

Clover Lines

100 Tie Blanket Community Service Event

By Bailey Morris and Grace Van Splinter

On Saturday, June 15th at the 4-H office, 33 people from 6 different clubs came to tie fleece blankets for foster children. Bailey Morris and Grace Van Splinter received a \$1,000 grant from the State 4-H Revolution of Responsibility program to create a community service project.



The completed blankets will be donated to the foster youth at Casa Pacifica in Camarillo. Youth and adults who participated in making the blankets will be invited to tour the Casa Pacific facility mid-July. An email confirming the date and time will be sent to everyone who attended on June 15th or made a blanket at home.

Several kits are still available at the 4-H Office for members and leaders to pick up and make. Instructions come with the kit and it only takes 30-60 minutes to produce a blanket. Please plan to return the completed tie blankets by July 12th to the 4-H Office.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the project and has made a difference in a child's life.



Upper picture: 4-Hers nestle into completed tie blankets at the end of the Blanket-Tying Day.

Left: groups work on tables and on the floors to make simple cuts and assemble the fleece tie blankets.

New Clover Lines Format

In an effort to save costs and preserve the quality of the Clover Lines delivered to homes, the County of Ventura has asked us to begin using an envelope.

The new look will not allow the newsletter to stand out quite as much in the mail. The old format no longer meets the USPS standards for self-mailing and the machinery required to meet these standards is cost prohibitive.

You can help us even more by choosing to not get a "hard copy" of the newsletter. Access your 4hOnline account to change your preference from paper to email. Then, you will see the Clover Lines in full color and be just a click away from additional information and links.



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Featured Club Happenings!

Loma Vista 4-H

*Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Poinsettia Elementary School in Ventura.*

Loma Vista 4-H has had another eventful year thanks to our great parent volunteers and active club members! In addition to making new friends, learning life skills, and giving back to our community, there have been some standout highlights for Loma Vista this year.

The presentations project made a comeback this year and Loma Vista was well represented at County Presentation Day. Many of our members also attended Super Field Day in March where our Iron Chef team competed and won third place thanks to their peep sweet potato mash and pork crepes. At our January club meeting, our members were busy solving the mystery of the missing 4-H cookie in a life size version of the Clue board game. Members traveled to each project-themed room and learned facts about projects like photography, rabbits, and archery from board members in that project.

Our members also showed their creative side during the club's structure building competition where members were given basic supplies like straws, popsicle sticks, and index cards and competed to see who could build the tallest structure. Although the 4-H year is winding down, Loma Vista is still going steady as our animal project members prepare for the upcoming Ventura County Fair. Members of the Cavy and Rabbits project are getting ready for the breed show and showmanship while our rabbit hopping project is arranging for a rabbit hopping demonstration at Uncle Leo's Barn in the evenings on Aug 2nd-4th. Make sure to stop by and watch!

Although this year will be hard to top, club members can expect that next year will be filled with more fun and memories!



Loma Vista's 2012/2013 Board, Back row: Ruby, Nicole, Ellie, Morgan, Kai, Spencer, Malia, Jason. Front row: Melissa, Glenda

Cross Clubbing, 1-2-3's

Many 4-H members are interested in enrolling in projects offered by other clubs during the course of their 4-H career. This is called "cross clubbing". Cross clubbing can provide an opportunity for a youth to participate in a project that his/her club doesn't offer, or to enable two smaller clubs to join together to share leaders and project interests.

- Cross clubbing to another project is not permitted if the member's home club already offers this project.
- Approval of both community club leaders, the project leader AND the 4-H Office is required for cross clubbing.
- The enrollment process for a youth member is not finalized until the completed and signed form has been submitted to the 4-H Office.

- It is the youth and his/her family's responsibility to complete the appropriate form, secure signatures, and get the form into the 4-H Office.

Here are the specifics:

1. If it is during the re-enrollment process at the beginning of the new program year (now), please contact the Club Leader of the club you want to do the cross club project with to make sure it is agreeable with them and find out what their club requirements are for this.
2. Also contact the Project Leader of the club you want to do the cross club project with to make sure they are agreeable with this, that they have the room in the project to take another member.

Cross Clubbing continued on page 6.

Announcing Youth Building Entry Incentives

Ventura County 4-H Council is committed to having 4-H positively represented in the community, therefore the Council has voted to fund \$100 in incentives to encourage participation by members in the 4-H divisions in the Youth Building at the Ventura County Fair.

We know that many clubs have amazing projects, such as entomology, wood working, leather crafts, welding, arts and crafts, robotics and other sciences; as well as the traditional sewing, canning and cooking projects. In the past few years; however, not a lot of these projects have been displayed at the Fair for the public to see.

