



# INDEPENDENCE

## 4 - H

September 2024

### Sept. Club Meeting: September 11, 5:30 - 8:00 Sebastopol Center for the Arts

#### September 2024

Club Enrollment

11: 5:30 Potluck - Independence 4-H -  
1st General Meeting

13-15: Mendocino County Fair -  
Boonville

18: Virtual eXtension Training for  
RETURNING Volunteers

19: 5pm Record Book Evaluation Night  
(YAL Center)

#### October 2024

Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser (exact  
date/time to follow)

1: State 4-H Record Book Intent to  
Submit Due

6-12: National 4-H Week

9: 4-H Spirit Day (Wear green or your  
favorite 4-H attire)

15: State Record Books Due by 11pm

15: Virtual eXtension Training for  
RETURNING Volunteers

26: Achievement Night (YAL Center)

23: 6pm NEW Volunteer Training (YAL)

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## President's Message

Abbey Casey

Hi everyone, and welcome back to another year of Independence 4-H! My name is Abbey, and I will be your president for the next handful of months. This upcoming year is incredibly exciting for me, as I am not only taking on a new opportunity, but I also have a wonderful group of people working with me as I do it. Our club leader Lindsay, the executive board, and I have been planning over the summer and trying to figure out how we can make this a year for the books, and I think you guys will be happy with the results.

This year's executive board is filled to the brim with creative minds that are hoping to zoom out and ask the bigger question: What is 4-H really about? With this query in mind, we are attempting to fill this year with connection, community service opportunities, learning experiences, and most importantly, fun.

I am pleased to say that along with our usual fundraisers, such as the Pumpkin Patch Bake Sale and Goat Treecycling, we will be adding events like beach clean-ups, tree planting, and more. I want to make this year about giving back because our community has been given more than we could ever ask for, and we have the means to help the world at large.

Overall, I am planning to make this 4-H year something that can be built upon, and I want to invite each and everyone of you to help us take that step. I think that together, we can make something to last a lifetime. I am excited to see you at our first general meeting on September 11, where we will start this year off strong by sharing a meal and choosing the projects we want to do this year. I can't wait to see what this year will bring!



# Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

Hello Independence 4-H Families,

I hope you all have had a fabulous summer! As summer comes to close, we look ahead to a new and exciting 4-H year. A warm welcome to new families who will be joining us and welcome back to our returning families. The Executive Board has been hard at work creating a spectacular year. As your Community Club Leader, I look forward to supporting our club youth in creating new experiences, sharing in learning, and having a ton of fun.

This month, please remember to complete your 4-H online enrollment via ZSuite. Our club is grateful for Maria Casey who has so generously offered to be our Volunteer Enrollment Coordinator this year. To all our Project Leaders, thank you for your continued commitment to our club and the learning opportunities you will so generously give our youth in the year ahead. Project information will be shared with the club at our 1st general meeting. From projects, to presentations, to fundraising, and community service there will be many ways that you can participate this year. I encourage everyone to have the courage to participate!!! See you ~ Wednesday, September 11!

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## Prize Bin Awaits

Adelyn Maddocks

My name is Adelyn. It stands for Addie. This is my 6th year in 4-H. I am going to do the prize bin this year. I am very excited to see all the people in the club. My goal for this year is for everyone to have at least 1 or 2 prizes. means everyone needs to participate. THAT WILL MAKE IT MORE FUN!

This year members will earn points when you complete an activity. Those points will cash in for a prize. The prize will be a gift card to good places.

I hope you enjoy the year. I will try to make it amazing for all of you boys, girls, and adults. I want to take suggestions from all of you to make it even more amazing and fun for everyone to enjoy. I will see you all at the first 4-H meeting September 11th.

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## Thank You

Georgia Holland

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone. The support from our amazing club that I have gotten about the newsletter makes me so happy. I am excited to continue being the newsletter editor this year!



## Community Service Corner

Aidan Hobbins

For Septembers community service we are having a creek clean up. On Saturday September 21st, We will be heading down and meeting up at 1698 Hazel Street. Near Olive Park Footbridge. This will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and will consist of walking down the creek trail to gather up trash and other unwanted items that hurt the creek's ecosystems. If you want to come join to help clean up you're very welcome to. By helping clean up the Santa Rosa Creek, you are also helping clean up all the animals' homes, for example the fish and critters that live in there. Plus afterwards you should feel quite accomplished and make you feel like you're having an impact on the world, even if it's only a small creek.

## TEAMS!!!

Camille Maddocks

Hi Independence 4-H members! Welcome to another year of fun and exciting programs. My name is Camille Maddocks and I will be your vice president of programming for the year. My job is to coordinate and plan activities and presentations for our general meetings. Another thing I organize is teams. Teams is a concept where our younger members and older members come together in groups to learn together, work together and have fun. This year our focus on teams is (team): **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore  
We look forward to teaming up together at our first meeting to start the fun!

## Made Local Project - All Things Kids

The Kid Crew

The Made Local Project will be offered again this year as we discover products made within our community, by those in our community. The project focuses on kids learning about, and interacting with local businesses. Last year we visited Bohemian Creamery, Zanna Farms, Screamin' Mimis and our final meeting O'Brien Family Farms. We got to play with newborn goats and meet Allison & Sue to learn how they raise, care and feed their goats. And then their goats give milk that is made into handmade skincare products. It was important to learn that we need to pay attention to what we put on our bodies and to know where it comes from.





# Independence 4-H 2024-25 Officers

Newsletter Editor: Georgia Holland

## Prize Bin: Adelyn Maddocks



## Open Positions for this year!

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

**Host/Hostess**

**Historian**

**Reporter**

**Photographer**

**Store Manager**

**Teen and Junior Leaders**



## Executive Board

**President ----- Abbey Casey**

**Vice President of Programming - Camille Maddocks**

**Treasurer ----- Sierra Hobbins**

**Secretary ----- Ash Hobbins**

**Attendance Secretary ----- Esther Hicks**

**Corresponding Secretary --- Hannah Van De Mark**

**Community Service Officer ----- Aidan Hobbins**

**Healthy Living Officer ----- Claire Pederson**

## Message from the Editor

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

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.

The 4-H pledge stands for the 4 - H's of the clover. Each of the H's represent the focus of the 4-H youth development program. The pledge is recited and is a commitment that a 4-H member makes.

- Head stands for clearer thinking: focus on decision making, planning, organizing, and problem solving.
- Heart stands for greater loyalty: we dedicate ourselves to our family, community and passions; with a focus on strong personal values, positive self, concern for others, cooperation, and communication.
- Hands stands for larger service: for volunteering, community service, preparing for the world of work, and useful skills.
- Health stands for better living: with a focus on healthy lifestyles and stress management.