



INDEPENDENCE

4 - H

March 2024

March Club Meeting:
March 13th, 6:30 - 7:30
Sebastopol Center for the Arts

March 2024

29th: Fashion Revue Participation Entry Due

30th: 10 am Human-Wildlife Interactions Workshop-Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue

April 2024

21st: 8am County 4-H Fashion Revue @ YAL Center

27th: Apple Blossom Parade

May 2024

5th: 11:30am Chickenque & 4-H Open House

18th: 8 am Youth Poultry Showdown @ YAL Center

In this Issue:

- President's Message ----- 1
- CCL Letter + Community Service Corner ----- 2
- Apple Blossom Parade + Record Book Update + Baking Project -- 3
- Club Officers/Executive Board + Open Positions + Calendar -----4

President's Message

Clay McDonell

Hi Everyone,

I'm excited for our March meeting - it's the spring season! The executive board has planned a lot of fun things to do for the last three meetings of the 4-H year. Aidan will be leading us in a group juggling activity in our teams.

We are also going to see some presentations from club members who competed in the local Presentation Day. Some are headed to regionals and hopefully state competitions. You'll see from the variety of topics - everything from Winnie the Pooh to hydraulic rams - that there are endless options. Something to think about for next year.

Finally, we are going to tell you a little about our executive board duties as we start moving toward end of the year elections. We will also pass out some information about a lot of non-executive board jobs that are suitable for members of all ages. I encourage you all to look at this. Have a skill you could bring to the club? Please tell us about it!

Find the word "professional" in this newsletter for prize points. Also, return your energy saving checklist from Aidan for more prize points. Speaking of prizes...Antonia is giving them out! Get to the meeting early to check on your prizes. I think I'll be going to Screamin' Mimi's soon...



Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

Hello Independence 4-H Families,

With spring just around the corner, now is the time to start looking ahead to all things 4-H! The Cloverdale Citrus Fair kicked off in February under extreme winter weather, but nothing was dreary about the abundance of awards our club members brought home. From 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best of Divisions, Best Theme, and Best of Show in still exhibits and animal shows, congratulations to all! If you were unable to participate, there are many more fairs on the horizon, please consider participating. Let your creative side shine by getting involved in Fashion Revue ~ April 21. With various fashion categories available, from accessories, non-garment, to zero-waste challenge, and trashion fashion, not every category requires sewing. See UCCE Sonoma County Fashion Revue for specific details.

The largest chicken barbeque west of the Mississippi arrives May 5. Chickenque!!!

Funds raised support 4-H youth through projects & scholarships, keeps enrollment cost low (hasn't changed in 3+ years) and supports countywide youth events. Save the date as our entire club will be participating this year. From volunteering the day of, to cake baking and ticket sales, we all will work together for the benefit of our club and community. We will require that each club member sell or purchase 2 tickets. Tickets are \$15 each, available through March & April at our general meetings.

As we look further ahead on the calendar, there are so many more activities available to all. Please make sure to read the March 4-H Reporter that arrives to you from County 4-H every month. Whatever your interests are, 4-H can provide fulfilling opportunities for you. Keep trying new things, have the courage to participate, and get involved! Thank you for being fabulous and making the best better, everyday!

Community Service Corner

Leo McDonell

Thanks to all of the people who brought peanut butter for the Food Bank to the February meeting. We brought the PB when we went to the Food Bank for our volunteer shift.

Thanks to Hannah, Esther, Adelyn & Camille who represented the club along with their parents at the February Food Bank shift. We appreciate you!

This month, we have a guest coming to talk with us about The Ceres Project, a local service organization providing food and kindness to people recovering from illness. We hope to find a time for the club to work in their gardens.

Please sign up for our shift at REFB on March 19th at 5-6:30pm ([here](#)). As always, please email my mom or email or call the Food Bank if you are having trouble signing up for our Independence 4-H team at the REFB. The first time can take a little time but once you are in the system it's easy.





Apple Blossom Parade

Camille Maddocks

With the arrival of spring comes spring blossoms! This year our club will be participating in the 78th Sebastopol Apple Blossom Parade ~ Blossoms in Wonderland. The parade starts at 10am on Saturday, April 27. Last year we participated in the parade and it was super fun. We had members represent all of our different club projects. Some of the members brought their mountain bikes and did very fun tricks, other people brought their dogs to represent the dog project, we had arts & crafts, archery, cooking and we even had an appearance by our favorite club chicken!! Please save the date and come walk in the parade. It is really fun and a great way to connect with the people in our club and community. See you there!



Baking Project

Olivia Magee



Members participating in the baking project have made some amazing creations. We made gingerbread houses at Christmas, Creme Brulee, and most recently baked chocolate pudding. For those who don't know, baked chocolate pudding is cake with a pudding like filling. While things bake, we clean up and then play games. These desserts have been delicious and are items that some of our parents have never made. We are beginning to think we are professional bakers. A big thanks to Danika and her mom for all of the help and planning of this project!



Record Books

Abbey Casey

Write an article for the newsletter:

Star Rank Record Book: Include it in the communication section of you record book.

Spark Record Book: Include it in your Annual Summary of 4-H Activity.





Independence 4-H 2023-24 Officers

Newsletter Editor: Georgia Holland

Prizes: **Antonia Cerniglio**
Historians & Photographers:
Alice Pederson
Esther Hicks
Sergeant-at-Arms: Adelyn Maddocks
Jeffrey Balich-Shaw
Thorsen & Phoenix Heartt-Johnson
Wyatt Jones
Nicholas Bard
Dustyn & Stetson Webb
Hannah Van De Mark
Hosts: Adelyn Maddocks
Alice Pederson
Ash Hobbins
Jeffrey Balich-Shaw

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING!

Executive Board

Clay McDonell ----- **President**
Camille Maddocks ----- **Vice President of Programming**
Joey Harriman ----- **Vice President of Membership**
Abbey Casey ----- **Treasurer**
Sierra Hobbins ----- **Recording Secretary**
Claire Pederson ----- **Corresponding Secretary**
Leo McDonell ----- **Civic Engagement Officer**
Aidan Hobbins ----- **Healthy Living Officer**

Open Positions

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



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 March meeting and don't forget to read the next newsletter!!



Calendar

March 19: Pygmy Goat Project - Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

March 19: REFB Monthly Warehouse Volunteer Shift - Tuesday, 4:50 - 6:30 pm

March 21: Baking Project Meeting - Thursday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

March 30: E-Board Meeting - Saturday

April 2: Rabbit Project Meeting- Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 pm