

Clover Lines

California, Minnesota, New York...

No, this is NOT an article on American States. The headline of this article was the order of finish for Avian Bowl at the 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. It was New York that entered the November National Competition as the number one seed, based on the team members' written test scores. There was a 3 way tie for the second seed between California, Georgia, and Minnesota.

New York defeated Louisiana and Minnesota in early games, but were knocked into the Losers' Bracket after their first game with California. Prior to their game with New York, the Californians had already defeated Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Following the early loss to New York, Minnesota easily moved through the Losers' Bracket defeating Florida and Pennsylvania. The Minnesotans wanted revenge when they met New York for the second time and they did defeat them. At that point, Minnesota was the only team left with just a single loss and that put them into the finals with undefeated California. They beat California in the first game, but the Golden State's Champions came back in the second game with a strong victory.

Congratulations go out to our National Avian Bowl Champions: from Ventura County Katelyn Beckmann, Olivia Knizek, and Nicole Peterson and from Sonoma County Zachary Thode. The team was well coached by Mrs. Kitty Beckmann of Ventura County.



Your editor would like to point out the significance of the number two seed beating the number one seed. While the New Yorkers demonstrated more knowledge on the written test, the Californians dominated in the live-with-buzzers competition. I saw this team at Avian Bowls throughout California in 2009. I know that the New Yorkers had nowhere the number of opportunities to compete that the Californians did. Practice helps make champions.

This article was written by Dr. Bradley, it appears here as it appeared in the University of California Cooperative Extension Avian Science Notes December 2009.

Pictured from left to right: Kitty Beckmann (coach), Katelyn Beckmann (Ventura County), Olivia Knizek (Ventura County), Nicole Peterson (Ventura County), Zachary Thode (Sonoma County), Dr. Francine Bradley (UC Davis, National Avian Bowl Chair), Chuck Thode (Asst. Coach). The next California State Qualifier will be at the 4-H Super Field Day, March 6, 2010, at Seaside Park, Ventura Fairgrounds. The winning senior team will represent California at the next 4-H National Poultry and Egg Conference in Louisville, Kentucky for 2010.



Featured Club Happenings!

Featured Club Happenings Schedule

<u>Featured Month</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Article Due</u>
January	None	
February	Agoura & Bardsdale	First Monday in January
March	Briggs & Chief Peak	First Monday in February
April	Citrus Valley & Conejo Valley	First Monday in March
May	Del Norte & Las Posas	First Monday in April
June	Loma Vista & Mira Monte	First Monday in May
July	Mupu & Piru	First Monday in June
August	None - Joint issue w/July	
September	Santa Rosa Valley & Sespe	First Monday in August
October	Shadow Hills & Somis	First Monday in September
November	Tapo Simi & Tierra Rejada	First Monday in October
December	None - Joint issue w/November	

Please mark your calendar with your club's due date and month that it is being featured. Please complete the Clover Lines Featured Club Happenings form, and submit it to us by the 1st Monday of the Month prior to your club's assigned month, along with any photos that you would like us to include in Clover Lines. Please submit by email to tifisher@ucdavis.edu, with photos attached.

In Memoriam of Laura Heath

It is with sad and heavy hearts that we say good-bye to Laura Heath. She participated in 4-H the past 12 years as Club Leader and Project Leader in Ventura County's Citrus Valley 4-H club.

She will be missed. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to her family in this difficult time.

Thank you Laura for touching our lives.



4-H Record Book Winners of 2009



Congratulations to the 4-H Record Book Winners of 2009!

The following are the Primary 4-H members that were not included in the Record Book recognition article in our November / December 2009 Clover Lines. We are sorry for the omission of these participants.



Amanda Penny, Loma Vista
Rebecca Paxson, Santa Rosa Valley
Cameron Harber, Somis
Chloe Harber, Somis
Bradley Smith, Somis



Congratulations to everyone!

State Record Book Competition

By Quang "Hogan" Tong, State 4-H Program Representative

Congratulations to the following Ventura County 4-H members that participated in the State Record Book Competition.



