



Clover Lines

Welcome to the 2008-09 Ventura County 4-H Club Year!

The New Year has officially begun! We hope that you thoroughly enjoyed the 2007-08 year, and that the New Year will bring each of you many opportunities to:

- increase your skills and knowledge,
- build lasting friendships, and
- help make your community a better place.

Think about our 4-H Pledge, and you will see that this is what our program is all about!

So, this year, try a new project and learn new skills, challenge yourself to do something that you haven't done before (Presentations are a great 4-H learning experience!), lead or participate in a community service activity, or work towards a Project Proficiency award!

4-H has so much to offer! Experience it!

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During two weeks in July, nine 4-H members had quite an experience! They participated in the Marine Resources Journalism Academy, led by UCCE Marine Advisor, Dr. Carrie Culver and 4-H Program Supervisor Susan Gloeckler. The 4-H members went on field trips to harbors in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, on a boat trip to the Channel Islands, pier fishing, to a maritime museum, and many other places! They met with scientists, harbor masters, historians, fishery participants, journalists, artists, and many more experts in various marine-related fields.

The members, also known as the Big Blue Reporters, also did an extensive amount of research and writing, with their work being compiled into a publication similar to last year's Fish On Your Dish, which will be put on the UCCE Ventura website soon, and will hopefully be a supplement to the Ventura County Star newspaper within the next few months.

What a great way to spend two weeks of a summer! Congratulations to the Big Blue Reporters: Ashleigh, Charles, Keegan, Kathy, Raquel, Diego, Brooke, Madison & Kelsey. And, thanks to our wonderful program assistant, Brenda Bass!

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The Ventura County Fair is just around the corner! The fair is a great opportunity for 4-H members to share with the public what they have learned and made in their 4-H projects. The fair Entry Guide is available online and at various locations in the county. Check it out, and enter your items! Show the public that 4-H has a lot to offer! When you are at the fair, have fun, and be safe! See you all at the fair 4-H awards ceremony on Sunday, August 10, 1 p.m. in the Clarke Pavilion. Come meet and support the new All-Star Team (including Jr. All-Stars) as they present Fair awards. This will also be a great time to say good-bye and give our best wishes to our recently retired County Director, Larry Yee, who will be there to share some time with us. See you there!



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- ❖ Choose to donate to 4-H online through Network For Good.
www.networkforgood.org (use keyword = Foundation, Charity Name = 4-H, State = CA)
- ❖ Are you on Facebook? Join our cause to support the 4-H Program in California!

CLOVER LINES REMINDER

To submit articles and pictures for placement in *Clover Lines*, please e-mail them to Tisha Fisher at tifisher@ucdavis.edu. Matthew Downer is no longer with us and no longer will be able to forward anything sent to him for placement in *Clover Lines*.

Deadline for submissions is the 2nd Monday of each month for the next month's issue.

Thank you to everyone that has submitted articles and pictures that have made up your *Ventura County 4-H Newsletter*! Please continue sending them in. :O) Have a Great Summer!

4-H Office

The 4-H Office is open (except for County designated Holidays) Monday – Thursday, 9am to 5pm. Please call the 4-H Office at (805) 645-1470 for more information.

Staff Hours & Program Responsibilities

Susan Gloeckler (805) 662-6943

Hours vary; Please call for an appointment or to leave a voicemail message.

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Rose Hayden-Smith, Acting County Director

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Please feel free to mail, fax or e-mail articles about your Group's activities and events to the 4-H Office. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE.**

Rose Hayden-Smith

4-H Youth Development Advisor

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2008 WCPGA Futurity Classic Pygmy Goat Show By Sophia Paden

On the weekend of May 24th and 25th, a few members of the Santa Rosa Valley 4-H Club attended a Pygmy Goat Show in Norco, CA. The event was called the 2008 West Coast Pygmy Goat Association (WCPGA) Futurity show and had three shows (with three different judges) over the course of the weekend. Courtney and Ryan Slotar (along with their parents and younger brother, Brady), (Assistant Leader) Brittney Behringer, (Leader) Theresa Paden, and I (Sophia Paden; Teen Leader) all showed our goats and attended the informative show. Everyone had a blast! Whether it was showing our animals in Showmanship and Conformation, or talking with other Pygmy Goat Breeders, everyone learned new, valuable information.

Our pygmy goat project is starting to expand our horizons beyond just showing at the Ventura County Fair, and we have been going to close NPCA (National Pygmy Goat Association) Shows as a new, sort of tradition, this year. Our project members are able to experience different show atmospheres and places as well as meet other 4-H'ers from different clubs at these shows outside of Ventura County, so we are very excited to be attending more and more over the course of the next few months and years.



Announcing the 2008 California 4-H Golden Clover Awards recipients for Fundraising!

