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GET TO KNOW JENEAN BASS, County Council President

My name is Jenean Bass and I am your new Ventura County Council Executive Committee President. "What now?," you ask. I'll get to that later. First, more about me.

I was a 4-H project leader and co-club/community leader in Conejo Valley 4-H for about 7 years. I became a leader like most of you do, my kids wanted to join 4-H, the club needed leaders- including a rabbit leader- so, the rest is history.

Speaking of kids, I have two daughters, now aged out of 4-H , Brenda who will be starting her senior year at UC Davis and Kathy who will be a freshman at Oregon State University this fall. The girls participated in many projects during their time in 4-H, including the afore mentioned rabbits. I still raise and show some of their stock, now my stock. I even have a blog: "The Kids Left Home and I Got All The Rabbits." I thought the title was appropriate. Now, to the council. The council is all of you, all adult volunteers, and senior 4-H members' 9th-12th grade. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 21st 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H office.**

The Executive Committee is made up of officers, president, vice president, etc. Our job is to consider and recommend to the county council, you, polices related to state 4-H Youth Development Program polices and other policies governing the county and local 4-H programs. When approved by the council, you, they become policy. I, as president, can assign committees to work on issues and have them brought back to the council for further action. If you see an announcement of a committee that interests you, e-mail me and I will gladly add you!

At this point we have several committees working on issues. They are,

- Updating the Emerald Star Project,
- Strengthening Program Development Committees (PDCs),
- Primary members and goat projects,
- Increasing the numbers of entries in the youth building at fair,
- Market animal project deadline dates,
- Event Chair Handbook downloads.

As I said, if any of these look interesting to you or you have any questions e-mail me at Jeneanbass@roadrunner.com.

I look forward to a great year in 4-H!

Sincerely,

Jenean Bass



Jenean and her daughters at the Fair.



P.S. Hey! We are on Facebook too!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ventura-County-4-H/215748451795775?sk=wall>



Featured Club Happenings!

Santa Rosa Valley 4-H

50+ members

President - Cynthia Peterson, Treasurer - Casey Cannon

Santa Rosa Valley 4-H is a diverse club with members ranging in age from 5 to 19 years old. It is fun to see the older kids come home from college to go to the fair. And it is fun to see the younger members get excited with their first animal project of guinea pigs, rabbits or chickens. Our club has offered our members so many different types of projects. One of our biggest is the equine project. We had about 20 members riding or learning to harness horses with carts. Below is the photo of the horse members who rode at the Youth Horse Fair in July.

Another active group is our backpacking project that went on hikes or backpacking trips nearly every month. Our cake decorating group and cavy project entered projects at Super Field Day. Our photography and jewelry making projects entered their pieces to the fair. New this year was a blanket making project that offered younger kids an opportunity to learn this new skill. Our poultry project once again formed a team and won awards at the Avian Bowl. We made bread and butter on a cold afternoon in January and canned blackberry jam in June. Another new project was the mini-cattle. Project members learned to halter break and groom steers and cows and even watched the birth of a new calf!

At the fair we had projects entered in the youth building. And in the livestock dept, we had our lamb, pygmy goat, beef, swine, rabbit, covies and poultry projects entered. It was fun to see our kids running around the livestock area with their club members and their friends from other clubs. It is rewarding to see our club members meeting up with their friends from 4-H clubs around the county. Everyone helps each other with their animals and cleaning stalls.

Our club also works to make sure we all participate in community service. Each year we participate in California Coastal Cleanup, Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat and Operation Gratitude. We end our 4-H year with our annual pool party and potluck. This is a chance for all our members to have fun, get to know each other better and eat some great dishes. We also give out our club awards at this fun event.

Each year we try to make our club a little bit better. We enjoy hearing how other clubs work so we can learn from them. This coming year our goal is to become a closer group and share among our projects. We hope to see the other clubs at the county events this year. It is going to be another great 4-H year!



