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"I pledge ... My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world."

Welcome to the New and Improved Cloverleaf!

Communication in 4-H is imperative, and as our community grows into the 21st century, we feel it right that our newsletter does too. We are now using Constant Contact for all of our Cloverleaves. This software will make your monthly news more engaging with things like polls, RSVP's, pictures, videos, and links to other websites. **A major part of this decision is to reduce cost, so we will no longer send paper copies. We will use the email address in the "Family" profile from 4hOnline, but if other family members want to receive an Interactive PDF version, they can sign up by clicking the button in this section.** And copies will continue to be posted on the website so you can print them out - If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at (530) 538-7201!

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Sign-Up Family Members Whose Emails Aren't in 4hOnline

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Fun Night!

Mark your calendars for this year's Fun Night - we are back to the traditional first Saturday of February!February 1, 2020, 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Silver Dollar Fair Commercial Building.

The 2020 Fun Night theme is "A Night At The Movies". We would like to invite all the 4-H clubs to get involved and create a booth! We are hoping to have a great event for everyone to enjoy.

The All Stars will need donations for the cake walk and Biggs 4-H Club is looking for quality donations for the silent auction. It's best if you bring silent auction items Friday night set up.

Let's have some fun and fundraise for our program while we're at it!

Presentation Day

Butte County Presentation Day is Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Butte College Learning Resource Center. Your Community Club Leader will have full details. You will register with a survey this year that will be posted by 12/20/19. After you submit your registration **you will receive a confirmation email, so if you register and do not receive one, please go and register again!** If you want to make sure your registration went through, feel free to

give Barbara a call at 538-7201. If you need additional information, you can contact the 4-H office, or visit the Butte County 4-H Presentation event page.

The due date for registration of this event is January 27, 2020, by 11:59 pm, and you can go here to register. ***IF YOU WISH TO BE AN EVALUATOR, PLEASE USE THE SAME LINK!!***

Registration for Participants, Evaluators, Room Coordinators, and Tabulators: 8:00 am-9:00 am
Opening Assembly: 9:00 am
Evaluator, et al Orientation: 9:00 am
Presentations begin: 9:30 am

Each club is responsible for providing 5 Evaluators, 1 Tabulator, and 1 Room Coordinator for every 10 presenters. So please consider filling these roles! There is also a link to the 4-H Presentation Manual which contains lots of information about the various types of presentations and requirements. Pay special attention to the Matrix on page 10.

Evaluators: Important pages to help you prepare begin on page 33. Pay special attention to the Guidelines for Written Comments on page 40.

Fashion Revue

The 2020 Fashion Revue date has been confirmed! It will be held on **Saturday March 14th, starting at 8:30am**, so mark your calendar if you plan to attend. Registration will be made available in due course.

Silver Dollar Fair

- Click or tap here for a bulletin with important dates and deadlines.

