INDEPENDENCE 4-H

November 2026

November Club Meeting

November 11, 2026
6:30 pm - Business Meeting
Sebastopol Center for the Arts

November 2026:
11: Veteran's Day (closed)
11: 6pm Virtual Training for NEW Volunteers
19: 6pm Virtual Training for RETURNING Volunteers
15: YAL Foundation Project Grants Due
26-27: Thanksgiving (closed)

December 2026:
1: Giving Tuesday - #GivingTuesday
7: 4-H Enrollment and payments due
7: Returning volunteer enrollment deadline

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President's Message

Georgia Holland

Hello and happy November Independence 4-H! I hope you all had a wonderful Halloween and a good start to the month. We have our November general meeting coming up on Wednesday the 11th. This isn't one to miss, as we'll be handing out pins, breaking up into teams, and doing a fun craft.

For this Achievement Night, we are going to give out the awards that everybody has received over the past year in 4-H and appreciate all the hard work put into this club. With Thanksgiving coming up, it's an especially great time of year to reflect on how grateful we are for each other in our 4-H community.

I am so grateful for all of you, and what I have learned through being in 4-H for over seven years. Our club has played such a large role in my communication and leadership skills which I will carry with me throughout my lifetime. I definitely don't take any of it for granted. I hope to see you all later this week, and enjoy Veteran's Day off!

Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

Hello Independence 4-H Families,

November has arrived, ushering in the season of gratitude. Gratitude is when you notice good things in your life and are thankful. Did you know that people who practice gratitude have good physical health, sleep better, feel better about themselves, and are able to bounce back after challenges and tough times? When we notice the good in things, we are choosing positivity. Remember, every day you can choose the good, the positive, and share it with all those around you.

Fun and positivity was shared at 4-H Achievement Night the evening of October 24 as the Youth Ag & Leadership building was turned into the 100 Clover Wood. At this Winnie the Pooh themed event, our very own, Stetson Webb showcased Winnie the Pooh, as the County honored all the achievements of our 4-H youth for the 2025-2026 program year. Thank you Stetson for being so brave to step up and share with our club community a story of Pooh. To our club members who attended, a very special thank you for the time you took to join in the festivities of honoring all the achievements of our fellow 4-H members. As we begin our 4-H year I look forward to getting to watch each of you grow as you take on new experiences, roles, and achievements. I am grateful for each of you!

Party, Party, Holiday Party!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, December 11 at 6pm

Youth Ag & Leadership Center in Rohnert Park

Let us ring in the holiday season with food, festivities and fun. We are excited to join our club families for a special evening of togetherness.

Party details to be announced as the date gets closer.

Shooting Sports

Ben Deffenbaugh

Why do Shooting Sports?

Shooting Sports is a really cool project where you learn to use many types of shotguns under the careful eye of an instructor. But before you start shooting you must attend one of the two safety classes that double as the first and second meetings. The targets we shoot at are called birds or clay pigeons but they are really orange disks of lightweight easy to break materials. Also the guns and ammo are provided through the project. Though you still can bring your own gun if you would prefer to. But we only use shotguns but if you come on your own, you can bring rifles too.

Who Leads It?

Various Instructors lead it such as retired police officers, hunters and other shooting enthusiasts. They are extremely nice and super knowledgeable about shooting. They also help you shoot better and give you pointers if they see you're shooting wrong.

What do we do?

After we arrive there we go inside the club house next to the Shooting range. We say the Pledge of allegiance, 4-H pledge and any announcements. After that we go out and start Shooting for almost 2hrs. Then when we are almost done we do Annie Oakley, which is a shooting game where we all line up and then the first person goes and shoots and if they hit it nobody can shoot or they are out. But if the first person misses then we shoot in order and if you hit it every one before you is out But if you don't shoot you're not out. You're also out if you shoot out of turn. After we are done with that we help pack up by putting the guns in their cases and putting any extra ammo away, and then we head home.

Achievement Night

Jojo Holland

This years Achievement Night was Winnie the Pooh themed and was a lot of fun! There were many members of our club that got awards so congratulations to them! Overall, I had a good time at achievement night and I hope next year even more members can earn awards and attend the event.















Making Motions

Nicholas Bard

Hey fellow 4-Hers, just a quick reminder in order to keep the meetings running smoothly, we have to have you, the members of the club, make and second motions so the business part of the meeting will run quickly and efficiently. We do this so we can get to the fun parts of the evening faster!