Member

Sarah D'Atri
Karen N. Payne

Award

Medalist
Medalist



This year 113 books were presented for competition. It took 40 hours per judge for the weekend competition. We had 11 judges for a total of 440 hours to judge all the books. A special ***Thank You*** to our judges:

Julie Colglazier of Alameda
Sharon Clay of Alameda
Carol Crossett of Alameda
Lucile King of Fresno
Mary Ann Smith of Imperial
Sally Traylor of Imperial

Linda Borba of Merced
Bernardine Marquez of San Bernardino
Doreen Ross of Santa Barbara
Tacy Currey of Solano
Delynda Eldridge of Yolo

And ***Thank You*** to our judging coordinator Fern Vacca of Ventura County.

New Clover Safe Notes

3 New Clover Safe Notes have been added to the UCANR website at

http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes.htm

The 3 new Clover Safe Notes include;

Allergy Awareness

Basic Gas-Welding Safety

Basic Arc-Welding Safety

All 3 of these Clover Safe Notes have an associated activity sheet.

Bookmark the page to easily return back as frequently as you want and view all of the current notes as well as all of the new notes as they are added.

You can choose to view the notes by Number or by Project Area.

Academic Rodeo

The website for the Academic Rodeo has changed to <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/academicrodeo>.

Their e-mail address has changed to acrodeo@gmail.com.

The Academic Rodeo Team would like to give a big congratulations to ALL of the 2009 teams for a job well done!! The final results were:

Stallions (grades 6th, 7th and 8th): *Spelling Bee Champ:* Kione Wong, Las Colinas Middle School
1st Place: Las Colinas Middle School
2nd Place: Cabrillo Middle School
3rd Place: Innovative Homeschoolers
4th Place: Boy Scout Troop #155

Ponies (grades 4th and 5th): *1st Place:* Flory Academy of Science & Technology
2nd Place: P.V.E.F. – Gater
3rd Place: La Mariposa School
4th Place: Calvary Adventure Week

Come join the fun in 2010! Watch for their mailer this Spring.

NATIONAL AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST

4-H youth, in grades 7-12, with an enthusiasm for agriculture and its importance in society are encouraged to consider submitting for the **National Ag Day Essay Contest**. The submission deadline is **February 12, 2009**. The national winner selected will receive a \$1,000 prize and a trip to Washington, D.C. for the award presentation. Visit: <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay> for an entry application and contest rules.

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

A success again in 2009!

By: Kimberly Coverly, Teen Leader TOTSOCE

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat (TOTSOCE) participants have been collecting food for those less fortunate in Ventura County for over ten years! It all started when I was five, my mom came home and explained that this year on Halloween I was going to ask for canned food instead of candy. As a five year old I was a little upset, I mean who in their right mind would ask for canned food instead of candy?! I was upset until my mom explained that I was collecting the food for a good cause. She said that I was going to donate the collected food to the local Ventura County Food Share. She also explained that once Food Share got all of our collected food they would disperse it among people in Ventura who didn't have enough money to feed themselves or their families.

That Halloween I set out in my neighborhood in a little clown costume dragging a red wagon behind me. I collected around 75 pounds of food that year and don't worry I still got some candy!

Since then the project has evolved from my mom, me and a small group of 4-Hers to 4-H clubs all around Ventura County and even a club in Northern California. This year we even had Girl and Boy Scout troops and a Jewish Parenting group. Although we didn't meet our projected target, we successfully collected 822 pounds of non-perishable food items to donate to Food Share. We can all feel good about that.

We especially would like to thank our sponsor, Community West bank, for taking time to help us organize and for letting us place our food collection bins in their Ventura and Westlake Village branches. Having these two drop-off sites makes it so much easier for the numerous 4-H clubs spread throughout the county to deliver their collected food. Most of all I would like to thank all of you - our participants. Your efforts really do make a difference in Ventura County.

2010 FOOD FAIRE and FASHION REVUE

Tapo Simi 4-H Club is looking for help to organize the county's 2010 Food Faire and Fashion Revue to be held in April. Please share your ideas and suggestions for these events. We are looking for members and leaders to help with the events as well as judges. If you are able to assist us or need more information, please contact Jennifer D'Atri at 805-582-0615 or jenniferdatri@yahoo.com.



Welcome to the Babysitting Train the Trainer Course, sponsored by
4-H and Operation: Military Kids (OMK)!



