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Nick Bertagna, 4-H YD Program Representative

The Butte 4-H County Council is your organization made up of 4-H leaders and older 4-H'ers. The council sets many county 4-H policies. It also helps organize, present and evaluate the many events of Butte County 4-H. All leaders and 4-H'ers 14 years or older are invited to attend scheduled council meetings.

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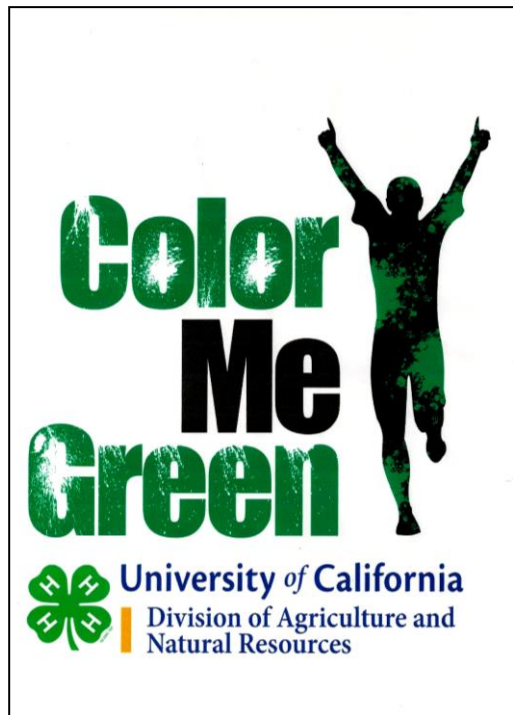
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Color Me Green 5K/3K Run



The Color Me Green Run Event will be on Saturday, March 28, 2015. The starting point for the run will be at Durham High School, (9455 Putney Drive, Durham, CA).

Registration will begin at 8:00 am, and the Color Run will start at 9:00 am. Registration is \$10.00 per person and includes a Color Me Green T-shirt.

For more information, or to register online, visit:

http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/2015_Color_Me_Green_5K_Run/.

The Color Me Green 5k/3k Run is a State Wide service learning event. Counties all over California will be putting on this run in the month of March. We would like every 4-H Club in Butte County to be a part of this event. This will be a fun and educational activity, so don't miss out!!

If you have any questions, contact:

Youth Chair, Katherine Pilakowski: kpilakowski@yahoo.com

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Adult Chair, Brian Marshall: brian_marshall@att.net

Or you can contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

Upcoming Events

Sectional Presentation Day 2015

Northern Sectional 4-H Presentation Day will be Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 9:00 am. It will take place at Woodson Elementary School in Corning. All 4-H members, are eligible to participate if they have qualified at their county level. Contact the 4-H office at 538-7201 to find out the eligibility requirements.

The state presentation format descriptions and evaluation rubrics will be used, for more information visit <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Programs/Projects/Leadership/PublicSpeaking/>. **Pre-registration for this event is required! Northern Sectional 4-H Presentation Day entry forms will need to be sent to the Tehama County 4-H Office, (1754 Walnut Street Red Bluff, CA 96080) by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 2015, no faxes will be accepted!** Applications are located at <http://cetehama.ucanr.edu/files/205642.pdf>. For more information, contact the Tehama County 4-H Office at (530) 527-3101.

2015 Rainbow Craft Day

Rainbow Craft Day is our last county wide event, and it's coming fast! This event is open to all 4-H members and is on April 11, 2015, 8:30 am at Biggs Community Hall. **All entries MUST be mailed or turned into the 4-H office no later than March 27, 2015, by 5:00 pm, no faxes will be accepted!** Entry forms are available at <http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Forms/>. For more information, contact Midge Vander Velden at 530-343-7332, or the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

State Field Day 2015

The State 4-H Field Day annually takes place on the last Saturday of May. This year it will be Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the UC Davis campus, in the Wellman, Hart, and Olson Halls, from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm. This event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff, and parents. Between 1,000 and 1,400 people attend the event! It has a "picnic" feel as people bring chairs and socialize for the day on the Wellman Hall east lawn. The State 4-H Office provides coordination and facility support. Each contest and activity is coordinated by a group of 4-H staff, volunteers, and youth. During the event, 4-H members may participate in a variety of contests. Some contests require pre-qualification and/or pre-registration. Some are open to all during the event. For more information, please contact the Event Coordinator, Sarah Watkins at spwatkins@ucdavis.edu.

