
The Madera County 4-H Executive Council and 4-H Staff Budget meeting will be held Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. in the Demo Bldg.

**2006-2007  
Calendar Meeting**  
Leaders Council will hold a calendar meeting on Monday, April 17, in the Demo Building to schedule the upcoming 4-H year county events and activities (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007).  
If you have any events or input for the up-coming year's calendar, please submit it in writing to the 4-H Office by Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### RECORD BOOK TIME IS APPROACHING!

Record books will be due to your Community Club Leaders on the date they set in mid-June. County Record Book judging is June 24, 2006. Be sure to help your Community Club Leader at this busy time by having your books to them on time.

A completed record book must include an Annual Project Report form for each project completed, as well as a Personal Development Report form for the year. Assembling Your 4-H Records (MCF-20) and Approved Record Book Forms (MCF-22) are available at the 4-H Office.

### The 2006 Chowchilla-Madera County Fair May 18 - 21

#### Entry Form Due Dates:

**Horse: April 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am - 5 pm  
**Livestock & Still Exhibits: April 12<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am - 5 pm

**Check in for Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Poultry & Dog: Saturday, May 13** (before 8:00 am for goats)

#### WEIGH-IN:

**Swine: Monday, May 15, 3-8 p.m.**  
**Beef, Sheep and Goats: Tuesday, May 16, 4-7 p.m.**

The Horse Show will be held April 22nd.

**All Goats and lambs must have a scrapie tag.**

If you are interested in volunteering your help at the Fair or if you are interested in being on the Junior Fair Board (there are a couple of openings) please call the Fair office at: 665-3861.

Premium books are available on the Fair website: [www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/fairgrounds/fair.html](http://www.ci.chowchilla.ca.us/fairgrounds/fair.html). Click on Chowchilla Fairgrounds, Chowchilla-Madera District Fair, Premium Book. For more information call the fair office at (559) 665-3728.

**Congratulations Medalists****Small Animal Expo!****DOG**Level I

Emily Fernandez, Dixieland  
 Eric Gunter, Dixieland  
 Laura Haen, Dixieland  
 Jon Katuin, Sierra Shadows  
 Chelsi Larson, Alview Dairyland  
 Seth Larson, Alview Dairyland  
 Adriana Marentes, Berenda  
 Robbie Roberts, Sierra Shadows  
 Sarah Rogers, Sierra Shadows  
 Kristina Tatom, Alview Dairyland  
 Jacob Williams, Alview Dairyland

Level II

Matthew Cavaletto, Berenda  
 Ashley Ham, Sierra Shadows  
 Amanda Hodgson, Sierra Shadows  
 Krystalynn Sullivan, Sierra Shadows

Level III

Brittany Cavaletto, Berenda  
 Gina Pappas, Sierra Shadows

**RABBIT**Level I

Bailey Britton, Howard  
 Katie Hill, Sierra Shadows  
 Paige Janzen, Howard  
 Seth Janzen, Howard

Level II

Bethany Buchnoff, Spring Valley  
 William Buchnoff, Spring Valley  
 Ashley Garza, Sierra Shadows

Level IV

Ashton Wilfong, Spring Valley  
 Wil Wilfong, Spring Valley

**POULTRY**Level II

Daphne Norman, Coarsegold  
 David Johnson, Golden Oak  
 Jacob Johnson, Golden Oak

Level III

Shane Herold, Golden Oak  
 Steven Zimmerman, Coarsegold

Level IV

Robert Zimmerman, Coarsegold

**EXOTIC BIRD**Level I

Andrea Cavazas, Berenda  
 Audrey Cavazas, Berenda  
 Miranda Chavez, Berenda  
 Sarah Haag, Berenda  
 Zac Holdscraw, Berenda  
 Jazmine Jackson, Berenda  
 Wesley Ogletree, Howard

**PARTICIPATING MINI-MEMBERS**

Mason Ellis, Spring Valley  
 Christopher O'Haro, Berenda  
 Luke Skinner, Golden Oak

**JACKPOT SHOWS**

Jackpot shows are not considered 4-H events in Madera County. While 4-H members will be neither encouraged or discouraged to attend/exhibit at these events, it is important that members and leaders be aware that while attending (or traveling to and from) these events they are not covered by 4-H accident insurance (or liability in the case of volunteer leaders). These events do offer young people an opportunity to exhibit their animals; however, a recommendation by the State 4-H Livestock Ethics Committee (on which I serve as the committee chairperson) to the State 4-H Policy Committee supports not lending the 4-H name or emblem to these events. As you may be aware, the actions of a few have brought a major spotlight on unethical practices at Jackpot and Junior Livestock shows. After looking at the positives and negatives associated with Jackpot shows as a whole, the judgment has been made that the educational aspects of these shows do not outweigh the negative practices. There are adequate opportunities for 4-H members to experience educational events that more than substitute for Jackpot shows. To be consistent with the spirit of this decision, Great Western (except for the livestock judging contest) has been removed from the Madera County 4-H Calendar. This event is not included under the University's agreement with State Fairs and Exhibitions, and falls under the same umbrella as other Jackpot shows. Should you have any questions, please give me a call at 675-7879 Ext. 203.

