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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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Annual Community Club Leaders Information

Meeting

To our faithful Community Club Leaders:

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State Record Book Competition

The November 4-6, 2016 State Record Book Competition is focused on selecting 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their 4-H project work. If you are interested in participating, you must complete an "Intent to Submit" Form and the Record Book Quick Start Stream Course at the State 4-H Website.

Once both have been completed, the "Intent to Submit" Form (<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/207081.pdf>), must be turned into the Butte County 4-H Office by June 30, 2016.

For more information, visit <http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/RBCompetition/StateCompetition/>. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

Butte County Record Book Judging

Butte 4-H County Council has changed the 4-H Record book year to be completed by August 31, 2016. So, **4-H Record Books will be due in to the County 4-H office on Monday, September 18, 2016.** Judging will be on Monday, September 25, 2016 at the HR Training room, Suite G; (next door to the 4-H office in Oroville). We will begin at 5:00 pm and food will be provided. **We are going to need judges and more judges.** Check with your Community Club Leader to find out when the record books are due to your club!

North Section 4-H WHY Conference 2016 "4-H Leaders Behind the S.H.I.E.L.D."

WHY Conference is for active 4-H Members ages 11 – 19 that want to spend a fun filled, action packed weekend learning leadership and social networking. WHY Conference will take place October 7-9, 2016 at the Whiskey Town National Park (10106 Paige Bar Rd. Redding, CA 96001). Come meet new friends and bring the old friends to share the fun and find the 4-H Leaders behind the Shield. **Early Registration deadline is August 12, 2016, Late Registration is Aug. 13 - Oct.3, 2016.** For more information, contact Cindy Dixon at (530) 209-1576, or Heidi Ahders at 707-459-6435.

Leader Information

2015-2016 June 4-H Council Meeting

The next Butte 4-H County Council Meeting is on Thursday, June 25, 2016, 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. This is where all the decisions about your 4-H program are made and put into action. Your 4-H Club should have one adult 4-H leader and one youth 4-H member there to be your representatives at our Council Meetings. If you do not attend, others will be making decisions for you. Every member, Jr. leader, and adult leader is invited. Come and let your voice be heard! This is a very important meeting as Council Officers will be elected and the 2016-2017 Budget will be voted on! See you there!

First Leader Certification Meeting for 4-H Year 2016-2017

The 4-H Youth Development Program of the University of California is committed to providing a safe environment for young people in all Cooperative Extension activities. **New 4-H Leaders and all potential volunteers** are required to apply online, be fingerprinted for a background check **and** attend a leader certification meeting. *Only after completing all three of these requirements satisfactorily, can a volunteer hold project meetings.* **The first Leader Certification Meeting for the 2016 -2017 year (there will only be three meetings total) is on Monday, June 6, 2016, at the HR Room around the corner from the 4-H Office at 6:30 pm in Oroville.** We will have Live Scan service available at this meeting. Please bring ID information and money for the fingerprinting. The cost will be about \$42. **If you would like to be a camp chaperone and have not been certified as a 4-H Leader, please attend this certification.**

Food Safety Certification

Annual training is required for adult volunteers who are involved with food service and preparation where the general public is involved. This includes all fundraising and community service activities. Any club anticipating involvement in food service and preparation activities must have at least one member complete this training. Please note that any food related fundraisers submitted to the 4-H Office will be reviewed for club compliance with this policy. This training is also highly recommended for any project leaders running a food related project. The University's "Make It Safe, Keep It Safe" Food Safety Education has been made available in an online format, and can be accessed at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/Intro/>. The training consists of six learning modules, as well as a pre and post-test. The post-test consists of 11 multiple choice questions and must be completed with a passing score of 80% in order to receive credit and certification. We have been experiencing some issues with the reporting system, so please e-mail Nick at nabertagna@ucanr.edu with the date and time of completion and print a copy of your results for submission to the 4-H Office.

Member Information

First Annual Small Animal Field Day 2016

On April 30, 2016 Butte County 4-H had its first 4-H Small Animal Field Day at the Silver Dollar Fair grounds! The event was very well attended and had entries in all three divisions, Cavies, Dogs and Poultry. The event was very well organized, with prizes for all participants and was great fun for all. A lot of time was spent to get this event off the ground by the Event Chairs, Erin Dewell of Durham Parkview East 4-H Club, and Sandra Towes of Shasta 4-H Club, THANK YOU! Also a big Thank You to Loni Ford for helping the Cavies show look it's finest. So, get your Cavies, Dogs and Poultry ready for the 2nd annual show next year! Butte County 4-H also thanks the Silver Dollar Fair for the use of their facility and providing ribbons.