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of 4-H in California, this year for each entry in a 4-H division in the Youth Building, the youth will automatically receive one drawing entry. The drawing will be held immediately prior to 4-H Awards Ceremony at the Fair on Sunday, August 11, 2013. The prize winners will be awarded their prizes during the awards assembly. There will be a total of 16 prizes awarded.

4-H leaders can schedule group appointments to drop off non-perishable entries from their clubs/

projects on the Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20. On-line pre-registration is required before the physical drop off of the groups' entries. By pre-registering, the Youth Building volunteers will have pre-printed name tags and spreadsheets for each member at drop off. Foods and perishable entries are due Sunday, July 28, 10-5. The VC Fair Entry Guide is available online <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/3455/>

Remember that 4-H entries in the Youth Building include project work as well as photography, literature, educational display/posters, scrap-booking, etc. that reflect the whole, or part of the 4-H experience. Any questions about eligible entries, please review the Entry Guide or contact Gwyn Vanoni at gwvanoni@ucanr.edu.



Preserved foods entered by Elaine Crenshaw from Loma Vista 4-H in 2011.

Fair Entry Dates at a Glance

Youth Expo & 4-H

General/Non-Perishable Entries - July 19, 20 & 21, 2013 between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Baked Foods – July 28, 2013 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tablesettings – July 28, 2013 – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Call (805) 648-3376 x 182 to reserve table – July 15-19, 2013

Glue A Shoe Contest – July 31 & August 7, 2013 – 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Scarecrow Contest – August 2, 2013 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Farm Derby Competition – Aug. 2, 2013 – check-in 11:30; Races 12:00 PM (Noon)

King Arthur Flour Baking Contest – Aug. 8, 11 AM – 1 PM: judging 3 PM

Small Livestock – entry form deadlines

Costume Contest, Decorated Eggs, Fantasy Pet & Champion of Champions – July 12, 2013

Uncle Leo's Agriculture Contest – bring to Youth Expo Bldg

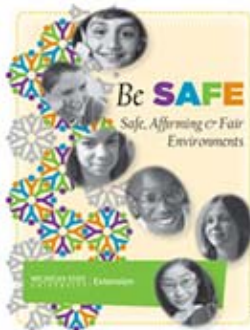
How Does Your Garden Grow & Agriculture's Future on July 28, 2013 – 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The 2013 Ventura County Fair Entry Guide available on website at www.venturacountyfair.org.
Online Entry available June 1-July 15, 2013 at www.venturacountyfair.org



Healthy Living

Be SAFE Curriculum and Training Are Now Available!



Announcing the release of Be SAFE: Safe, Affirming and Fair Environments! Be SAFE is now available and is designed specifically for use in out-of-school time settings such as 4-H, after-school programs, scouts and Boys and Girls Clubs. Follow the link to download a free PDF of the Introduction of Be SAFE – and/or to order the full curriculum. MSU Extension Bookstore:

<http://web2.msue.msu.edu/bulletins2/product/be-safe-safe-affirming-and-fair-environments-1363.cfm>

Courage to Care™

Developed by the University of New Hampshire, Courage to Care is an evidence-based curriculum for middle school students, designed to increase care for others, and reduce bullying. The program teaches empathy, civility, and attacks school meanness by increasing students' social and emotional skills. View a sample Courage to Care lesson by going to: <http://bit.ly/CtoCSample5>.

More info: <http://www.courage2care.com/>



Celebrations Abound!

4-H in California is celebrating its centennial this year. Our County Celebration Committee is planning a series of events:

- **Fair Parade Float** –Aug. 3 for 4-Hers to plan, decorate and ride.
- **Fair Display in Ag Building**—Jenean Bass is coordinating a design to announce and celebrate 100 years of 4-H.
- **Centennial BBQ**—Tentatively set for Sept. 28th. Looking for pictures and anecdotes from 4-Hers through the last 100 years

The committee is hoping to recruit at least one volunteer from each club to assist in these planning efforts. The next planning meeting will be Aug. 28 at 6 pm at the 4-H Office.

To join in the planning committee for the our Ventura County celebrations, please email Deborah Meyer-Morris at morrispartyof4@aol.com

Clover Safe Notes

Clover Safe Notes Spotlight for July/August: SAFE USE OF RAKES AND SHOVELS (#96). This page outlines steps to prevent common injuries and accidents that can be avoided when using rakes & shovels.

Clover Safe Notes can be reviewed and printed from the UCANR website at http://safety.ucanr.org/4-H_Resources/Clover_Safe_Notes_by_Number/



The website has safety training and safety coordinator resources on this page. Clover Safe Notes are useful when incorporated into appropriate projects or shared with the club during monthly meetings.



COUNCIL CORNER

Highlights from the Ventura County 4-H Council



At the June meeting of the Ventura County 4-H Council, several committee reports were given, including the Centennial Celebration Committee (see article pg. 4) and Large Livestock PDC.