4-H CLUB PLANNING GUIDE UPDATED

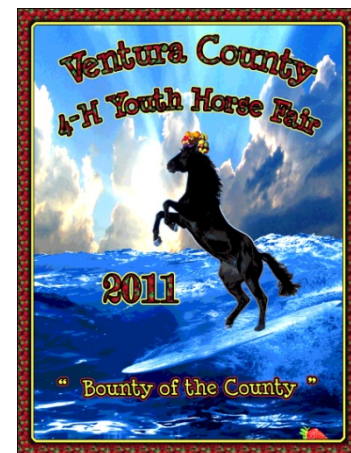
The plan provides a checklist to meet UC/4-H policies and expectations as well as to develop good club programming. The guide begins with essentials for maintaining a club charter. It is then followed by suggestions for helping establish club goals. The club officers should review this planning guide, and goals, regularly with the membership to check on the club's progress.

The updated 4-H Club Planning Guide is available on the state 4-H website in resources under manuals with the 4-H Officer Manual; <http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Publications/>.

October Featured Club Happenings! will include an article from Somis 4-H.

4-H Horse Fair Wrap-Up

2011 Ventura County 4-H Youth Horse Fair took place over the weekend of July 14th. There were approximately 30 members competing this year in close to 50 classes. Members and families descended on the Ventura fairgrounds with campers in tow for 3 days of competition. The Show started bright and early Friday morning. The day started with Halter Showmanship and continued with its Western events. Saturday was the day our English riders were waiting for, with English jumping events and skill classes. As always the Gymkhana Show ended the fair on Sunday with exciting barrel racing and pole bending events. The Equine Department is hoping to have more members competing next year, so please consider starting a horse project in your club. This show is also open to Independents, if your club does not have a Horse project. Jackie Larson (jackie@ponycreek.com) and Jodi Slotar (riderup@sbcglobal.net) would be happy to give any information on what's needed participate in this exciting Horse Fair. The cover of the Fair Program book was done by Erica Larson of Chief Peak.



Overall Champion	Junior	Elisabeth Doody	Santa Rosa	4-H
Overall Champion	Maiden	Sarah Barnes	Chief Peak	4-H
Overall Champion	Senior	Erica Larson	Chief Peak	4-H
Overall Reserve Champion	Junior	Elizabeth Paxson	Santa Rosa	4-H
Overall Reserve Champion	Maiden	Natalia Gonzalez	Shadow Hills	4-H
Overall Reserve Champion	Senior	Emily Ellingsworth	Agoura	4-H
Western High Point	Junior	Elisabeth Doody	Santa Rosa	4-H
Western High Point	Maiden	Makayla Cozatt	Santa Rosa	4-H
Western High Point	Senior	Emily Pattison	Santa Rosa	4-H
Western Reserve High Point	Junior	Elizabeth Paxson	Santa Rosa	4-H
Western Reserve High Point	Maiden	Rebecca Paxson	Santa Rosa	4-H
Western Reserve High Point	Senior	Emily Ellingsworth	Agoura	4-H
English High Point	Junior	Elisabeth Doody	Santa Rosa	4-H
English High Point	Maiden	Sarah Barnes	Chief Peak	4-H
English High Point	Senior	Genevieve Vacherot	Agoura	4-H
English Reserve High Point	Junior	Elizabeth Paxson	Santa Rosa	4-H
English Reserve High Point	Maiden	Natalia Gonzalez	Shadow Hills	4-H
English Reserve High Point	Senior	Emily Ellingsworth	Agoura	4-H
Gymkahana High Point	Junior	Kinta Schott	Shadow Hills	4-H
Gymkahana High Point	Maiden	Sarah Barnes	Chief Peak	4-H
Gymkahana High Point	Senior	Erica Larson	Chief Peak	4-H
Gymkahana Reserve High Point	Junior	Nathalie Gardner	Santa Rosa	4-H
Gymkahana Reserve High Point	Maiden	Hannah Hassien	Chief Peak	4-H
Gymkahana Reserve High Point	Senior	Harrison Hargleroad	Santa Rosa	4-H
1st Place Equine Poster	Senior	Erica Larson	Chief Peak	4-H
1st Place Equine Poster	Junior	Sarah Barnes	Chief Peak	4-H



