



INDEPENDENCE

4 - H

September 2025

September Club Meeting:

September 10, 6:00 pm Potluck
Business Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Sebastopol Center for the Arts

September 2025

17: 7pm Virtual [Training for RETURNING Volunteers](#)

18: 5pm Record Book Evaluation Night (YAL)

30: 6-9pm [NEW Volunteer Training](#) (YAL)

October 2025

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

5: 5:30pm Warriors vs. Lakers Fan Experience Chase Center

5-11: National 4-H Week-"Beyond Ready"

6: 4-H Spirit Day (Wear your favorite 4-H attire/or green)

7: 6-6:30pm dinner/6:30-7:30pm-County 4-H Meeting (4-H Office)

14: 7pm Virtual [Training for RETURNING Volunteers](#)

25: Achievement Night (YAL Center)

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President's Message

Abbey Casey

Hi everyone, and welcome back to another year of 4-H! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to jump into a new program year. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Abbey, and I am incredibly grateful to serve as your President again this year. The upcoming 4-H year is especially meaningful to me, not only because we already have some fun events planned, but also because it is my last year in 4-H, and I am hoping to make it a great one. My main goal this year is to cater to all of the kids in the club and make it a memorable one for each and every one of you. Over the summer, I sent out a survey, and I've been working to incorporate your ideas and feedback into our plans for the year.

I'm honored to be working towards these goals alongside our amazing Executive Board and our Community Club Leader, Lindsay. This year, our board is filled with creative people who are constantly thinking of what could strengthen our club and aren't afraid to put their ideas on the table. As a board, we are not only focused on getting more involved with the kids in the club, but also with the community at large. This year, we have committed to having representatives attend every CCC meeting, and our Community Service Officer, Aidan, is planning hands-on service activities each month.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 10th. We're going to kick off our meeting at 6:00 with a shared meal, move on to our business portion at 6:30, and end with project sign-ups for the year. I am thrilled to see you all again next week, and I hope that we can work together to make this 4-H year the best one yet!





Community Club Leader's Letter

Lindsay Maddocks

Hello Independence 4-H Families,

I hope each of you had a spectacular summer filled with unforgettable memories, laughter, and adventure! As we say goodbye to summer, 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 wonderful year ahead. 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 again this year. To all our Project Leaders, thank you for your continued commitment to our club and the learning opportunities you so generously give our youth. 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 10!

TEAMS

Georgia Holland

Hey Independence 4-H! I'm looking forward to another great year, and this time as your Vice President of Programming. In this role I will coordinate and plan activities and presentations for our monthly general meetings. Part of that is organizing our Teams. Everyone will get put into 4 different teams and meet at every meeting and do a fun activity. We are going to have so much fun in Teams this year and I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!



Prize Bin Awaits

Prize bin is back this year! Points earned last year will roll over to this year. Like last year, points will be earned when you complete an activity. Activities will include Community Service and local and county 4-H events. Points will be cashed in for prizes.

The prizes will be offered in the form of a variety of gift cards.

Looking forward to a great year ahead!





Community Service for September!

Aidan Hobbins



For those who don't remember, last year for the monthly community service activity of September, we helped make an impact by doing a creek clean up in Santa Rosa, and since that activity was such a big hit, we're doing it again this year! On Saturday, September 20th from 10 a.m. to noon, we will be taking part in the annual "Creek to Coast Cleanup Day" with the Russian River Watershed. We will be picking up trash down the creek and along the pathway, cleaning up the environment of so many species. They will supply us with gloves and trash bags and trash pickers/grabbers.

Meet at the Olive Park Footbridge (105 Orange St.).

Everyone is welcome, please come and help make an impact!

Young Eagles Rally

Antonia Cerniglio

Are you interested in aviation? Come to the Santa Rosa Airport EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) for a free flight on September 20th, 9am-2pm. (Ages 7-17)

It's a special aviation festival for families, called "Girls in Aviation Day." (Boys are welcome too..) It focuses on women in aviation and there will be activities, booths, and cool airplanes to check out.

There will also be a food truck and I will be there selling delicious baked treats & coffee.

I hope to see you there! If you want a free flight, remember to register in advance, starting September 1st.