Stretch, Eat, Om!

Feeling stressed? Busy? Want to learn more about healthy snacks? Or healthy living? In April 2015, Lone Pine will be sponsoring a County Wide event. The Adventure Yoga Project Group will be teaching interested members some yoga, nutrition and how to think positively. There will also be speakers from Chico State sharing their knowledge as well. Look for more information to come in the April Cloverleaf!

Camp News

Summer Camp 2015 Information for Campers

Summer Camp is on its way! The teens have chosen the camp theme for 2015 and teams are being created. The Camp Theme is "Circus"! Camp this year is from June 21–June 25, 2015 and applications for campers are now available online at <http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Forms/>. **If you are unable to print an application from the above website, please come into the office for one!** Camp cost will be the same as last year, \$225.00 for campers. However, there are partial scholarships available of \$50.00 each. If you are interested please send in a **handwritten** letter of request to Nick Bertagna at the 4-H Office with an explanation of why you desire a partial scholarship. **We have a limited number scholarships (19) and it is first come, first serve. WE HOPE TO FILL THE CAMP THIS YEAR!!**

4-H Camp 2015 Camp T-shirt Contest

Camp will be here before you know it and now is the time to start thinking about a T-Shirt Design for our Camp T-shirt contest. The winner of the T-shirt contest will have their way paid at Camp Rockin' U. The shirt must contain the camp theme (Circus), "Camp Rockin' U", and of course, the 4-H Clover. All 4-H members are encouraged to design a logo that will be used on our camp T-shirts. Logos must have "Rockin' U 4-H Camp, 2015" written in the design. The design must be simple enough to be applied as a silk screen application, on plain paper, not lined paper, and in dark ink print. Let your imagination run free! **All entries are due in the 4-H office by Friday, April 17, 2015 by 5:00 pm.**

Summer Camp 2015 Information for Adult Camp Counselors

If an adult would like to spend a great week laughing and joking with our Butte County 4-H youth and teens, we would like you to join us for camp this year! It's going to be from June 21–June 25, 2015! Applications are available online at http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/. Call the 4-H office and speak to Nick Bertagna for your cost.

2015 Camp Rockin' U Teen Camp Meetings

The February/March Teen camp meeting will be at the Durham Library. The following are the dates and places the meetings will be held. All will start at 7:00 pm. **Please plan to attend all meetings this year and bring all your ideas to share.**

March 25, 2015 Durham Library

April 22, 2015 Oroville HR Room by 4-H Office

May 13, 2015 Oroville HR Room by 4-H Office

June 8, 2015 Durham Park



For more information, please contact Bill Anderson at 530-864-5572 or Kirsten Peters at 530-624-9075.

“Go to Camp Free” Drawing

At 4-H Fun Night, the winner of the **free sponsored trip to camp was James Behlke!** Congratulations James, on winning the Golden Ticket for the "Greatest Show on Earth", at Camp Rockin' U!

"Attention" Important 4-H Summer Camp Announcement.

The Butte County 4-H Camp Program is looking for two adults (Male & Female) to take over the position of Adult Camp Directors for the start of the 2017-2018 camp program year. Kirsten Peters and Bill Anderson will be stepping down after a combined 21 years as camp directors. People interested in the position will help with the 2016 camp year to learn what needs to be done to run our very successful camp program. The Teen Counselors meetings start in October and meet once month through early June. If you are interested in this opportunity, for more information contact Nick Bertagna at 538-7201, Kirsten Peters at kirsten.peters68@gmail.com, or Bill Anderson at billbow4h@aol.com.