The **4-H Babysitters' Program** is a curriculum designed to better prepare young people for babysitting and child care by educating them to become capable, caring, trustworthy, responsible babysitters.

By taking this course, you will become familiar with the curriculum that teaches youth how to care for children, how to solve problems, how to keep children safe and happy, how to handle emergencies. You will engage in hands-on activities, do role-plays, use your creativity and have fun while learning!

You will learn how the curriculum teaches "life skills" such as caring, managing resources, decision-making and communication. You will also see how the Six Pillars of Character—trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship—are used throughout the curriculum.

Saturday, January 30, 9:30am - 4:30pm Lunch will be provided!

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Ventura, CA 93003

To Register please contact Jeanne Christenson, 530-219-6608

or jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu

Registration is FREE!!

Please bring a doll to share!! Dress comfortably.

You will receive a Facilitator's Guide and a Student Handbook along with a Babysitter's Tool Kit filled with essential supplies for babysitters.





The **4-H SET Activity Guide** is now available for download. Want to increase interest and enthusiasm for 4-H SET? Need an activity for a 4-H Club or Project meeting? The guide provides fast and fun science and engineering activities prepared to be SET-Ready. The activities allow youth to have hands-on experiences with a variety of science and engineering topics. Download the guide at <http://www.ca4h.org/SET/curriculum/index.asp?ID=30>

For 4-H members: As you prepare your 4-H presentations for club, county, sectional and state 4-H Presentation Days, consider the "**Scientific Demonstration and Illustrated Talks**" category. A scientific demonstration/illustrated talk is similar to a normal demonstration, yet focuses on the steps used by scientists to answer questions and solve problems. This presentation style can either be in the form of a demonstration where the experiment is performed in its entirety or in representative parts. More information on 4-H presentations may be found at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/4HPresentationManual-3.pdf>

4-H Library

Now Available in Ventura's 4-H Library is the "It's Your Planet - Love It! A Leadership Journey SOW WHAT?" A How-To-Guide Book Set by Girl Scouts.

"Each companion guide for adult volunteers offers key information about the journey, with step-by-step sample plans for sessions. The adult guides also feature tips for getting out in the great outdoors, and unique activity sheets."

4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday through Friday, 8a.m. to 5p.m. Please call the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1464 for more information. Our fax number is (805) 645-1474.

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It is best 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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January

4-H Calendar

<http://calendar.ucanr.org/> (change "Location" to Ventura County & "Category" to 4-H/Youth Programs, Click "Go!")

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1/15	California International Exchange Program applications due	3/27	County Presentation Day
1/15	2010 California Focus On-line registration due	4/5	Del Norte 4-H & Las Posas 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office
1/15	Winter 2010 4-H SET Professional Development Workshop registration deadline	4/18	Ventura County 4-H Mini Rodeo 9-2 @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena
1/16	3 rd Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr Showmanship Events; Fur & Feathers	4/24-25	2010 State 4-H Horse Events @ Reedley College
1/27	California International Exchange Application/Reference Letters/Interview deadline	5/3	Loma Vista 4-H & Mira Monte 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office
1/30	Babysitting Train the Trainer Course 9:30-4:30 @ the Ventura 4-H Office	5/10	4-H State Fashion Revue registration due
1/30	Professional volunteer development workshop in San Luis Obispo County 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.	5/16	Ventura County 4-H Gymkhana Clinic 8-2 @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena
2/1	Briggs 4-H & Chief Peak 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office	5/29	4-H State Fashion Revue @ UC Davis
2/6	Winter 2010 4-H SET Professional Development Workshop; various locations	5/29	2010 State 4-H Field Day @ UC Davis
2/12	National Ag Day Essay Contest submission deadline http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay	6/7	Mupu 4-H & Piru 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office
3/1	Citrus Valley 4-H & Conejo Valley 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office	6/13	Ventura County 4-H Equine Field Day 8-2 @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena
3/6	Small Animal Science Field Day @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds	6/24-27	Championship Horse Show @ the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds
3/9	Preliminary Presentation 2:00-5:00 @ the 4-H Office	6/25-29	California Focus
		6/27-7/5	Washington Focus I; Road to Democracy
		6/27-7/3	Washington Focus; Heritage Trail I
		6/30	Program Year ENDS