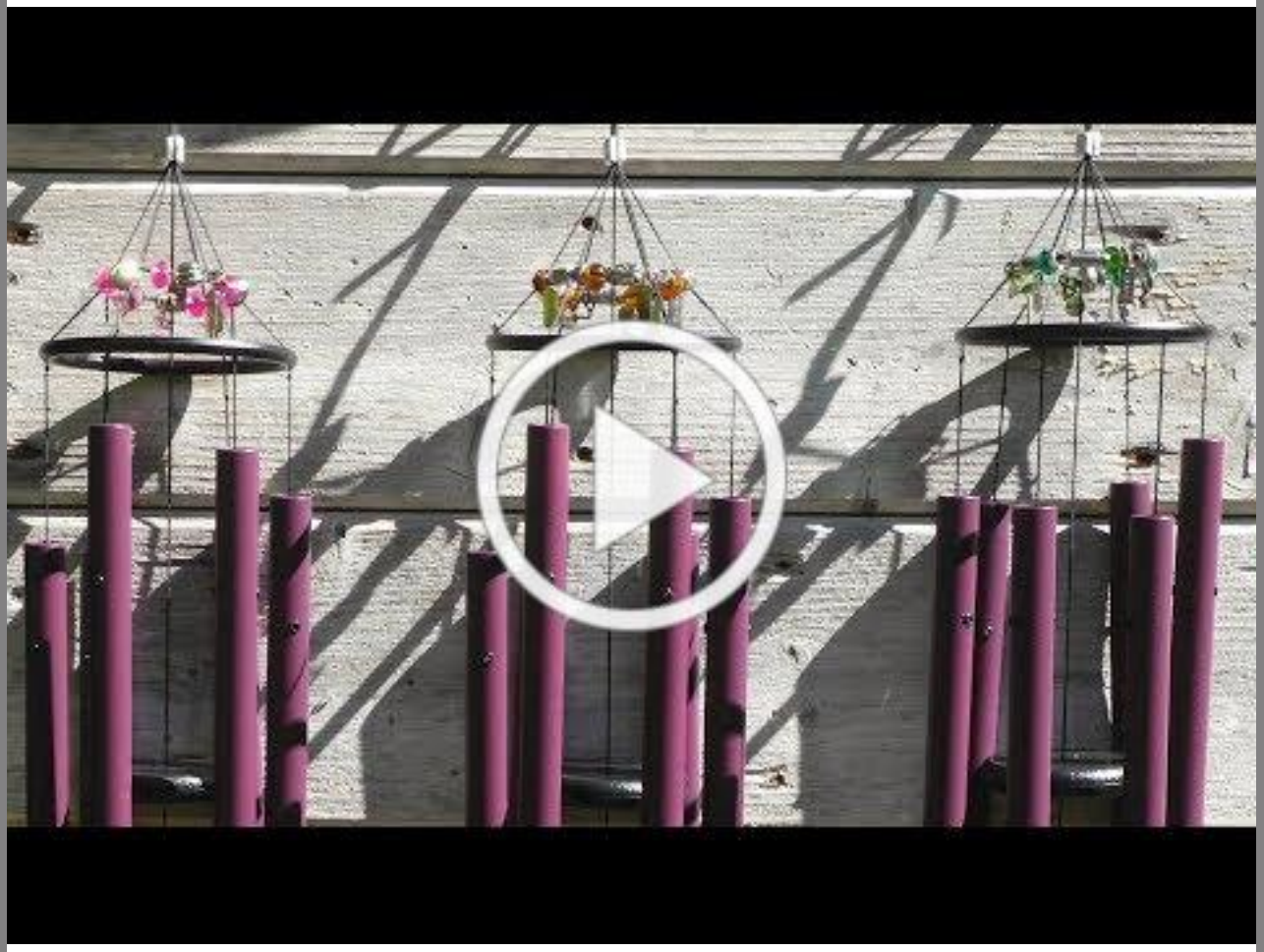
- There is a waiting list for market steers. If there are youth in your group that are not planning to stay in the market steer project for 2020 Fair, please contact Shelley Livingston as soon as possible so they can "roll up" youth from the waiting list.
- It is appreciated if you submit photos & bills of sale/breeder information sooner rather than later. Market Steer photos & breeder information/bills of sale are due no later than 5 pm Jan. 22. See the attached bulletin for opening dates for market lambs, goats & rabbit meat pens as well as photo & breeder information/ bills of sale deadlines.

- There are a few livestock awards that need a sponsor with a range of sponsor amounts. If you, or someone you know, may interested in sponsoring an award, please contact Shelley as soon as possible who can give you the available options.

- 2020 Local Rules, Independent Packets & entry information is available at silverdollarfair.org.

- Shelley can reached for questions at shelley@silverdollarfair.org or 895-4436.

Peaceful Music Wind Chimes Project



At the Butte County 4-H Awards night on October 19, 2019, an original music video was presented on a very special 4-H Emerald Star project benefitting the Camp Fire survivors.

In November 2018, the worst fire in California history, the Camp Fire, devastated the towns of Paradise, Magalia, Pulga, and Concow. Over 13,000 homes were destroyed and 85 people died. From the first day of the tragedy, our local Butte County 4-H members were involved in responding to this community crisis in many ways directly and indirectly, including caring for displaced animals and donating food and shelter to affected

families. Our team of two Oroville Foothill Club members, Opal and Doni, and a Durham Club member, Skylar, decided to expand our work to address the psychological and emotional recovery of the fire survivors.

Inspired by our team member, Opal, who had lost her home to an electrical fire three months earlier, we decided our project should benefit the survivors of the Camp Fire while providing opportunities for survivors to join with other Butte County residents to connect as a community. Opal felt strongly that her recovery began when she was able to work on a collaborative project to help others.

Our team loved the idea of recruiting community members to work in small teams to build personalized wind chimes to be given as gifts of peaceful and healing music. Donovan and Skylar are musicians and know the power of music to bring comfort and connection. In the Camp Fire, the wind spread the fire and caused destruction, but the forces of nature are also restorative. The sound of the wind blowing through the chimes is beautiful and soothing.