County Wide 4-H Gardening Project Starting

Shasta 4-H Leader, Dirk Toews is offering a county wide gardening project starting the beginning of May 2016 to the end of October 2017. For more information, email chocohnr@gmail.com, or text 530-228-0739.

Silver Dollar Fair Carnival Ticket Fundraiser

If you buy your Silver Dollar Fair Carnival Tickets online from <http://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3815312/carnival-passes-may-26-302016-chico-silver-dollar-fair>, they will donate 10% of the ticket money back to our 4-H program! Just enter the promotional code **4H**, it's a win win opportunity! So please spread the word to all you know, and have a fun, safe fair.

Butte County Hi 4-H

The Hi 4-H group is a County-wide project. If you are not located in Chico, but want to participate, the leaders will schedule meetings in other areas to accommodate members. So please do not let that discourage you from participating. Hi 4-H is winding down for the 2015-2016 4-H year, but everyone is looking forward to a great year in 2016-2017. One event planned for September is a dance where potential 8th-12th graders will be invited to join in. Come out if Hi 4-H might be just what you're looking for.

For more information, please contact Mary Manfredi at 530-899-9449, or 530-514-0482. You can also contact Liz Edington at 530-520-8263.

Camp News

2016 Camp Rockin' U!

4-H Camp will be from June 26–June 30, 2016 and it's time to start thinking about signing up! Do you think you can survive all the fun at this year's 2016 4-H Summer Camp "Survivor Hawaii Island"? We know you can! See all your friends, make some new ones and have a great time playing games and doing challenges for the immunity idol. So come have a great time with us and you'll be a 2016 4-H Summer Camp Hawaii Island Survivor! Applications are now available online at http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Butte_County_4-H_Summer_Camp/. **If you are unable to print an application from the above website, please come into the office for one!** Camp cost will \$275.00 for campers this year. **If you want a Camp T-shirt, you must have your camp application and fee in the 4-H office no later than May 31, 2016.**

Summer Camp 2016 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 26–June 30, 2016. Applications are available online at <http://cebutte.ucanr.edu/4-H Program/Butte County 4-H Summer Camp />. Call the 4-H office and speak to Nick Bertagna for your cost.

Camp with Colusa County

Butte County has offered to share our Camp Rockin' U Camp Time with Colusa County! We are still offering spots to our Butte County members, as well as Colusa 4-H members. **If you are interested in attending Camp, get your application in as it is first come, first serve.** If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

Ways to get to Camp

4-H Fun Night drawing for a Free Camp pass!

4-H Camp T-Shirt design Winner for a Free Camp pass!

4-H Camp Scholarship's from the Butte County 4-H Council!

Ask your 4-H Club for a Camp Sponsorship!

Or, you can pay the full price for camp.

All Stars

Congratulations to our new 2016-2017 All Stars. Three dedicated and talented Butte County 4-H Members were selected to be interviewed for All Star Ambassadors. Those that interviewed were **Madison Currey of Durham Parkview West 4-H, Brynn Duncan of Lone Pine 4-H, and Byron Jayne of Lone Pine 4-H.** These members have excelled in their own projects, have served their county and club to the highest standards, and have been deemed worthy to represent their fellow 4-H'ers as Butte County All Stars!

Madison Currey has been part of Durham Parkview West 4-H Club since she was 8 years old and has participated in many projects: Sheep, Cooking, and Archery. Madison is very involved with her 4-H club, currently serving as club Reporter. She is also a Teen Leader for DPVW's newest project, Wind Power.

Outside of 4-H, Madison is an active Junior at Chico High School. She is part of the Chico High School Band Leadership Team where she assists the Band Leader in various duties and activities. Her parents are Heather and Donovan Currey.

Brynn Duncan has been with Lone Pine 4-H for 9 years. Brynn has been very focused on the Meat Rabbits project this year, where she is also a Teen Leader. She is very involved in this project and has been for the past few years. She received a Gold Award from North Sectional Presentation day last year, with a letter of congratulations from Senator Jim Nielsen.

