



JUNE/JULY 2016

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Make the best better

Good luck to all participating  
in the Marin County Fair!

If you find yourself with some  
time this weekend, please  
come and help out our 4-H  
booth fundraiser at the Marin  
County Fair.

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### Marin County 4-H Newsletter

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Mark your Calendars!

### July

Jun 30 to  
July 4 Marin County Fair

Jul 28-31 State Leadership Conference  
U.C. Irvine

### August

Aug 18 Record Books Due to 4-H  
Office

Aug 22 Record Book Judging  
Marin 4-H Office  
9:00 AM—2:00 PM

### September

Sep 8 Council Meeting  
Marin 4-H Office  
6:30 PM—8:30 PM

### October

Oct 2 Achievement Day

Oct 2-8 National 4-H Week

Oct 5 National Youth Science Day

*The newsletter is sent to all 4-H families with completed and approved registration. A digital version of the newsletter is available on our website. To discontinue receiving a paper copy, call the office at 415-473-4207.*

# Record Books!

It's time to finish up those record books! Of course you have been keeping records all year long, so this is the time to fine tune everything and finish the project reports.

36% of the 4-H system is now using the Online Record Book (ORB). If you have not done so already, give it a try! You can learn more about the ORB and explore some of the myths around using it by visiting:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/4-H\\_ORB/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Members/RecordBook/4-H_ORB/)



Also mark your calendars for these important Record Book deadlines :

**Various**—record books due to leaders (or EARLIER!) Your leaders are a great help in making sure your record book meets the standards to be submitted to county judging. Turn in your record book early so they can give you feedback and you can make changes before submitting it to county judging.

**August 15—Record books Due to 4-H Office**

**August 20 — County Record Book Judging**

Senior Members are needed to judge Primary Record Books and Adults are needed to judge Junior and Senior Member books. We will train you! Clubs are asked to send ***one judge for every three*** record books submitted.

***Are you ready to advance and receive a Star?*** Members do not need to submit a record book for judging at the county level in order to receive their next star, but they DO need to complete a book and have it reviewed at the club level by their club leader. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be recognized for your work in 4-H!

# County News

## ALL STAR CORNER

An Afternoon to Remember  
By Rachael Metzger



On an afternoon in May, I sat at a table in a room filled with mostly seniors stuffing envelopes for the Marin County Fair. I sat there, hearing conversations go from politics to annoying family members, to ailments, not thinking much of each thread, nor feeling any connection to the people present. Suddenly, a conversation about 4-H caught my attention and the gray room of random seniors lit up with color!

The elderly man who sat across from me, Jim, had been at the original opening of the 4-H facilities in Washington DC as a teenager. Paula, Diana, and Nancy had been All Stars and 4-H officers themselves. Within a few minutes of conversation I didn't feel like the odd one out in the room, the faces felt familiar and welcoming. The monotonous task of stuffing envelopes breezed by from then on. I was thrilled by the amount of 4-H alumni and the enthusiasm they still had about the program 40 to 50 years later. It was a special moment connecting with those, who only moments before were strangers. We laughed over our shared experiences, visited similar life lessons, and finally, emerging with new friends. 4-H does this, breaks the ice by connecting people in a way no other experience could provide.

***ALL STAR APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JULY 15TH! SENIOR MEMBERS DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY! PLEASE CONTACT THE 4-H OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION!***

## Marin County 4-H Shines at State Field Day!

Marin County 4-H members did very well at State Field Day on Saturday May 30th at U.C. Davis. Congratulations to the following members:

For State Fashion Revue

Ruby Raye Clarke– Medalist, Traditional  
Taylor Boothe, Blue, Costume Challenge

For Presentation Day

Victor Caliva & Zoe McCormick, Cultural Arts, Gold  
Emily Charlton, Cultural Arts, Gold  
Erin Charlton, Illustrated Talk, Gold

Judging Contest

Erin Charlton, Blue  
Emily Charlton, Gold

# CONGRATULATIONS!

# West Marin Fair

Congratulations!

The West Marin 4-H Fair and Western Weekend were great fun once again. Several 4-H members entered their exhibits in foods, arts and crafts, sewing, photography, flower arranging and more.