Woodstock Chimes generously agreed to donate one hundred twenty-five "Bells of Paradise" wind chimes. We started the nomination process by nominating members of the Pine Ridge 4-H Club from Paradise. We also invited them to nominate their relatives, friends, neighbors, teachers, caregivers and first responders using an online form we created. Each person was asked to "pass on the gift" so the nominations created a linked chain of connections through the community. Each nomination included a short story about the family, inspirational word charms to include, favorite color for bead selection, and the names of the family members to be written on the chime sail.

For the building phase of the project, we also started with 4-H. We held several "build events" with Butte County 4-H members and their families. We also arranged to bring the project to the after-school programs at Palermo Middle School in Palermo and Sycamore Middle School in Gridley. With the help of our adult leader, Wayne Hill, we facilitated team-building sessions with the students. We read aloud the family stories shared by the nominators, and the students chose to build the chimes for the families that they connected with based on the stories. Reflecting on the stories of the recipients, the kids created unique and beautiful decorations on the envelopes for the gift cards that were included with the chimes. Many students added pictures and messages of hope and rebuilding.

All phases of this project have been eye-opening, but none as much as the giving phase. We have met with recipients wherever they are - in Paradise, Oroville, Gridley, Chico, Magalia and beyond. We also involved many of the nominators who have appreciated the opportunity to deliver the gifts. An unexpected benefit of our project has been the excitement of the nominators who were eager to assist us. Personally putting each gift into the hands of the recipient has been the most rewarding part of the project, and the emotions are overwhelming for everyone involved.

This project has done everything we hoped it would do. We provided a way for our community to connect with people who experienced the

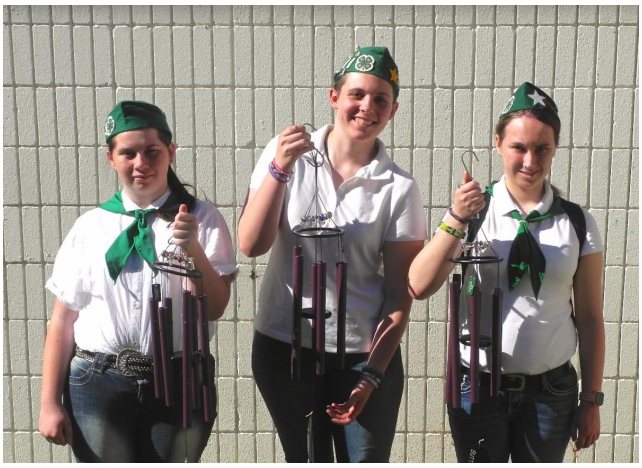
most destructive wildfire in California history. With the help of Woodstock Chimes, we gave a gift of healing music to 125 families. We gave over 100 nominators a way to share a special gift with people they love. We provided a meaningful team-building experience to over 60 kids at local middle schools. This project has changed each of us in ways we did not expect. We look forward to opportunities to share what we have learned to other 4-H clubs and fire recovery projects.

A “Bells of Paradise” wind chime donated by Woodstock Chimes and personalized by 4-H’er for Camp Fire Survivors.

Examples of some of the beads and inspirational words selected for the wind chimes.

Butte County 4-H’ers work together at a team building session on March 27, 2019 in Chico, California.

Each wind chime was personally delivered by 4-H members or the nominators.



The Peaceful Music Wind Chime Project Team.

Youth Agriculture and Animal Science Field Day 2020

Registration open for the Youth Agriculture and Animal Science Field Day 2020 taking place on Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm.

This event will take place at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds and Event

Center, in Petaluma. Learn about the client-veterinarian relationship, promoting agriculture, backyard poultry, career opportunities, working landscapes, science of wildland fire, and animal welfare practices.

There will be a Keynote address by Temple Grandin!

This event is for youth, (aged 9 and older), and adults. Registration Fee is $5.00 per person, **and you must register by February 1, 2020.**
For more information, visit their webage.

Ag Equipment Project Auction

The Silver Dollar Board of Directors has approved a Junior Ag Equipment Project that would/may be eligible for the Junior Livestock/Ag Equipment Auction if selected by the judge(s) to be sold at auction. This is an opportunity for youth to enter and possibly sell an ag equipment welding project.

To clarify, an individual student may enter an ag equipment project eligible for the auction OR a market animal entry to be eligible for the auction, not both. A group/club/chapter entry would be entered under the organization, not individual students. All projects must have a certified/credentialed welding leader and be approved by Manager Nick DiGrazia.

More details can be foundhere. The Exhibitor Handbook will be online Feb. 1st with information for entry form (Department Division & Class info).

