



4-H Youth Development Program

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4-H Office: 530-458-0570



COLUSA COUNTY 4-H DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events:

December

- 1-14 - Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign
- 1st - Colusa Community 4-H Meeting, 6:15 Primary, 7:00 Regular Members, Colusa Industrial Properties Conference Room
- 3rd - Maxwell 4-H Meeting, 6:00, Maxwell Elementary Multipurpose Room
- 8th - Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 6:30 Primary meeting, 7:00, Regular members, Arbuckle Elementary School Multipurpose Room
- 8th - Princeton 4-H Meeting, 6:00, Princeton Elementary School Cafeteria
- 13th - Chico State Youth Livestock Educational Day, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chico State Farm, Nicholas C Shouten Lane, Chico
- 24th -26th - UCCE Office Closed - Holiday
- 31st - UCCE Office Closed - Holiday

January

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- 12th - Arbuckle 4-H Meeting, 6:30 Primary meeting, 7:00, Regular members, Arbuckle Elementary School Multipurpose Room
- 12th - Colusa Community 4-H Meeting, 6:15 Primary, 7:00 Regular Members,

Etchepare Hall at Colusa County Fairgrounds

12th - Princeton 4-H Meeting, 6:00, Princeton Elementary School Cafeteria

16th - Presentation Day entries due by 5 p.m. online

31st - Countywide Presentation Day, 9 a.m. registration starts, Princeton High School

Looking Ahead:

Colusa County Farm Show Pie Sale Booth, February 3-5, 2026

Countywide Stills Exhibits Day, March 21, 2026



Spotlight on Our Club Officers

Michael Azevedo



Michael Azevedo is the Healthy Living Officer for Maxwell 4-H. Learning about agriculture has been his favorite part about 4-H the last five years. 4-H has taught him how to work with others. Showing his meat rabbits has been a favorite 4-H experience. Making a sculpture is the next project he would like to tackle! He wants us to know that he has a dog named Rocket, and he's really good at basketball. He would like to make his 4-H club healthier to make it even better. If he could be a character from a book, he would pick Harold from Captain Underpants.

Sammy Figueroa is serving as the Reporter for Maxwell 4-H. Raising his project animal and making new friends has been his favorite part about 4-H his last three years. He has learned responsibility in raising a project animal. His favorite 4-H experience was dressing up his pygmy goat as Grogu! He's excited to be raising a market goat this year for the fair! He really loves to draw, and practices every day. He is really good at playing sports, especially baseball and basketball. His idea to make his club even better is taking a trip as a club, making new friends and learning from each other!

Sammy Figueroa



Owen Vann

Owen Vann is the Community Service Officer for Arbuckle 4-H. His favorite part about 4-H is



having opportunities to help his community. 4-H has taught him a great deal about public speaking. Going to 4-H camp has been his favorite 4-H experience. He would like to try Welding if it was available, and would really like a grown up to teach him! He'd like us to know that he plays fall soccer, and he wrestles in the wintertime. He's really good at soccer, but is still learning more about it. An idea he has for making his club even better would be to include icebreaker activities in their monthly meetings. If he could be a character in a book, he would be Jesse from Trapped in a Video Game.

Club and Project News

Colusa 4-H Swine Group

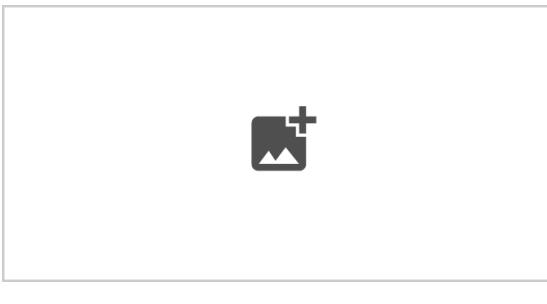
The Colusa 4-H Swine group meeting was on November 17th at the CIP Conference Room. We reviewed swine breeds and terminology. We also reviewed Sparks Achievements. We worked on a feed label worksheet. Our next meeting is Monday, December 15th @ 7pm.

Article Submitted by Zac Zoller



Make It and Take It Craft Expo 2025

What a fantastic time we had at the November 8th Make It, Take It Craft Expo! With over 85 participants, the creativity was nonstop. From reindeer and snowmen to sugar cookies, Grinches, stars, mice, and Santas, our crafters created it all. Paint was flying, glue was flowing, and holiday spirit filled the room!



If you attended, please remember that any projects made at the Make It, Take It Craft Expo can be entered in the 2026 Colusa County Fair!

Thank you to the Maxwell 4-H Swine group for working the snack bar to feed our hungry crafters!