Don't be shy or afraid to make mistakes. The only embarrassing part is when the Executive Board looks around in desperation for someone to help us out by making a motion. Thank you!

Cloverdale Citrus Fair

Camille Maddocks

Fun in February comes in the form of the Cloverdale Citrus Fair. The citrus fair is one of the smaller fairs in our County, and has a lot to offer our community. They also have a lot of fun including having a town parade, carnival rides, livestock shows, entertainment, exhibits, food and art. This year the 135th annual Cloverdale Citrus fair will be held February 12-15, 2027 at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds. The theme this year is “Small Town Magic”. I have participated in the past by entering lots of still exhibits and showing my dog Noe. Please consider showing off your talent and creativity this year, and be sure to attend. I hope to see you there!

Vice President

Claire Pederson

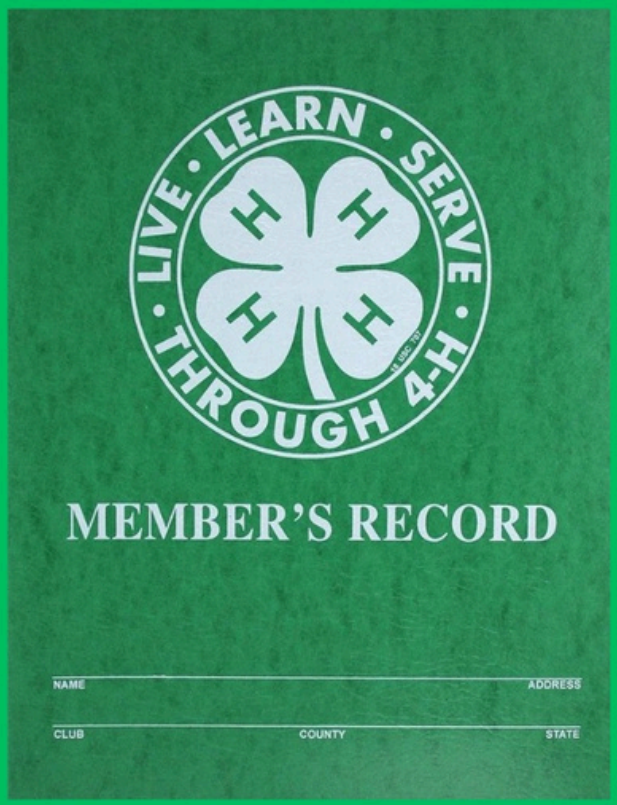
My name is Claire Pederson and I am vice president of programming for your 2026-2027 year. As vice president of programming my position is to bring presentations, games, arts and crafts, and fun activities to the meeting. The role of being vice president also comes with the responsibility of helping the president and taking over when they're gone. One main goal I have for this year is to get to know all of you and get your ideas on what you want to have in the meetings.

Record Book Workshop Series

presented by Hannah Perry, County Ambassador

Structure: 5-part series of meetings throughout the year
Thursday nights (6:00-8:00) at the YAL Center

First Meeting:
Thursday,
October 29th
6:00-8:00 YAL
(RSVP required)



Please RSVP with youth members' names and club to sc4hrecordbooks@gmail.com
Reach out if you have any questions!

Curriculum Schedule

October:
- Why do Records Books?
- Annual Project Reports
- Annual Activity Summaries

December:
- Achievement Forms: What are they, and how do you complete them
- Review of Sparks, Emerald Stars, and Impact Stars
- Primary Forms

February:
- Mid-year Achievement Form Check-In
- My 4-H Story

April:
- Seniors: 4-H Resume
- Leadership Reports
- Expression Pages

August:
- Get everything over the finish line!

Summer Camp

JUNE 27-JULY2

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2012

1. GIVING
2. THANKS
3. THANKSGIVING
4. HOLIDAY
5. GRATEFUL
6. GRATITUDE
7. KINDNESS
8. CARING
9. FAMILY
10. FRIENDS
11. HEALTH
12. APPRECIATE
13. RESPECT
14. THANKFUL
15. POLITE
16. MANNERS

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Open Positions for this year!

Sergeant-at-Arms

Host/Hostess

Reporter

Store Manager

Teen and Junior Leaders



Message from the Editor

Esther Hicks

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

What is the 4-H Pledge?

As a good 4-H member
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.