See Dr. Mike this Wednesday, March 13

Veterinarian “Dr. Mike” will be speaking at 7pm on MARCH 13 in the large barn at HAREC (287 S. Briggs Rd, Santa Paula) Everyone is invited to attend! This event is hosted by the Large Livestock PDC. Michael Giacopuzzi, DVM owns Humphrey, Giacopuzzi & Associates Equine Hospital and serves as the head veterinarian at the Ventura County Fair.

Public Speaking Workshop Sat. April 27

Hello 4-H Community! We are the 2019-2021 Ventura County 4-H Ambassadors and we would like to invite you to our Ambassador Project Public Speaking Workshop. The workshop will be on April 27th from 1 pm to 4 pm at HAREC. (Please register here)

We will be leading an interactive workshop on public speaking and using various fun activities to practice and demonstrate ways to improve public speaking. If you participate, you can really put your skills to the test, and you will also be eligible to volunteer at our 4-H booth at the 2019 Ventura County Fair. As the second part of our Ambassador Project, you can promote your 4-H clubs, projects and Ventura County 4-H at our fair booth and earn a community service pin for your hat. If you have any questions please contact us! Shelby Wright sewright2002@gmail.com or Emily Santos lovelyangus03@gmail.com We hope to see you there!

Deadline to register for Presentation Day and Fashion Revue is March 8. These events will be combined this year at the farm on Saturday, March 23 @ 9am—1:30pm. Click here for more info and to register for Fashion Revue. Click here for more info and to register for Presentation Day.
Disney Physics Lab & 4-H

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25-27
Disney Physics Lab Sun. May 26 (time TBA)

Click here to Register by April 4

3rd—5th Grade: Energy and Waves Physics Lab 101 | Disney Youth Education Series

Students in grades 3-5 discover light and sound as forms of energy and how to use them in practical application. In this 2.5-hour academic adventure, students see first-hand how these elements are a vital part of creating world-class attractions and how Disney uses these physical properties to entertain and amaze guests from all over the world. Read more about this experience here.

6th—12th Grade: Properties of Motion Physics Lab | Disney Youth Education Series

During this 3-hour interactive learning experience, students in grades 6-12 will learn the role of mechanical physics at Disney California Adventure Park. Students will study Newton's laws of motion and use the scientific method to explore the practical uses of magnetism, friction, gravity and different forms of energy. With the park as their learning lab, students will perform hands-on experiments to see and test the relationship between physics and their favorite Disney attractions. Read more about this experience here.

Cost: Physics Lab is included with ticket purchase for 4-H Members. Family members may also purchase tickets at these prices: $110 for 1-Day Ticket (California Adventure Park only), $155 for 1-Day Park Hopper, $210 for 2-Day Park Hopper, or $270 for 3-Day Park Hopper.

Transportation & Lodging: You provide your own transportation to Anaheim and arrange/pay for your own accommodations. We will have a block of hotel rooms available at Desert Inn & Suites Hotel for families to book. If we don’t have a minimum of 10 kids in each class, this event will be canceled, so you must register by April 4.

*This event is being planned by Ventura County 4-H in collaboration with Santa Cruz County 4-H and San Benito County 4-H. Please email questions to Valerie Zeko vjzeko@ucanr.edu

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State Leadership Conference (SLC) Early Bird Registration is now open!

Register by April 1st to take advantage of early bird pricing! Thanks to the support of our premier sponsor Tractor Supply, this year SLC is more affordable than ever, starting at only $275 for 3 nights if you register by April 1st!

Before you register, please review the Registration Checklist and Tour descriptions. See the SLC Registration page for more information.

Find out how you can get a travel stipend for $100 by visiting our Ventura County 4-H Resources page and clicking on “Travel Stipend Request.”

See more photos and read about Livia Vertucci’s experience at SLC last year.

Read All About It!

“Bird Nerds Win at 4-H Avian Bowl Qualifier”
by Sammy Belik

“Southern Youth Summit”
by Claire Boone

Poultry & Newcastle

For info and updates, please visit this website.