Thanks also goes out to the many people who worked in the booths: Patti Angus, Leanne Mord, Kim Zapien, Laurie Costa, Terrie Codorniz, Aiden Lopez, Paisley Rader, Leah Pearson, Ellie Mord, Tish Nerli, Ethan Mord, Sherry and Jenny Perry, Marisa Apaseo, Aliyah Santana, Caleb Nerli, Adelilah Rivera, Dawn Brown, Kaydence Sheley, Sophia Munoz, Isaac Serrato Apaseo, Mason Ferreira Polit, Alexis Rudolph, Sofia Gomez, Natalie Manhart, Renee Manhart, Carmen Santana, Isaylee Davalos, Kaylee Romero, Angie Orozco, Carmelo Hernandez, Elsie Howard, Jessica Santana, Brenda McPeek, Jordan McPeek, Xochitl Valencia, Ayla Goodman, Mia Rico, and Janelle Huerta.



Colusa County 4-H Presentation Day

Colusa County 4-H Presentation Day will be Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Princeton High School, with registration starting at 9 a.m.

This event is open to all 4-H'ers allowing youth to exhibit their communication and public speaking skills.



Members plan and create a presentation with assistance from the [California 4-H Presentation Manual](#).

As a reminder, to exhibit either an animal or still exhibit at the Colusa County Fair, members must complete one presentation related to their project. County Presentation Day counts for this requirement.

Check out this [planning worksheet](#).

Click on the link [to register!](#)

We are also in need of evaluators and room coordinators. [Sign up here!](#)

4-H Still Exhibits Day

Round up your best projects made so far in 4-H and enter them in the Colusa County 4-H Still Exhibits Day, Saturday, March 21st at Maxwell Elementary School Multipurpose Room.

This event is open to all 4-H'ers and allows youth to exhibit a variety of entries such as: Arts and Crafts, Woodworking, Table Settings, and Baked Goods. Youth are evaluated on their craft exhibit, as well as a spoken presentation of the items. Pre-registration is required.

Registration is now open, click the link below to register.

[Stills Day Registration Link](#)

Please let us know if any leaders or parents would be willing to teach a craft project at Still Exhibits Day while the results are being tallied. We have supplies if you need them! If this is something you could help us with, please call the office at 458-0570.

Colusa County Fair News!

Neon Dreams and Carnival
Screams will be rolling into
Colusa County
June 11 to 14, 2026!

It's never too early to start planning! We are looking for volunteers who may want to take the task of decorating the stills area in the Main Exhibit Building. We will have a planning meeting in April, to talk about ideas and get something in place! If interested please contact the 4-H Office, 530-458-0570.





LIVESTOCK LOAN INFORMATION

MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

ED & JOSIE MATTINGLY MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN Ed and Josie Mattingly were 4-H leaders in Butte County for many years while 7 of their 9 children were in the Biggs 4-H Club. Both have since passed away, and their family and friends would like to memorialize them by helping 4-H'ers in livestock projects. In this spirit the family would like to memorialize them by helping 4-H'ers who would have difficulty financing a livestock project without a loan. For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR by [clicking here](#)

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN

JOEL SHERER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK LOAN Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of Arbuckle established the Joel Sherer Memorial Fund in 1965 to memorialize their son Joe, who was "an energetic 4-H'er during his lifetime", and to assist 4-H members in establishing a degree of independence by allowing them the opportunity to finance their livestock projects. For further information, please contact the 4-H Office at 458-0570 OR BY [clicking here](#)

COLUSA-GLENN FARM CREDIT YOUTH LOAN

The Colusa-Glenn Farm Credit Youth Lending Program provides interest free funds to youth from Colusa and Glenn Counties who participate in livestock projects in qualifying 4-H, FFA, Independent, or Grange chapters. This opportunity allows the youth to learn about the importance of accurate records, budgeting, and honoring obligation to repay. [Click here for more information](#)



Adult Volunteer Steps for Enrollment

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a 4-H adult volunteer?

Here are the requirements:

- Complete the [interest survey](#)
- Receive welcome email from the 4-H Office
- Enroll in [ZSuite](#)
- Complete Livescan background check
- Complete the 25-26 New Volunteer course in [Campus](#)
- Attend new volunteer in-person workshop, first one September 16
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee to your club leader

Returning volunteers please complete the following requirements:

- Enroll in [ZSuite](#)
- Complete the 25-26 Returning Volunteer course in [Campus](#)
- Keycode: Colusa
- Pay \$30 enrollment fee to your club leader

If you have a break of a year or more in service, you need to follow the steps of a new volunteer.

