



INDEPENDENCE

4 - H

November 2023

November Club Meeting:
November 8th, 6:30-7:30
Sebastopol Center for the Arts

Important Dates:

November 14 @ 5pm: Redwood Empire
Food Bank - Independence 4-H Volunteer
Night

November 15: Youth Ag Leadership
Project Grants Due

November 28: #Giving Tuesday

Dec. 27- Jan. 9: Goat Treecycling Event

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4-H Pledge

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

President's Message

Clay McDonell

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a happy Halloween and have some fun plans for the rest of the Autumn season. It was fun to see everyone participating in the Motion Potion activity at the last meeting.

For Thanksgiving I am going up to my great grandparents house, near Yosemite, to split firewood and launch rockets. I'm also going to have a nice dinner with my family.

Thinking of Thanksgiving and looking back over my last eight years in our club, here are some of the many things about my experience in Independence 4-H that I'm grateful for.

- My parents, who got me started and support me in my activities
- Adult leaders who give their time and energy to teach me
- Friends
- Community service activities
- Communication skills, like public speaking
- Leadership skills
- Learning how to run an organization and a meeting
- Working with people
- Treasurer skills: book-keeping and budgeting
- Projects & learning new skills
 - Rabbits
 - Archery
 - Bees...and more.

I got all of these great benefits out of 4-H because I *participated* in activities, took advantage of opportunities, ran for the executive board, etc. I would encourage you all to do the same!

Antonia is continuing to work on great prizes for you all - find the word, "snacks" in the newsletter for prize points!

The executive board has an exciting and informative meeting planned for November. I can't wait to see you all there.



Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

It is hard to believe how fast October has flown by. I am grateful for all of our club families and the amazing Executive Board leading our club this year. While some project meetings have started, others will be starting in the months ahead. Please keep a look out for emails or phone calls from your project leaders advising of meeting details.

Sonoma County held its 4-H Achievement Night on October 28 with many of our youth receiving recognition and awards for all their achievements in 2022-2023. Our club will have our own awards celebration at our general meeting this month. I am very proud of each of you for having the courage to participate and be part of Independence 4-H.

As we enter the holiday season please take time to always say "thank you," notice the things in your life that you are thankful for, and show appreciation for other people. Wishing you a November filled with good friends and family, good food, and good times.

Community Service Corner

Leo McDonell

Hello 4-Hers. In October we started our monthly volunteer shift at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. It was a great time packing boxes of meals for seniors. The two families that came would really like to have some company next time! It's fun to work and talk with friends or family. And the job is different each time. My favorite is weighing and bagging fruit. And remember, to all the people who came, thank you, and we hope to see you again this month. Ask me or my mom how to sign up.

Also, a great thanks to all the people who brought food to the meeting. We got tons of food to donate - so much so that we couldn't lift the barrel into a truck.

This month's service activity at the meeting will benefit the patients at Apple Valley Rehab home.

Team Update!

Camille Maddocks

Hello everyone, Can you believe it's already November? Time goes fast when you're having fun. Speaking of fun, I hope you all enjoyed getting into teams at our last club general meeting and making ping pong ghosts. In the months ahead our teams will learn together, create together, and of course have fun! This month we will be making something to share with others in our community. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions. I will try to accommodate.





Try Out Being a Meeting Host

Joey Harriman

The host position will be sitting with me at the front of the room giving the name tags to everyone. They will be learning everyone's name this way and will help you with leadership. You will also be handing out snacks at the meeting if we have some. It is a lot of fun and you get to know our great 4-H community. There's a sign-up sheet at the entrance table.

Craft Sale

The Arts and Crafts Project will offer some of their creations for sale after the general meeting this month.

Start your holiday shopping or pick up something special for yourself.

Everything will be handmade by your fellow club members!

New Members Spotlight

The Landis Family + Nicholas Bard



Hi, I'm Fiora Landis. I like sports and swimming in the ocean. I'm looking forward to the beginner's Dog training project and participating in the apple blossom parade.



Hi! My name is Mabel Landis! I like soccer, friends and art. I'm looking forward to beginning dog training and sewing.



Hi, my name is Nicholas Bard. I am excited to be in 4-H to learn new things and especially meeting and making new friends. I am a 4-H beekeeper. I enjoy caring for honey bees, it is very challenging but I feel good about what I am doing. I prefer being outside. I love everything having to do with nature. I like laughing and making up jokes. Math is my favorite subject right now, but I also really like reading. My favorite books are: Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman, The Complete Book of the Flower Fairies by Cicely Mary Barker and The Mad Scientists' Club series by Bertrand R. Brinley...you should check them out!





The Record Book Project

Abbey Casey

Hi everybody! On Saturday, November 18th, we have our first meeting of the Record Book Project. This is a project inclusive of all members that will teach you how to make a beautiful collection of all you do throughout the year. This display of your strengths will help you with college applications, job resumes, and more. So, if you are interested, come and check it out!

PrizeBin Results!

Antonia Cerniglio

Greetings!

I hope you're having a great month. I'm excited to report my findings on the Prize Bin Survey I did last at the last General Meeting.

Here is the list of prizes in order from highest to lowest vote:

Top 3: Screamin Mimi's, Target, Amazon

Level 2: Snoopy's Ice, Cal Skate, Copperfields, 4H T-shirts

Level 3: Toyworks, Honeymoon Yogurt, Seb. Cookie Co., Scandia, Baskin Robbins, Bubbles Boba, Grateful Bagel, The Feed Store

Remember the four point earning categories:

Birthday Month, Newsletter, Community Service, & Special 4H Activity.

I look forward to logging in your points at November's meeting!

Save The Date!

December Holiday Party @
the YAL Center on 12/8 !!



GENERAL MEETINGS

Regular Meetings*

Oct, Nov, Jan, Feb, March, April & May.

2nd Wednesday of each month
from 6:30-7:30

Sebastopol Center for the Arts /
Veterans Building

282 S High Street, Sebastopol

*September & December at YAL
Center in Rohnert Park

Interested in submitting your
articles/photos to the newsletter?



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THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Open Positions

- **Junior Project Leader**
- **Teen Project Leader**
- **Club Reporter**
- **Song and Rec Leader**
- **Sergeant-at-Arms**
- **Host**
- **Photographer**
- **Store Manager**



Executive Board

Clay McDonell ----- President

Camille Maddocks ----- Vice President of Programming

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Abbey Casey ----- Treasurer

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Leo McDonell ----- Civic Engagement Officer

Aidan Hobbins ----- Healthy Living Officer

Message from the Editor

Just a reminder if you have newsletter suggestions, questions, or submissions feel free to email me at georgiaholland849@gmail.com or talk to me in person at one of the monthly general meetings. Have fun at our November meeting and don't forget to read the next newsletter!!



Calendar

November 11: Advanced Dogs Obedience & Showmanship - Saturday, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

November 12: Woodcarving Project - Sunday, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

November 12: Arts and Crafts Project - Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

November 20: REFB Monthly 5pm Warehouse Volunteer Shift - Tuesday, 5 - 6:45 pm

November 18: Archery Project - Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

November 20: Backyard Chickens - Monday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

November 21: Pygmy Goat Project - Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

November 26: Executive Board Planning for December Party - Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

December 2: Archery Project - Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 pm

December 3: Lino-Carving and Printing Project- Sunday, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

December 3: Arts & Crafts Project - Sunday, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

December 5: Rabbit Project - Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30

For more information, go to our [Club Calendar](#)