Leader Information

2014-2015 March 4-H Council Meeting!

The next Butte 4-H County Council Meeting is on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at the HR Training room, Suite G; (next door to the 4-H office in Oroville), at 7:00 pm. Every member, Jr. Leader, and Adult Leader is invited. See you there!

The 3rd Annual State 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Match

In partnership with the State 4-H shooting sports program and Mendocino County 4-H Council, it's time to sharpen up your archery skills for the 3rd Annual State 4-H Archery Match! **Entries must be sent to Mendocino Cooperative Extension** (UCCE-Mendocino County, 890 N. Bush Street, Ukiah, CA 95482), **by March 16, 2015!** Entry fees **must** be paid by a check from the Butte 4-H County Council, and must be payable to “Mendocino County 4-H Council.” All entries **must** be verified by the county 4-H staff that participants are currently enrolled in 4-H archery. Once your entries are received by Mendocino County, the targets and scorecards will be mailed to the **certified** and **enrolled** leader! **All completed scorecards must be returned to Mendocino County by June 16, 2015**, to be eligible for awards. **No late scorecards will be accepted!**

The rules can be found at <http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/files/204379.pdf>.

The entry form can be found at <http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/files/204380.pdf>. For more information, contact Linda Edgington at lgedgington@ucanr.edu or 707-463-4495. For information within Butte County, contact Bill Anderson at 864-5572 or Dirk Toews at 228-0739.

Bowl-A-Thon

The Butte County Farm, Home and 4-H Support Group is again sponsoring a fundraising Bowl-A-Thon on March 28, 2015. Come and be part of this fun event! We are looking for 4-H teams to enter and help with this fundraiser. Each team consists of 4 players or more, and the entry fee for a team is \$260.00 to bowl 3 games. Ask your friends, family members and neighbors to join in the fun. They may even have gutter guards to help some of us out. Please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201 for more information. The Support Group donates a great deal to our 4-H program. Let's show that Butte County 4-H supports them and sign-up today!

Member Information

4-H Fun Night "Wild 4-H West" – A Salute to Our 4-H Family!

4-H Fun Night 2015 was a down to the roots example of honoring commitments, team work, punctuality, cooperation, attention to excellence and best effort. Members demonstrated remarkable creativity; while creating unique games that revolved around the evening's theme of "Wild West!" And everyone wore their "4-H values" on their sleeves.

I wish I could thank you individually, but suffice it to say, every aspect of the evening was outstanding. The food and game booths were terrific, the silent auction impressive, the prize booth was a hit, the cake walk was overflowing with spectacular cakes, the ticket takers and treasurer's staff were courteous and accurate, set-up and take-down were efficient to the point of amazing, and to top it all off, everyone seemed to have a fun time! Outstanding bills at press time make it difficult to tabulate our net profit. We do know that we grossed about \$11,000.

I would like to thank the Biggs and Bangor parent/leader committee who shared the responsibility of organizing Fun Night and Durham Parkview West 4-H Club for handling the silent auction and also thank each of you who responded to their call to volunteer. Everyone met their commitment! And, as always, we would like to give a special "Thanks" to every Butte County 4-H Club for their commitment to our 4-H Program!

Members, if you attended, make sure you mark your participation in your 4-H record book: County Event Attended, Committee Chair, and/or Committee Member!

4-H Fun Night 2015 was a team effort and an event to be proud of! Excellence in game booth presentation was evidenced by the following category awards: *BEST OVER ALL BOOTH - 1st Nord Cana, 2nd Palermo, 3rd Lone Pine.*

BEST THEME BOOTH - 1st Chico, 2nd Cohasset, 3rd Pine ridge.

MOST CREATIVE BOOTH - 1st Shasta, 2nd Butte Valley, 3rd Durham Parkview East.