Last month at the South Coast REC, they held a CDFA/USDA info session regarding Newcastle Disease for the affected counties. They had a Q & A session and reviewed best practices. The workshop was recorded and you can watch the video (English and Spanish) here on YouTube.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sick Bird Hotline 866-922-2473 (Press 0 when you hear the recording to get to a live person faster) or Public Info Officer Line 909-731-6367.

Area Field / Presentation Days

Most Area Field & Presentation Days have registrations open. Go to the Area Presentation Day event page to register for the Area event of your choice — Ventura County is part of Southern Area, but you are not limited by the Area you are in. Southern Area Field Day is on May 4 at Mt SAC in Walnut (near Cal Poly Pomona).

Participants who receive a Gold award at any county Presentation Day can compete at Area Field/Presentation Day. Gold awardees at Area Field/Presentation Day may compete at State Presentation Day at State Field Day.

Adults: We need volunteers to help with hosting and evaluating the Area Field & Presentation Days. Please sign up on the Area Presentation Day event page.
State Fashion Revue

Everyone is invited to Olson Hall from 9:30-11:30 on June 1 – you don’t need to be in State Fashion Revue to participate! Test your knowledge on sewing, crafts, and fashion in our Skill-a-thon, attend workshops, and bid on items in the Silent Auction. All of the activities are planned and run by the SFR Committee.

The Fashion Show begins at 1:30 on the Quad outside stage. For complete information, see the State Fashion Revue event page. Register here by May 15.

NEW EVENT: Livestock Quiz Bowl

The California 4-H State Animal Science Advisory Committee is hosting the Livestock Quiz Bowl at State Field Day. This contest is open to teams from both 4-H and FFA.

The top 4-H team and the top FFA team at this contest will be eligible to compete at a national competition - the Western National Round Up in Denver, Colorado in January 2020.

For full rules and to enter, please see the Livestock Quiz Bowl event page.

New challenges for Robotics Competition

Please see our Robotics event page to sign up to compete in the Robotics challenges. The competition is for Level 2 and Level 3 contestants. Level 1 (entry level) robotics participants can just walk-in to get help in programming scribbler robots on a course.

New categories for Film Festival

Please note the updated categories for entries to the State 4-H Film Festival: Animation: film that uses still images to create the illusion of movement, Documentary: a factual story or report, Drama: a fictional story that is more serious than funny, Comedy: a fictional story that is amusing, lighthearted, or comic, Promotional: an informational or inspirational narrative or Public Service Announcement designed to promote 4-H or non-4-H related programs, and Commercial: a 30 second 4-H related advertisement (must be exactly 30 seconds)

The film festival will be held at 1-2pm in Wellman Hall. Everyone is welcome to join in!

For full rules and to submit your entry, please see the Film Festival event page.
Jack’s Fair Report

Jack McCormick is our 4-H Fair Liaison. Here is his report from the Livestock/Equestrian Meeting on March 5:

“Buckles: Fair is still working on which buckles will be provided by the Fair. They would prefer to limit the amount of buckles due to cost. The board encourages sponsorship. They need to put their order in by April 15th. Fair is also considering requiring a thank you card to be turned into them before the buckle be handed over. They have received complaints from sponsors that no thank you cards were received from buckle winners.

Forms for online auction registration and online add-on will be posted on the fair website. The fair invested in new software to make this happen and they hope this will prevent the long lines and encourage more sponsorship for the kids. This should be up and running by June 1st. Not sure of the details yet but it may be a good idea for the kids to market this in their letters to buyers.

Registration fees are going up for small livestock. Details to be forthcoming. Also they are including a new educational display entry this year to help make up for the fact that there will be no poultry. This is still in the works.

Next meeting is May 27th. Further discussion about sponsorship going forward, jackpot show and more details about small livestock. Note: if the Council would like me to introduce any questions or concerns please email them to me, Jack McCormick, jack@travisag.com at least two weeks before the next meeting so I can try to get them onto the agenda.”

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JOANN Clovers for Kids

Mar. 1 to April 30

The Clovers for Kids campaign has started! Please note that there are different ways to support the campaign:

~ Buy a $1 or $4 clover at the register.
~ Put your spare change in the change boxes at the register.
~ Spread the word! Share posts on social media with your friends and family using #JOANNhearts4H

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