Facebook Page and Group

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults, in a hands-on environment. With that mission statement in mind, we want to make sure that all 4-H Families are able to receive news and information, regardless of any situation. So we have created a Butte County 4-H Facebook Page where we will post pictures and information about

our events. We have also created a Butte County 4-H Facebook Group Page which will be a place for Members and Volunteers to ask questions about the program, make suggestions, and give voice to our program's needs. We hope you will request membership to both pages and assist in our 4-H Program's growth!

Council Corner

The first Butte 4-H County Council Meeting of the new year is on Thursday, January 30, 2020, at the Farm Bureau; (2580 Feather River Blvd. Oroville CA 95965), at 7:00 pm. This is where all the decisions about your 4-H program are made and put into action. Your 4-H Club should have at least one youth or adult in attendance. **If you do not attend, others will be making decisions for you!** Every Butte County 4-H affiliated individual is invited. Come and let your voice be heard! This is a very important meeting as we would like all our clubs to start on the same page!

Camp News

Video Credit: Nico Donati & Jordan O'Neal

2020 Camp Rockin' U Teen Camp Counselors

Meetings will be held at either the Durham Butte County Library, (2545 Durham-Dayton Hwy), Butte County Farm Bureau (2580 Feather River Blvd. Oroville CA 95965), or Durham Park. For more information, please contact Camp Director, Bill Anderson at 530-864-5572 (after 6:00 pm).

Please mark your calendars to remind you of these meetings.

- Jan. 15, 2020 - Durham Library, 7:00pm
- Feb. 19, 2020 – Durham Library, 7:00pm
- Mar. 18, 2020 – Durham Library, 7:00pm
- Apr. 22, 2020 – Durham Library, 7:00pm
- May 13, 2020 – Durham Library, 7:00pm
- CAMP June 28 - July 2, 2020

Camp is a countywide project. Teens, if you choose to participate, 4-H camp can be your project for the year.

2020 Camp Rockin' U Adult Camp Counselors

Every year, we have our Butte County 4-H Camp. It is always an amazing time! The Camper's get immersed in activities that promote the Camper's full potential as 4-H Members. It also assists the Teen Camp Counselors with Leadership Skills that they will go on to use as potential Adult Leaders. That being said, the youth CANNOT do this alone! We need adult volunteers! **There is no fee** to be an Adult Counselor, you get to spend 4 days enjoying the great outdoors with 4-Her's, how great is that!

If you are interested in being an Adult Camp Counselor, please contact the 4-H Office at 538-7201.

2020 Camp Information

This year's camp is rated E for Everyone because it is calledButte County 4-H Camp, Game On!
4-H Camp from June 28-July 2, 2020! Don't forget to stop by our booth at Fun Night! Again this year, we have a sponsor for a free pass to our fun Butte County 4-H Summer Camp. All you have to do to enter is stop by our summer camp booth and ask one of our teen camp counselors "What's camp all about?" and you'll get a ticket for the drawing held at the end of the night. We will also have the paperwork available for campers and any parents that want to be a part of our great camp. There will also be a "camp pass" in the 4-H Fun Night Silent Auction too!

Club News

Manzanita 4-H had a blast at the Gridley Parade of lights on December 4, 2019, with their float. They also be sang Christmas carols before their meeting on December 9, 2019, t the local retirement home.- Submitted Taetum Warfield, Manzanita 4-H Reporter.

Nord Cana 4-H Club showed their Community Spirit this past weekend by having Matthew Maxfield (right), and Jamie Velazquez (left), take a shift at the Butte

College Giving tree located in the Chico Mall.

Palermo 4-H Club has been really busy with the start of their year! Awards Night was on October 12, 2019, the club placed 2nd in the National 4-H week display! They had 8 members receive their level 1 proficiency in goats and swine, and one member received a county winner on their record book!
Foods Fiesta was on November 2, 2019. 10 members from the club participated, and all 10 received a red seal or higher on their entries! Several members attended the Northern Youth Summit, they had a blast and would like to take this time to thank the planning committee for putting on such an awesome event! Palermo has also been talking about ideas for Fashion Revue since they are hosting this year.-Submitted Tylar Ainslie, Palermo 4-H Reporter.

Cloverleaves Submission Schedule

To get the Cloverleaves edited and e-mailed by the first of the month, articles need to be received by the office no later than the first week of the month preceding the month of the edition that we are working on. Please use the table below as reference and we thank you for your cooperation.

For the below Cloverleaf issues, articles need to be in by:
Mar. 02/29/20
Apr. 03/31/20
May.04/30/20

Calendar

The Butte County 4-H 2019-2020 Calendar can be found on our website here.

Tap or click here to visit the State 4-H calendar page which includes dates, deadlines, email lists you can sign up for, and archived State newsletter.

Thanks for reading!

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