The Youth Building Entry Incentives were reviewed (see article pg. 3). Chris Garmon, from the County Fair, announced that they were expecting 89 additional animals in large livestock over last years entries. Jenean Bass reviewed the conflict/issue resolution protocols which are also available online at http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Leader/

The 2013-14 program year Council budget was reviewed and approved with minor changes.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 7 p.m.** at the 4-H Office in Ventura. If you would like to join a committee, serve as a council board member or add an agenda item, please contact Jenean Bass, Council President, by email at venturaco4-Hcouncil@gmail.com. Agenda items should be received at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting for inclusion. All leaders, parents and members are welcome to attend. Leaders and members 14+ vote on business at the meeting. We hope you will join us!

The Council's page on the VC 4-H website is http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Ventura_County_4-H_Council/

Planning Teen Conference Sessions

The Teen Council has just opened the 2014 Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) Educational Session Forms.

The youth are looking for educational sessions in the areas of: leadership, citizenship, S.E.T., healthy living, and life skills. Forms will be due in the first week of September. Anyone is welcome to present a session. 4-H members, adult volunteers, 4-H Staff, and external sources.



TIC will be January 17-19, 2014, and will be held at Pathfinder Ranch. For more information about TIC and to access the educational session forms, please visit: <http://ss4h.org>

LARGE LIVESTOCK PDC NEWS

Upcoming PDC meeting will be **July 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at the 4-H Office conference rooms. ***Please note change of date for this meeting.***

Attendance at one of the meetings is required by Large Livestock Project Leaders and Teen Leaders (at least one for each project planning to attend the fair). Fair happenings will be discussed.

The Large Livestock PDC program areas include Heifers/Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep as well as the related care and showman skills. Chair, Virginia Reyes is available at LGLivestockPDC@gmail.com

New Adult Volunteer Leader Certifications for Summer/Fall!

Volunteering is not as scary when you know what the job entails. Ask your club leader or project leader exactly what you can do to help. Attend trainings, and learn more from the job descriptions below. They can also be found on the State 4-H website at <http://www.ca4h.org/Administration/Policies/Chapter6/>.

Club Leader Position Description <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4771.doc>

Activity or Event Adult Volunteer Position Description <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4770.doc>

Project Adult Volunteer <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4772.doc>

Resource/Key Adult Volunteer <http://www.ca4h.org/files/4772.doc>



One volunteer position that currently does not have a position description posted is the Enrollment Specialist (Coordinator). You can view the responsibilities of this position on our website in Word format at <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/79835.doc> or in PDF format at <http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/files/79837.pdf>

R.S.V.P. required. Find the date below that you can attend and R.S.V.P. through the link for that date.

The dates for the New Adult Volunteer Leader Certification Training have been scheduled for;

Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10794>

Monday, September 30, 2013, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10793>

Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10795>

The Live Scan fingerprinting form will be mailed to you after your R.S.V.P. is received. We recommend you schedule your appointment as soon as you receive the forms to help diminish delays with the D.O.J.

The trainings will be held at the 4-H Office at 669 County Square Dr., Ventura, CA 93003-9028. The trainings will begin PROMPTLY. Due to the large amount of material, participants **MUST** be on time & **MUST** attend the entire training or they will not have completed this important part of the certification process.

Cross Clubbing Continued

Be sure to ask what additional requirements they might have.

3. Contact your Club Leader for their approval
4. Complete your parts of the Cross clubbing for Projects form and have the parent or guardian sign (the form can be found on our website at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Enroll/Youth/Cross/),
5. Take the form to your Club Leader for them to sign acknowledging their approval and knowledge of the Cross clubbing.
6. Take the form to the Club Leader of the Cross Club for them to sign.
7. Take the form to the Cross Club Project Leader for them to sign.
8. During your online enrollment, select and add the name of the club you will be cross clubbing with (your "Home" club will be the one that has the Green dot in the circle).
9. Add this project to your personal project list by first choosing the name of the club that you are cross clubbing with for that project, then select and add the project.
10. Complete the online enrollment process as usual.
11. Turn the form in to your club enrollment person with all of your other enrollment paperwork.

4-H State Leadership Conference

July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis
Celebrating 100 years of California 4-H.



This year's theme: *There's no place like 4-H*

The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Youth delegates gain exposure to the campus by living in the residence halls, eating in the dining commons, and participating in educational sessions, many of which are taught by UC faculty and staff.

The conference is planned by a team of high school 4-H members and adult advisors. Working in strong youth-adult partnership, the team designs the educational, recreational and logistical components of the conference.

Participants must have graduated 8th grade in order to attend (ages 13-19). Registration will open in June.
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/#>



Represent 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology @ The California State Fair!