Butte County Hi 4-H

Our Hi 4-H project is off to a great start this year. We have one scheduled meeting a month involving socialization, education or volunteering. We have many activities planned for this 4-H year. Some of our meeting topics include: Mock Job Interviews, Mystery Dinner, Cultural Food Creation, Visiting Seniors, and Diving into Diversity. If you are in 8th grade or above, and find any of these activities appealing, come join us! If you have any questions or are interested in joining, please contact Sasha Stiles at (530)519-0881, or by email at sstiles331@gmail.com. You can also contact Liz Edgington at (707)513-7064 or by email at lizzielou_10@hotmail.com.

Butte County 4-H Tournament Archery Team

Dirk Toews is starting up a new Tournament Archery Group that will include current and past 4-H members that have participated in 4-H Archery Projects.

This is not a "project", but a group of Butte County 4-H archery enthusiasts getting together for tournament shooting. The group will participate in various archery meets around California. This will include: West Valley Bow Hunters Club, Ishi Archery Club, Straight Arrow Bow Hunters Club, and Paradise Bow Hunters Club. For more information, contact Dirk Toews at 530-228-0739, or email Chocohnr@aol.com.

All Stars

All-Star Applicants

All Stars is the highest attainable 4-H rank. Application minimum requirements are:

- 15 years of age by January 1, 2015, but not 19 years by January 1, 2016.
- Have completed 3 or more years and is enrolled in the 4-H Youth Program during the current year.
- Will continue in the 4-H Youth Program providing leadership to some phase.
- Applicant must have attained Gold Star.
- Has demonstrated skills as Jr. or Teen Leader, citizenship concern, and maturity of judgment.

Sound interesting to you? Call our 4-H office for the application or go to our Butte County 4-H web site: http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/. If you are unable to print an application from the above website, please come into the office for one! **The due date is Monday, April 6, 2015 at the 4-H Office. No late Postmarks will be accepted!**

Scholarships

Butte County 4-H Scholarships

4-H scholarships are to assist graduating 4-H members with the financial support needed to further their education. Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Member must be currently enrolled in 4-H and a graduating senior.
- Member must enroll in a Community College, College or University or a trade/vocational school within 12 months of being awarded a scholarship.
- A Grade Point Average of 2.0 or higher is preferred.
- Scholarship is not based on financial need.

If you are a graduating senior, call the 4-H office at 538-7201 for your application or see our Butte County 4-H web site: http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Forms/. If you are unable to print an application from the above website, please come into the office for one! **The due date is Monday, April 6, 2015 at the 4-H Office. No late postmarks will be accepted!**

CHS Foundation Scholarships

The CHS Foundation offers a high school scholarship program that focuses on developing future leaders in agribusiness and production agriculture. The program offered is the **High School Scholarship Program**: Graduating high school seniors pursuing an agricultural-related major at any two or four year college throughout the nation are encouraged to apply for one of 50 \$1,000 scholarships; for more information visit <http://www.chsfoundation.org/about.html>. You can find more information about our scholarship programs as well as the online application on our new website at www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development. **Student eligibility:** High school senior, graduating in the spring, must plan to pursue an agricultural-related major, and be a legal U.S. citizen or permanent resident. **All applications must be received by March 13, 2015.** Any questions and request for an application can be directed to Jennifer Thatcher at 800-814-0506.

2015 Statewide Scholarships & Awards

Thousands of dollars in state 4-H Awards are available! Awards are provided for 4-H Members and Leaders by donations to the California 4-H Foundation. Application forms have been revised and posted on the 4-H website: <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Members/Scholarships> and are now available. **The forms are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1, 2015. You will need to allow time to obtain a 4-H office signature.**

Please use one form to apply for all of the following:

- Dean Memorial Legacy Scholarship
- Mabel W. Jacks Scholarship
- American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Agricultural Scholarship
- Samarin Family Vocational Scholarship
- David Steele Memorial Scholarship
- La-Co Industries Scholarship

Gerald M. Geiger Memorial Scholarship-Butte County Farm Bureau

In order to qualify & be considered for this scholarship, applicants must: (a) be a graduating high school senior living in or attending a school in Butte County, planning on majoring in Agriculture or a closely related subject; (b) have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher; (c) submit application and all required information to the Butte County Farm Bureau by stated deadline. **Applications are available at http://www.buttefarmbureau.com/events/annual_events#SCHOLARSHIP.** If you have any questions, please call the Butte County Farm Bureau office at (530) 533-1473.