Outside of 4-H, Brynn is a sophomore at Chico High School, she loves to read, draw and sing. She is very fond of Anime and works with some friends to create drawings. Her parents are Dawn Nielsen Duncan and Bruce Duncan.

Byron Jayne has been with 4-H for 5 years. Byron has been involved with Beef, Swine, Goats, HI 4-H & Poultry. **LOTS** of Poultry. He has been to SLC twice, and WHY Conference once.

Outside of 4-H, Byron is a sophomore at Paradise High School where he received Most Improved RISE Student. He loves to participate in RC Crawl Competitions and help 4-H serve the community by doing food drives and donating the food to the various Centers around Chico. His parents are Kim and Brent Jayne.

Club News

Butte Valley 4-H Club's May meeting and month of April were packed with fun activities and projects. At the the meeting, members talked about the poultry meeting, goat showmanship meeting, the public speaking meeting, and Lamb Clinics that they attended. Members also discussed what they are going to do with some of Club's money. After all of the reports were made, the members went outside for a rousing short game of soccer while the Adults discussed business. The Club is planning an end of the year meeting and party which will be at **Kinsey Rau's** house with swimming and a BBQ. Everyone is excited about the upcoming Silver Dollar Fair, State Fair, and Butte County Fair!-Submitted by Jared Kumangai, Club Reporter

Last month, **Shasta 4-H Club** had their 2016-2017 Club Officer Elections. The results of the election are in and it has been decided that their President will be **Taylor Jarrett**, Vice President will be **Lauren Ferguson-Hilbert**, Recording Secretary will be **Madison Carhart**, Treasurer will be **Jackie Padgett**, Attendance Secretary will be **Tanner Clift**, Supplies Officer will be **James Behlke**, Club Reporter will be **Myah Hillman**, Club Historian will be **Lawson Cooper**, Activities Coordinator will be **Owen Behlke, Jared Toews, Seth Chester, & Trenten Dewell**, and Sargent of Arms will be **Gabriel & Grant Garretson**.

Shasta also held their monthly snack contest put on by **Jared Toews**, the activities coordinator. Two contestants' participated, **Lawson Cooper** with his Chocolate Chip Cookies, and **Autumn Chester** with her Chocolate Cherry Cookies. Autumn won the rosette! **Lisa Padgett** talked about how great the Small Animal Field Day was and how much the younger kids enjoyed showing their animals. **Julie Jarrett** handed out a gift to our only graduating senior, **Jacob Toews**. Good luck Jacob on your next life journey. We will miss you! Next month in June we are having our Shasta BBQ Meeting, it should be a fun and relaxing time.-Submitted by Tristin Toews, Club Reporter

Pine Ridge 4-H participated in the Gold Nugget Parade in Paradise. Members had a lot of fun passing out candy and 4-H bookmarks to little kids. The float was a covered wagon with authentic antiques, possibly used in that time period. The float won a second place award! A special thanks to **Tracy and Karl Niemela** for their craftsmanship and contributions to the float, and to the **King** family for bringing their horses to ride and carry our flag. The Club would also like to give special thanks to **Laurie and Brent Foster** for putting so much time and effort into Pine Ridge overall and for donating so much of their time.


The Club had their "End of the Year" Barbeque where they ended the year with a bang, eating lots of delicious food and some wonderful treats made by the Dutch oven group. Silver Dollar Fair and 4-H camp are coming up, and Pine Ridge is VERY excited and hope to see many of the members' there.-Submitted by Maddy Hohenstein, Club Reporter

Hello Cloverleaf Readers! **Lone Pine 4-H** is sad to be finishing off the year, but they are still busy, busy, busy! Lone Pine just finished having a booth at the Growing Healthy Kids 5k Run/Walk in Bidwell Park, and participating in the Neal Road Clean-up Community Service event. The Silver Dollar Fair is coming up and Lone Pine is having their annual BBQ dinner on weigh in day, so club members are working hard to get all their animals ready for the fair. The Club participated in Small Animal Field Day and had a great time. Lots of kids were able to participate and they hope to see this event become part of the Silver Dollar Fair. 4-H Summer Camp is coming up and members can't wait for the Survivor Hawaii theme camp, it's going to be a lot of fun! **Get signed up!** Also, remember to register for State Leadership Conference (SLC 2016) in Humboldt taking place in July. The 2nd Annual Lone Pine Campout planning process is underway. And finally, Lone Pine elected the 2016-2017 Lone Pine Officers at their last meeting. They will announce the new positions in the fall!-Submitted by Hailey Korff, Club Reporter