Entomology 'Pin'-Pals in Missouri

Are you interested in learning more about 4-Hers in Missouri and their insects? Clay County, Missouri 4-Hers are looking for like-minded 4-Hers to exchange dead bugs with. If you are interested, please email Gwyn Vanoni at the 4-H office gwanoni@ucdavis.edu

Ormond Pointe All-Star Project Update

On July 23rd, the Ventura County 4-H All-Stars spent the day at Ormond Pointe in Oxnard. Dayle Morris and Savanna Stanley, the 4-H All-Stars, were the leaders of this event. A student group from the Port Hueneme Naval Base came to the wetlands to help remove the non-native plants such as ragweed. Nancy Pederson, Ormond Pointe outdoor classroom facilitator and master gardener, as well as her husband Sid, both gave very informational talks about the importance of the preservation of wetlands.

After lunch, the student group went home and the Ventura County 4-H community began to arrive. 4-H members that came to help us were Cassandra Larson of Chief Peak 4-H, Lucas and Sam Hoyt from Citrus Valley 4-H, Emma Trockey from Conejo Valley 4-H and Bailey Morris from Las Posas 4-H. With this highly motivated and fun group, we began to pull out all signs of wild radishes and thistle. We also trimmed dead coyote bushes so they could become healthy again. After all the wild radishes and such were taken to the dumpster, (which was filled by the end of the work day) we began to sculpt more of our trail. We accomplished a lot of our project with the help of the 4-H members from our county and the student group from Port Hueneme. As All-Stars, we knew this project was going to take hard work to achieve our goal. We are extremely satisfied with the outcome thus far and we can not wait until our next work day. We hope to see many more 4-H volunteers making this project sensational!



Club Officer Trainings in September

This training is MANDATORY for the Club Treasurer and all new President, Vice-President, Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms. For those that occupied these roles and attended training previously, you do not have to attend, however a refresher is recommended. All other club officers, or those interested in being a future club officer are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

R.S.V.P. is required so that we can have enough materials and dinner available for everyone. Please send your R.S.V.P. to tifisher@ucdavis.edu and include; your name, your phone number, your club name, your title as Club Officer and the training date you wish to attend.

Monday, September 19, 2011

1. Dinner: 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. provided for each club officer / club leader / club officer advisor. Additional persons attending with the club officer can purchase dinner for \$3.00.
2. Club Officer Training: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Treasurers MUST attend)
3. Treasurers Training: 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Or, Wednesday, September 28, 2011

1. Treasurers Training: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
2. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. provided for each club officer / club leader / club officer advisor. Additional persons attending with the club officer can purchase dinner for \$3.00.
3. Club Officer Training: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Treasurers MUST attend)

4-H State Leadership Conference Adventures

By: Dayle Morris & Matt Geib (Las Posas) and Savanna Stanley (Citrus Valley)

What an amazing weekend we had at UC Davis! It was great to have Matt along with us to see a boy's point-of-view. He will tell you himself that he loved it.

Here are a few of the highlights:

Day 1: Dayle and Savanna were lucky enough to room with Amanda Ho, a future 4-H State Ambassador from Los Angeles County. They saw first hand the organization it takes to put on a conference like this one. Later that afternoon, they listened to the opening speaker, Judson Laipply speak about the evolution of dance and the importance of going with the flow. He warned all teens not to get stuck on the "struggle bus" which is a bumride. We liked this metaphor because we all know that when something brings you down, it is hard to get over it. When you finally let it go, it seems it was really not a big deal. The pool party that night was a great mixer where Savanna did flips off the diving board, Dayle played beach ball games while Matt met many new friends.