Leadership Conferences

The 2015 National 4-H Conference

Applications are now open for The National 4-H Conference. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, and State and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces. More information can be found at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-conference/>.

California Focus

Are you a youth between the ages of 14-19? Are you interested in witnessing California's government in action by participating in the legislative, political, and judicial processes? Then on June 19-23, 2015, you can participate in California Focus! This event will be located at the Holiday Inn Capital Plaza, in Sacramento. **Registration is now open and is due March 31, 2015.** For more information visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/ or contact Jenna Colburn at jcolburn@ucanr.edu.

Club News

Nord Cana 4-H'ers brought many smiles to faces at our December meeting! We all went to many houses around the Nord neighborhood singing some of our favorite Christmas Carols such as, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and We wish You a Merry Christmas. We handed out Christmas Cookies to spread a little more Christmas Cheer. It was such a fun experience and we can't wait until next year. We are still planning our local club BBQ and Clean Up day coming April 25, 2015. Other than that, we are all preparing for another year of 4-H!-Submitted by Elle Smith, Club Reporter.

Pine Ridge 4-H Club would like to thank all their members, approximately 95%, who participated in Fun Night. It was a true example of 'Making the Best Better!' A big thank you to the **Niemela** family for our Fun Night Decor, we won third in "Best Theme"! Thank you to our members who were a part of Atria Game Day and played Wii Bowling with their residents. Our club will be dropping homemade Valentine's Day cards off for the residents at Atria to show we care. With the Silver Dollar Fair just around the corner, our projects are in full swing and we are preparing for the big event! Finally, we'd like to congratulate **Blake Jayne** who won Medalist at the state level with his Record Book! Blake White ~ Club Reporter

I hope everyone is having a wonderful new year! **Lone Pine** has been very busy! Our club was very successful with ringing bells in 2014 for the Salvation Army. We've also been super busy making our awesome Fun Night booth; it's definitely western! **Brian Marshall** was a humongous help, and we just wanted to say thank you for helping us with our booth! At our last club meeting we had **Sandy Fisher** come and talk about how to make linen from flax. They had a booth at the Fiber Fusion Fair, and we wanted to learn more about it. They came and demonstrated each step and explained the process. This may make an interesting club project in the future, growing your clothes! Presentation Day is coming early this year! Save the date, it's February 21, 2015. We hope to see a lot of people there! Remember that those who qualify can compete at Sectional Presentation Day in March and State Presentation Day in May.-Club Reporter, Kayli Corron

March 2015				
Thursday	12	Butte 4-H County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Saturday	14	Butte County Fashion Revue C	Butte College	9:00 am
Thursday	26	Butte 4-H County Council Meeting	4-H Office	7:00 pm
Monday	27	Rainbow Craft Day Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Saturday	28	Bowl-A-Thon	Orchard Lanes	6:00 pm
Tuesday	31	Office Closed-Holiday	Cesar Chavez Day	
April 2015				
Monday	6	Scholarship Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Monday	6	All Star Applications Due	4-H Office	5:00 pm
Thursday	9	Butte 4-H County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Saturday	11	Rainbow Craft Day.....C	Biggs Community Hall	8:30 am
Thursday	23	Butte 4-H County Council Meeting	4-H Office	7:00 pm
May 2015				
Thursday	7	Butte 4-H County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Thursday	14	Butte 4-H County Council Meeting	4-H Office	7:00 pm
Tues-Mon	19-25	Silver Dollar Fair	Silver Dollar Fairgrounds	

**Times and Dates subject to change* C=County Event for Butte County Fair