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### **MEADOWLARKS 4H CLUB DONATES TO NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOUNDATION**

#### ***Donation to Benefit the Construction of New Multi-Purpose Pavilion***

The Meadowlarks 4H Club recently donated \$300 to the Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation, Inc. The Club chose the Fairgrounds Foundation to support the Foundation's efforts in constructing a new multi-purpose pavilion that will be the home of the Junior Swine exhibit during the Fair, as well as provide a new show and sale ring for the Junior Livestock Auction.

For the past two years, the Meadowlarks 4H Club has set aside funds in the budget to give back to non-profit organizations. 4H Members are asked to nominate non-profits that are meaningful to them and that are in line with 4H values. The five non-profit finalists are then selected by the 4H officers and presented by the nominating member at the December 4H community meeting. After hearing the presentations, each member gets to vote for the non-profit they want to receive funds. Funds are distributed to each organization based on the number of votes received.

"Members work hard during the Fair selling pasties to earn funds to cover all of the club's expenses," said Claire Newman, a member of the Meadowlarks 4H Club. "Carving out a

portion of these funds to give back to the community models a life lesson about the importance of giving.”

In addition to the Club’s donation, several members also donated funds from the proceeds of selling their animals at the Fair last year.

“We are honored that Meadowlarks 4H and these 4H members chose the Fairgrounds Foundation to receive this donation,” said Ed Scofield, president of the Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation, Inc. “The youth of Nevada County are a vital part of the Fair and the Foundation is particularly focused on funding projects that will serve to support and develop our local youth in agriculture. This youth organization and these individuals believe in and truly love the Nevada County Fair and represent the future of the Fair and the Fairgrounds.”

An additional Foundation fundraiser, in recognition of Ed Scofield’s recent retirement as CEO of the Nevada County Fairgrounds for more than 26 years, is planned for Friday, January 9 at the Fairgrounds Main Exhibit Building. The cost is \$35, and proceeds will benefit the Nevada County Fairgrounds Foundation, Inc. For reservations, call the Fairgrounds at 530-273-6217.

With Meadowlark’s contribution, along with the upcoming fundraising event, it brings the Foundation one step closer to building the new multi-purpose pavilion. The Foundation has initiated the first phase of the project by contracting for the engineering and site development plan.

For more information about the Fairgrounds Foundation, contact the Fairgrounds office at 273-6217.

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