Day 2: The opening session explained a new branch of 4-H, where clubs can work towards bettering the environment as a special gift for the upcoming 4-H Centennial Celebration. There are many *Revolution of Responsibility* grants available to assist clubs moving in this direction (See page 6). One example given was a club who started a plastic recycling center. The sessions that day ranged from video production (a great way to get your point across to a larger community), college boot camp (strategies to prepare yourself for that big leap into college), health information games (fun ways to talk about uncomfortable topics such as weight, emotions, illnesses) and the extreme 4-H make-over (Healthy Living Grant ideas just like the Ormond Pointe Nature Path that we are creating). In the evening, we went out to the field for a 4-H style workout with airbags, jumpees, space-flight simulations, boxing matches, and horizontal bungee jumping. Dayle and Savanna left Matt to bounce around in the pits while they attended an All-Star drama session. All teens should know how to use drama to interpret and solve problems.



Fun & games at SLC

Day 3: The morning speaker was truly motivating. He explained the importance of a "5 Person Dream Team" in each of our lives. He made us evaluate the people in our lives to determine if they were really helping us become better people or if they were leading us down empty paths. It was hard to be so honest with our family members and our childhood friends. But the reality is that you need to pick the weeds from the garden, for the flowers to bloom. We really believe that all 4-H members can bloom if given the right surroundings and support. The sessions that day ranged from ways to become an individual (lead your own dance or beat your own drum), tours of the UC Davis Agriculture Center (what an amazing place to study), and permaculture (the study of dirt, its nutrients and other characteristics). That night we had our semi-formal dance. The DJ was super wild, versatile and crazy. We danced the night away.



Speakers from an SLC session

Day 4: The morning consisted of more Healthy Living ideas like myth busters. In one activity, we saw how much bacteria is on your hands after you wash them. It was pretty gross. The bacteria lingered between your fingers even after you washed them and scrubbed them with soap and water. It really made us want to wash our hands again. On the way home, we laughed and joked about the weekend. Matt swears that he will be able to get more 4-H members to join us next year. We sure hope so. We are hoping that at least 6 members from Ventura County will attend SLC next year. Wanna join us?



Funding Resources

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Come Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

2013 marks the centennial for 4-H in California and the 4-H YDP will celebrate by giving back to their communities with youth-designed, youth-led projects where participants learn leadership by actually leading, collaboration by forming relationships with other groups and agencies, and citizenship skills by actively seeking opportunities to make a difference in their communities. The Revolution of Responsibility will celebrate the power of youth taking action and will consolidate all the various funding programs that are provided by the State 4-H Office. Chartered 4-H clubs/units can apply for funding (up to \$1,000) to support service-learning projects related to either club or project activities. An on-line application is available at: <http://ucanr.org/join/>. The first deadline for applications is October 15, 2011 with additional due dates of January 15 and April 15, 2012. For more information, check out the website at: <http://www.ca4h.org/Support/RofR/> or contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

Sodexo Youth Grants – Youth Service America is awarding 25 Grants of \$500 each in support of youth-led service projects in the U.S. Projects will work to address the issue of childhood hunger. The deadline to apply is September 16, 2011. www.YSA.org/grants/sodexoyouth.



Build-A-Bear Workshops have announced their 2011 grant opportunities, with grants ranging up to \$10,000 each.

Organizations working to support such causes as children's health and wellness, animals, and literacy and education will be considered. The grant applications may be submitted through October 28, 2011.

<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>

Captain Planet Foundation - The Captain Planet Foundation is funding grants to community-based organizations that encourage hands-on projects to improve the environment. Up to \$2,500 in funding is available for projects that will inspire youth to become active in environmental stewardship and community service activities. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2011.

<http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>.