<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=10555>

4-H members and volunteers are invited to showcase their 4-H science, engineering, and technology projects and activities on **July 16** (11am - 8pm), **July 20** (10-8pm) & **July 23** (11-8pm).

A) Non-Competitive 4-H Presentations – 4-H members are invited to present, non-competitively, at the California State Fair on **July 20** and **23**. 4-H members will present 1-3 times during an hour-long block of time on one day. Presentations must be related to 4-H science, engineering, or technology.

B) Hands-on, Interactive, Activities – Groups of 4-H members, volunteers and staff are invited to engage the public in quick hands-on activities. The group will conduct activities with the public for at least an hour block of time on one day.

PBS Design Squad Hands-on Challenges: Solar System

http://pbskids.org/designsquad/parentseducators/guides/mission_solar_system.html

Launch your kids into space exploration with these space-based, hands-on engineering challenges. They are designed for kids in school and after-school programs, grades 4 to 8. Engage kids in engineering and in NASA's exploration of the solar system. Let kids think like NASA engineers and apply their creative problem-solving skills. Spark kids' interest in engineering and space-science careers.



Science 360: The Knowledge Network

<http://science360.gov>

Science360 Knowledge Network immerses visitors in the latest wonders of science, engineering, technology and math. We gather the latest science videos provided by scientists, colleges and universities, science and engineering centers, the National Science Foundation and more.

4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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CLOVER LINES 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 CloverLines@ucdavis.edu

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

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July/August 2013

On the backside...Enrollment

It is time again to prepare for re-enrolling in 4-H for the new coming year (July 1 – June 30).

Enrollment is BOTH paper forms and the online process for everyone. Re-enrolling in 4-H means to complete the paperwork, the online process and pay the fees.

Your Club Leader/Enrollment Specialist may have already handed out the youth enrollment packet; be sure to complete it (double check it for completeness) and return it with the fees before the deadline they have given you. Your Club Leader/Enrollment Specialist is a great resource!

Be sure to have internet access during the first week of July so that you can check your e-mail a couple or so times a day beginning July 1st for the important e-mail from your Club Leader/Enrollment Specialist so that you can access the 4hOnline system and re-enroll as soon as you receive the important e-mail from your Club Leader/Enrollment Specialist. Complete the online enrollment by the deadline set by your club. Not completing the entire enrollment process by the deadline means you won't be on the list for Fair that they require from our office each year.

You can find the Step By Step Guide to Re-enroll on our County 4-H website at http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/Enroll/Leaders/ scroll down towards the bottom of the page. Be sure to pay extra careful attention to your personal project list and make sure you make all additions and deletions needed so that it lists all the projects you want to participate in for the year: do not leave it blank.

We hope that you had a great year in the Ventura County 4-H Program, and we hope that the New Year will be even better! Have a safe and wonderful summer!

4-H Calendar

http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/NewsMain/

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7/4	4-H Office Closed for Holiday	9/9	Piru & Santa Rosa Valley Club Happenings Articles Due
7/9	Livestock Quality Assurance 10 am @ VC Fairgrounds	9/9	Club Officer Training @ 4-H Office 5:30-8 pm
7/12	Tie Blankets returned to 4-H Office	9/14	South Section Council Meeting 10 – 1 @ Mt. SAC
7/12-28	California State Fair	9/18	Club Officer Training @ 4-H Office 5:30-8 pm
7/15	Large Livestock PDC Meeting 7 pm @ 4-H Office	9/30	New Leader Certification @ 4-H Office 6:30 pm
7/19-21	4-H Youth Horse Fair @ VC Fairgrounds	10/8	New Leader Certification @ 4-H Office 9:30 am
7/25-28	State Leadership Conference @ UC Davis	10/23	4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Office 7 pm for Leaders and Youth (9 th grade+)
7/31-8/11	Ventura County Fair	11/8-10	4-H State Leaders Forum in Sacramento
8/3	Fair Parade with 4-H 100 year Float	1/17-19	Teen Involvement Conference @ Pathfinder Ranch
8/11	4-H Fair Awards Ceremony		
8/22	Club Officer Training @ 4-H Office 5:30-8 pm		
8/28	New Leader Certification @ 4-H Office 5 pm		
8/28	Centennial Celebration Committee @ 4-H Office 6pm		
8/28	4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Office 7 pm for Leaders and Youth (9 th grade+)		
9/1	Club Year-End Reporting Due		
9/2	4-H Office Closed for Holiday		

Club Officers: Mark Your Calendars!

Club Officer Trainings are for all new officers and every Treasurer. This year's trainings are scheduled for 8/22, 9/9 and 9/18. Check out the agenda's by date at http://ceventura.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/4-H/NewsMain/