Any questions about any part of the process, please call the office at 458-0570.



News from California State 4-H

Visit the Site
Here!



Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign



The Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign is from Friday, November 28 (Black Friday) to Sunday, December 14, 2025. Funds raised through the Paper Clover campaign support scholarships for youth to attend 4-H Camp and leadership conferences like the State Leadership Conference.

Find Your Spark, Reach Your Goals: Exploring 4-H Achievements

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Ways to Earn Your Spark Achievements

A Spark Achievement reflects a member's experiences in 4-H with the purpose to try new things. Through this dip-your-toe-in strategy, members can discover something in 4-H that brings them joy and motivation—a Spark.



Spark Achievement pins show member experiences and accomplishments in 4-H.

Any member who does not currently hold a bronze star rank must use the Spark Achievement program.

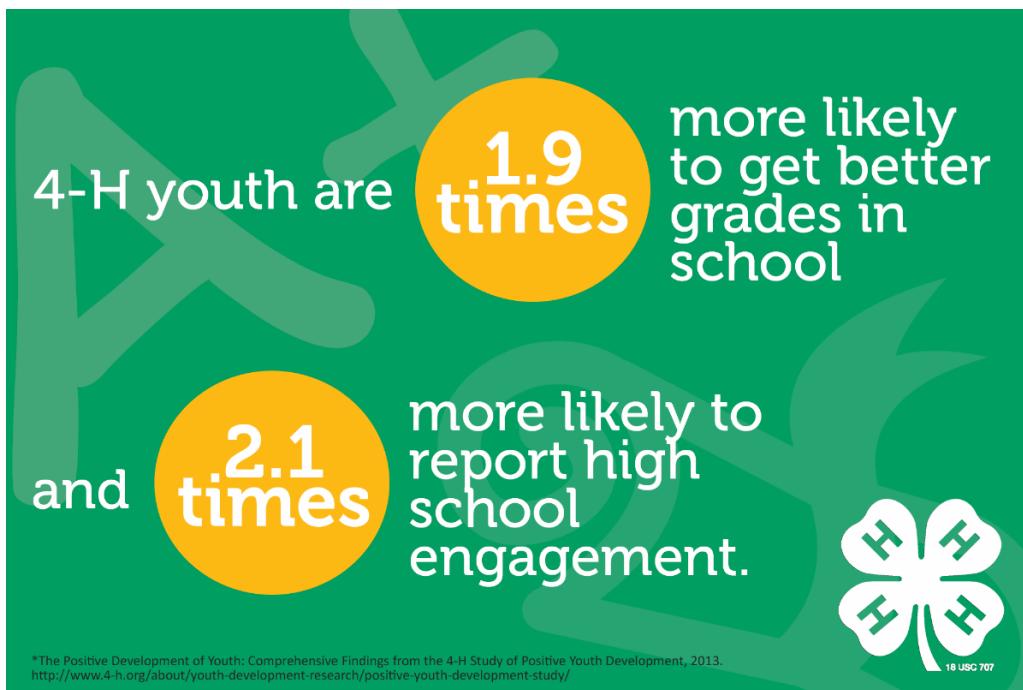
Click the link below to learn more.

[**4-H Achievement Manual**](#)

Attention 4-H Club Members:

If you attend a 4-H event, you are welcome to submit an article to let us know about it! Send us a picture, and tell us the who, what, where, and why, plus something that you learned! It will count in your record book!

Email article to jpperry@ucanr.edu or mzoller@ucanr.edu



We have a new Facebook page!
Check us out!
Colusa County 4-H, California 4-H

Colusa County 4-H Club Meetings

Arbuckle 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m.,
Arbuckle Elementary School

Maxwell 4-H Club

1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.,
Maxwell Elementary School Multipurpose
Rm - No January Mtg.

Colusa 4-H Club

Varying Mondays, 7:00 p.m. - Etchepare Hall,
Fairgrounds, No May Mtg.

Princeton 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Princeton Elementary School

Stonyford 4-H Club

2nd Monday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Community Pavillon - No December Mtg.

**Anyone interested in helping us
revive the Williams 4-H Club, please
[contact us!](#)**

For More Information

[Click here to e-mail the 4-H Office.](#)

Be sure to check out our website! [Colusa County 4-H Website](#)

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. 

Promoto usar mi **M**INTE para pensar con más claridad,

mi **COR**ZÓN para ser más leal,

mis **M**ANOS para ser más servicial,

mi **S**OLID para cuidarme más,

por mi club, mi comunidad, mi país

y mi mundo. 

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