Home Depot Community Impact Grants – The deadline to apply is October 31, 2011. Individuals and groups working to make repairs and improvements to housing and community facilities, as well as developing local parks and making greener spaces in the community are encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, and services. <http://bit.ly/elis5T>

2011 4-H National Youth Science Day

Innovation Awards - Available to 4-H programs planning National Youth Science Day events, there are multiple award categories of: \$4,000 for the Creativity Award, \$3,000 for the Revolution of Responsibility Award and \$3,000 for the Promotion and Media Outreach Award. Event occurring between 7/1/11 – 10/31/11 are eligible to participate. See Innovation Awards at <http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/>



Caring for our Watersheds Program -

For 9-12 grade students, \$1,000 cash rewards are available for answering "What can you do to improve your watershed?" Independently, or as a team up to four, identify an environmental concern that impacts your watershed. Come up with a realistic solution to address the concern. Discuss your idea with your parents, teachers, friends, and local experts. Research your idea and explain it in an approximately 1,000 word proposal. Include visuals (videos, graphics etc). Be creative! Due February 3, 2012. For more information, please contact beth@landbasedlearning.org <http://CaringForOurWatersheds.com>



4-H Junk Drawer Robotics Trainings

<http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Tech/JDR/>

The Junk Drawer Robotics track provides youth experiences in science processes, engineering design principles and technology processes working with household items and parts to complete simple design challenges. On **September 10, 2011** in San Diego County, there is full-feature all-day training on Junk Drawer Robotics to be held as part of a county 4 H field day offering other session topics. Register at <https://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=6762>

4-H AgriScience

<http://www.4h.org/agriscience/>

The *4-H AgriScience* curriculum fuses the emerging fields of biotechnology and business/economics with agriculture industry through hands on experiential learning activities and online learning courses for youth.



Engineers of the New Millennium

http://www.nsf.gov/news/special_reports/eng_mill/index.jsp?WT.mc_id=USNSF_51

Explore multimedia stories from engineers who are shaping our new millennium through discoveries in robotics, sustainability and energy. See how their cutting edge innovations will lead to new industries and help people have happier and healthier lives.

4-H Library

The Harvard Family Research Project (www.hfrp.org) has issued a new brief ***Year-Round Learning: Linking School, Afterschool, and Summer Learning to Support Student Success***. The brief is a response to national discussion about the need to expand the definition of where, when, and how learning happens and how communities can support richer learning opportunities to help youth gain the skills necessary for a healthy adulthood.

Year-round learning consists of intentional, community-based efforts to connect school, afterschool, and summer learning to support positive youth outcomes. The brief discusses different configurations of year-round learning; common principles used by programs and initiatives doing this work; early lessons from these initiatives; and profiles of six programs and initiatives illustrating themes discussed in the brief.

The full report can be found at <http://www.hfrp.org/publications-resources/browse-our-publications>.

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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS:

It is best to e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office. Please e-mail your articles to tifisher@ucdavis.edu

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 1st MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S ISSUE.

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4-H Calendar

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9/5	Somis 4-H Featured Club Happenings! article due to 4-H Office.
9/10	So. Section Council Meeting @ Mt. San Antonio College
9/10	Junk Drawer Robotics Training in San Diego
9/17	Record Book Judging 1-5:30 p.m.
9/19	Club Officer Training @ 4-H Office 5:30-8:30 p.m.
9/21	4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Office 7 p.m. for Leaders and Youth (9 th grade+)
9/26	Special Record Book Awards Interviews 3:30-5:30 p.m. @ 4-H Office
9/28	Club Officer Training @ 4-H Office 5:30-8:30 p.m.
9/30	Golden Clover Entries Due
10/3	Tapo Simi 4-H & Tierra Rejada 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office.
10/5	National Youth Science Day
10/15	SET Grant Requests for Funding Due
11/11-13	State 4-H Leaders' Forum @ Asilomar

2011 State Leaders' Forum -The Magic of 4-H: Transformation

SLF will be November 11-13, 2011 at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California. Registration information and other conference details are available at <http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLF/>

National 4-H Week – Oct. 2-8, 2011

Promotional toolkits are available online to help your club make the most of this week devoted to spreading the word about 4-H. www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/

Small Animal Events Chairs & Volunteers Needed–

Fur & Feathers and Small Animal Science Field Day event coordinators are needed for the 2011 - 2012 4-H Year. Contact any of the previous volunteers for more details. To volunteer, please call the 4-H Office.