Congratulations to these winners of “Best in Show:”

Short Story: Delphina Dong, Point Reyes Olema

Fiber Arts: Ruby Clarke, Point Reyes Olema

Sewing: Sierra Thomas, Point Reyes Olema

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Arts and Crafts: Ruby Clarke, Point Reyes Olema

Food Preparation: Nina von Raesfeld, Point Reyes Olema

Plants and Herbs: Phoebe Blantz, Point Reyes Olema

Floral Arrangement: Audrey von Raesfeld, Point Reyes Olema

Black and White Photography: Brinlee Stevens, Point Reyes Olema

Photography: Oliva Blantz, Point Reyes Olema

Poultry Showmanship: Emily Charelton, San Rafael

Thank you so much for all the people who made the fair possible: Point Reyes Olema for hosting a snack bar, our All Stars who judges and conducted the ceremonies, and Kathy Hartzell of the West Marin Rotary who registered and checked in our participants. Thank you to Elizabethe Strasen and Grace Strasen for judging sewing and photography. A special thank you to Rhonda Kutter for organizing the event.



# Welcome New Staff!

## **Steven Worker is the new 4-H Youth Development Advisor serving Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties**

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) offices in Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties are pleased to welcome Steven Worker into the role of 4-H Youth Development Advisor.

Steven will provide leadership, support, and oversight to 4-H Youth Development clubs, camps, and programs in Marin, Sonoma, and Napa counties. Worker's academic responsibilities include developing, implementing, and evaluating programs to engage youth in healthy living; science, engineering, math and technology; environmental stewardship; and civic engagement.

For 14 years, Steven was at the California State 4-H Office where he served as the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Coordinator, and earlier as the State 4-H Program Representative for youth leadership, recognition, and technology. Worker is a 4-H alumnus from Santa Barbara County where he was a 4-H All Star, a 4-H camp counselor, and a State 4-H Diamond Star. Worker earned his Ph.D. in Education from UC Davis in 2016 and his Masters in Community Development from UC Davis in 2007.

Steven and his wife, Heather, recently moved to Rohnert Park and are excited to explore the North Bay. He is a tabletop (board and card game) enthusiast and an avid science fiction reader. He can be reached at [smworker@ucanr.edu](mailto:smworker@ucanr.edu).

*Welcome!*

## **Ana Medina joins UCCE as New Office Assistant**

The Marin County UCCE office is pleased to welcome Ana Medina in the role of Office Assistant for Cooperative Extension programs. Ana will be assisting 4-H in enrollment, website management, and other administrative needs. Her bilingual skills will help all of UCCE to better serve our clientele.

Ana received her degree as an IT technician in Guadalajara, Mexico and has worked in a variety of technical support and customer service roles for the past 12 years. She enjoys technology and stays up to date on recent advances and applications.

In her spare time, Ana enjoys spending time in nature and participating in a variety of sports including kayaking, snowboarding, swimming, and skiing while also attending classes in yoga and kickboxing. She also enjoys riding her motorcycle, reading, spending time with friends, and traveling to places where she can meet new people and experience different cultures.

*Welcome!*

# From the Staff

## ENROLLMENT

July 1st marks the beginning of the 4-H program year and the beginning of enrollment.

Returning families may log in at 4Honline and re-enroll for the 2016-2017 program year. Please note that your project selections may change after you go to your first meeting with your club.

Payment of \$40 per youth and \$14 per adult volunteer is paid to the club leader at the first meeting of the year.

This is a great time to tell your friends about 4-H and invite them to join, but be sure they come to a meeting and speak with your Community Club Leader first.

To enroll, please visit:  
<https://ca.4honline.com/Login>



## **JUNIOR NATURALIST DAY CAMP**

**For Members 12 and Under**

**August 2, 3, & 4**

Please mark your calendars for our Junior Naturalist Day camp.

This three day mini camp will help youth explore environmental science topics like forest health, clean water, and hazard recovery.

The location is still to be determined, as we wait for reservation confirmation from Novato Parks and Recreation, but our choice is Hoog park in south Novato.

We should have things more firmed up after the holiday, but please feel free to email Allison at the 4-H office if you are interested:

[alkeaney@ucanr.edu](mailto:alkeaney@ucanr.edu)



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