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**2006 STATE RULES  
CHANGES****Awards & Scoring (page 10, #10)**

1. Placing of ribbons does not guarantee correct judging placement. Only the official placing stated on the judging sheet(s) constitutes the final placement.

**Protest (Page 10, #1 & 13)**

1. Protests will be considered only if there has been a violation of State or Local Rules. Decisions of judges, veterinarians, weighmasters, **tail dock officials** and timers cannot be protested and are final.  
 2. F&E must receive the appeal **48 hours** from receipt of notice of local decision. F&E shall notify and provide copies of the appeal to appropriate parties within 10 days of determining the appeal valid. F&E must receive any additional information for consideration in the appeal within **48 hours** of receipt of notice of the appeal.

**Animal Species Rules (Page 22, #4)****1. Boer Goats & Market Goats**

- C. Market goats are wethers and does only, no bucks allowed.
- D. Market goats must show milk teeth.

**Animal Health Rules (Page 23, #7)**

1. Castration sites shall be healed and free of inflammation.

**Sheep and Goat Health Rules (Page 24, #2) - Clarification of existing rule**

1. Registration tattoos or electronic identification are acceptable on goats provided the identification appears on the registration papers (and owner/exhibitor has reader if electronic ID is used). Exhibitor is responsible for ensuring availability of electronic ID reader. Tattoos may be placed in the tailhead or flank of goats that cannot be eartagged or tattooed in the ears. Non-registered goats must have either a USDA premises eartag or tattoo as official identification. Contact the USDA at 877-741-3690 to obtain a Premise Identification Number.

**Horse Show Department (Page 27, #12)**

1. Horses owned as a joint project may only be shown by one designated exhibitor at any individual show.

## THANK YOUs ARE GOOD MANNERS!

Thank you notes are very important. They let your buyer or sponsor know that you appreciate their support. They also can encourage the buyer or sponsor to support a project next year.

### Step by Step instructions:

**STEP 1** Write a Thank You note to the buyer of your animal and to any other people who donated anything to your 4-H project (i.e.: Madera Farm Bureau, Chowchilla-Madera County Fair Grounds, Madera District Fair Grounds). When signing your name, please add your address information for the buyer. If you are the recipient of any Champion awards, you must also write Thank You notes to the sponsors of the award.

**STEP 2** Get an envelope. Address the envelope to the appropriate buyer or sponsor. Put a STAMP on the top right corner of the envelope. Put your return address on the envelope.

**STEP 3** Mail your Thank You notes promptly.

### SPECIAL NOTES:

- A lot of members give gift baskets to their buyer, and that is a wonderful thing to do. However, even if you hand deliver these baskets with a Thank You note attached, another written Thank You note will have to be written and mailed.
- Even if a family member bought your animal (for example: your uncle) you should still send a written Thank You note.

## March 05, 2006 - April 15, 2006

### Weekly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 5	Mar 6 Co. Presentation Day Apps. Due 4-H Ofc. 5:00 pm Camp Counselor Apps due 4-H Ofc. 5:00 pm	Mar 7	Mar 8 Lvstck Expo written test due 4-H Ofc	Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11 MAYA Dinner Dance desserts /Gift Baskets needed
Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15 Lvstck. Expo Comm. mtg. 7:00pm Corr. Lvstck. Expo tests 9:00am	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18 Lvstck Expo-Mdra Fair 9am-2:30pm
Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22 State Amb. Apps due to Co. 4-H ofc.	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25 County Presentation Day MHS
Mar 26	Mar 27 Leaders Council Mtg. 7:00 pm	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30 Budget Committee Mtg. 7:00 pm	Mar 31	Apr 1
Apr 2	Apr 3 Co 4-H Scholarship apps due All Star/TLAW apps due	Apr 4	Apr 5 Camp Mtg., Demo Bldg.	Apr 6	Apr 7	Apr 8
Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12 Erickson Scholarship Interviews All Star/TLAW interviews 6pm	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15