-Antonia Cerniglio

Event Location:

5550 Windsor Road, Santa Rosa
EAA Chapter 124

Register at:

[https://eaachapters.org/event-
details/SR1710CKK](https://eaachapters.org/event-details/SR1710CKK)

SATURDAY, SEPT 20TH 9A-2P



YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

In conjunction with: *Girls* IN AVIATION DAY
A Women in Aviation International Event

FREE FLIGHTS FOR KIDS

Young Eagles Rally for Ages 7-17

Reserve a flight at:

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**ENJOY: COOL AIRCRAFT
HANDS ON ACTIVITIES
FOOD * FLY-IN * FUN**



5550 WINDSOR ROAD, SANTA ROSA

EAA CHAPTER 124 HANGAR - KSTS

MORE INFO @ FACEBOOK: EAA124



4-H Camp

Hannah Van De Mark

4-H camp was super fun this year, just as it is every year. Each night a different tribe would do fire lighting, show off their artwork, do a skit, lead the camp in a song, or do a nature lore.

On the second to last day of camp we had a bit more excitement than expected, we were visited by a bear cub. The park service had to come out and chase it away. There was also early-bird archery, a polar bear plunge, and hot chocolate. One day there was even a breakfast hike to the nearby creek, where we could eat burritos. This year's camp was full of excitement, I hope it will be even better next year!



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.



YAL BBQ

Georgia Holland

On August 23rd La Crema Winery hosted the 21st annual Youth Agriculture and Leadership Barbeque. Independence 4-H had a wood and linoleum carving table where Jojo, Nicholas, Hannah, Claire, and I were carving. We also had 4 baskets that people could bid on in an auction. This was my second year representing our club and I had a lot of fun and would recommend everyone to come next year!



Editors Message

Esther Hicks

Hi Everyone, My name is Esther Hicks and I am 13 years old. This year I am the newsletter editor and I am so excited to be in this position. This year I would love for more people in the club to write things for the newsletter. At this coming meeting I will have a sign sheet that you can sign up to write a paragraph for the months ahead. I will also try to make the newsletter fun and exciting to read. And thank you for reading the newsletters and hope we all have a great year ahead.

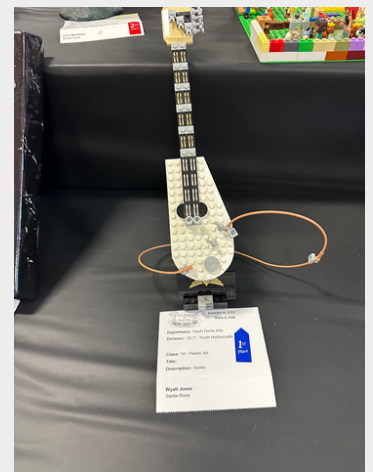




Sonoma County Fair

Camille Maddocks

I hope that everyone had a great summer, I know I did. One fun summer event that I attended was the Sonoma County Fair. Hot Dogs and Cool Cats was the theme for the fair. From still exhibits, to livestock events, to the fun fair carnival and rides, it was a blast. It was great to see many of our club members participating in the still exhibits and livestock shows. Fair time is a fun time and this year was my first year I participated in the 4-H sheep show. My sheep Snowball and I entered the showmanship and the Southdown breeding classes. The best part of the fair is joining with other clubs and coming together as a community while having so much fun. If you didn't attend the fair this year I highly encourage you to come next year to join the fun.





Summer Collage

Created By Esther Hicks





Independence 4-H 2025-26 Officers

Prize Bin:

Alice Pederson

Enrollment Questions & Information

Contact

independence4hclub@gmail.com



Open Positions for this year!

Sergeant-at-Arms

Host/Hostess

Reporter

Store Manager

Teen and Junior Leaders



Executive Board

President ----- Abbey Casey

Vice President of Programming Georgia Holland

Treasurer ----- Sierra Hobbins

Secretary ----- Ash Hobbins

Attendance Secretary ----- Camille Maddocks

Corresponding Secretary Nicholas Bard

Community Service Officer ----- Aidan Hobbins

Healthy Living Officer Taylor Magee

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 our September general meeting and don't forget to read next month's newsletter!!

For information about events and project meetings:

Club Calendar

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