TENTATIVE 2015-2016 4-H CALENDAR

May 2016				
Thurs-Sun	26-30	Silver Dollar Fair	Silver Dollar Fairgrounds	
Monday	30	Office Closed-Holiday	Memorial Day	
June 2016				
Monday	6	1 st Leader Certification	4-H Office (HR Room)	6:30 pm
Thursday	9	Butte County Council Officer Meeting	4-H Office	6:30 pm
Thursday	23	Butte County Council Meeting	4-H Office (HR Room)	7:00 pm
Sun-Thurs	26-30	Butte County 4-H Camp 2016	Dobbins, CA	

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

 **Thought for the Month**— "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing."

Proverbs 12:18

Take a Moment....

The Red Marble

During the waning years of the depression in a small southeastern Idaho community, I used to stop by Mr. Miller's roadside stand for farm-fresh produce as the season made it available. Food and money were still extremely scarce and bartering was used, extensively. One particular day Mr. Miller was bagging some early potatoes for me. I noticed a small boy, delicate of bone and feature, ragged but clean, hungrily appraising a basket of freshly picked green peas. I paid for my potatoes but was also drawn to the display of fresh green peas. I am a pushover for creamed peas and new potatoes. Pondering the peas, I couldn't help overhearing the conversation between Mr. Miller and the ragged boy next to me.

"Hello Barry, how are you today?"

"H'lo, Mr. Miller. Fine, thank ya. Jus' admirin' them peas ... sure look good."

"They are good, Barry. How's your Ma?"

"Fine. Gittin' stronger alla' time."

"Good. Anything I can help you with?"

"No, Sir. Jus' admirin' them peas."

"Would you like to take some home?"

"No, Sir. Got nuthin' to pay for 'em with." "Well, what have you to trade me for some of those peas?"

"All I got's my prize marble here."

"Is that right? Let me see it."

"Here 'tis. She's a dandy."

"I can see that... Hmmmm, only thing is ... this one is blue and I sort of go for red. Do you have a red one like this at home?"

"Not 'zackley....but, almost."

"Tell you what. Take this sack of peas home with you and next trip this way let me look at that red marble."

"Sure will. Thanks, Mr. Miller."

Mrs. Miller, who had been standing nearby, came over to help me. With a smile she said: "There are two other boys like him in our community, all three are in very poor circumstances. Jim just loves to bargain with them for peas, apples, tomatoes or whatever. When they come back with their red marbles, and they always do, he decides he doesn't like red after all and he sends them home with a bag of produce for a green marble or an orange one, perhaps." I left the stand, smiling to myself, impressed with this man. A short time later I moved to Colorado but I never forgot the story of this man, the boys and their bartering.

Several years went by each more rapid than the previous one. Just recently I had occasion to visit some old friends in that Idaho community and while I was there learned that Mr. Miller had died. They were having his viewing that evening and knowing my friends wanted to go, I agreed to accompany them. Upon our arrival at the mortuary we fell into line to meet the relatives of the deceased and to offer whatever words of comfort we could. Ahead of us in line were three young men. One was in an army uniform and the other two wore nice haircuts, dark suits and white shirts Very professional looking. They approached Mrs. Miller, standing smiling and composed, by her husband's casket. Each of the young men hugged her, kissed her on the cheek, spoke briefly with her and moved on to the casket. Her misty light blue eyes followed them as, one by one, each young man stopped briefly and placed his own warm hand over the cold pale hand in the casket. Each left the mortuary, awkwardly, wiping his eyes. Our turn came to meet Mrs. Miller. I told her who I was and mentioned the story she had told me about the marbles. Eyes glistening she took my hand and led me to the casket. "Those three young men, who just left, were the boys I told you about. They just told me how they appreciated the things Jim "traded" them. Now, at last when Jim could not change his mind about color or size... they came to pay their debt. "We've never had a great deal of the wealth of this world," she confided, "but, right now, Jim would consider himself the richest man in Idaho." With loving gentleness she lifted the lifeless fingers of her deceased husband. Resting underneath were three, exquisitely shined, red marbles.

MORAL: We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds. Life isn't measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.