Ventura County 4-H Rabbit Committee

Brenda Bass, Kathy Bass, Sarah Bobardt, Ray Mini, Chris Zack, Jeanean Bass, Katie Zack

The Ventura County 4-H Rabbit Committee created an educational DVD, titled "Rabbit Showmanship 101" and a 12-month calendar with small animal photographs. Both were sold at the Ventura County Super Field Day. The proceeds went to the Ventura County 4-H Small Animal Science Fair. This project demonstrates innovative ways to both fulfill a need in 4-H while raising funds for 4-H activities.



For a complete listing of all the recipients go to
<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/2008/>

Congratulations to our Ventura County 4-H Recipients!



Victory Grower Gardens by Rose Hayden-Smith

It's summer time, and the living is easy. Longer days, (presumably!) more time, great weather...and a great opportunity to plant a garden.

In addition to being your 4-H Advisor and the Acting County Director, I'm a Food and Society Policy Fellow for the next two years. My campaign goal is to improve community-based food security via school, home and community gardens, by providing information about successful models (past and present) that might inform current public policy and practice. In short, I want more people to garden. Particularly youth.

I'm a practicing U.S. historian as well as a food systems and youth educator. I study the American home front during war, and focus particularly on the history of Victory Gardens. I think that the Victory Garden model could help us ease a number of the challenges that face us today.

The last great push for Victory Gardens came from the federal government during World War II. While there isn't as strong a connection between American military involvement and the home front today, we face many challenges. Among them are rising fuel and food prices, the threat of global warming, and a high rate of obesity.

A Victory Garden is one remedy for these troubles. I've launched a UC Victory Grower Web site at <http://groups.ucanr.org/victorygrower> with everything a new gardener needs but the seed and spade. The site includes practical facts, historical information, links, an interactive blog and an inspirational theme, taken from a World War I Victory Garden promotional poster that proclaims, "The seeds of victory insure the fruits of peace."

In World War II, one of the main reasons the federal government promoted Victory Gardens was to improve American health. When young men were being drafted to go to war – and by the war's end, millions of Americans served in the military – one in five failed the physical. The government realized that Americans' poor dietary practices were cutting into the ranks of potential soldiers.

But the Victory Garden held other benefits. It allowed more farm-produced food to be shipped overseas to soldiers and civilians where ongoing battles inhibited agricultural production, it helped Americans stretch their rationed food staples, and, by giving all Americans the ability to contribute to the war effort, it boosted morale.

The 4-H Program is a great place to help to spark a resurgence of gardening. We have a tradition of learning about agriculture and natural resources, we emphasize learn-by-doing, and the acquisition of life skills. In addition, a partner UCCE program to 4-H is the Master Gardener program, and those resources can help you get going on a youth, family or community gardening project.

Remember, you don't have to live in the country to have a great garden. Suburban landscape borders, front and side yards and even good-sized pots placed on patios or balconies can yield good food. If there is no scrap of soil at home to till, look to local churches, community centers and schools.

In addition to helping a family's economy and providing an opportunity for learning, research and practice has shown that gardening:

- * Can improve students' academic performance
- * Can provide fresher vegetables than are available in grocery stores
- * Produces food inexpensively
- * Provides an opportunity for physical activity
- * Increases the likelihood children will eat vegetables
- * Provides assurance the food is uncontaminated

This summer, and beyond, consider becoming a Victory Grower. "A Garden for Everyone. Everyone in a Garden."



Small Animal Science PDC: Critter Corner

News & Information for 4-H SAS Projects

By Susan Trockey
SAS PDC Co-Chair
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2nd Annual Invitational “FUR & FEATHERS” 4-H Only All-Breed Shows and Jr. Showmanship Events - *Save the Date!*

Saturday November 15^h, 2008 at VC Fairgrounds.

Cavy * Poultry * Rabbit

Medaling Events in Jr. Showmanship, and Breed Conformation.
Animal Exhibits & Educational Posters Judged, Primary Divisions,
Information Tables, Awards & FUN!



4-H Committee members wanted, ASAP!

Think Record Book entries!

*Meetings are starting up now. Youth members and parents are welcome!
Committee help needed with: All Shows Photographer, Silent Auction, Sale Tables,
Judges Hospitality, Arts & Crafts, Security, Educational Posters, etc...
Dad's wanted to join "Team 4-H Chef" at Dan's Greasy Spoon-home of the Best
Breakfast Burrito in 4-H!*

For more information, please contact All Shows Superintendent
Susan Trockey at: (805) 480-9976 or stdesign@roadrunner.com



Record Book Corner by Fern Vacca



July 1st. started a new 4-H year in Ventura County and a new beginning for 4-H Record Keeping. It is suggested that members keep a calendar record of all their 4-H events, activities, project meetings, including project expenses and income, leadership experiences, and citizenship and community service projects that they do during the year.

This way members will not forget any important 4-H activities and the Personal Development Report can be updated all during the year.

At project meetings, it is suggested that members spend a few minutes at the end of each meeting recording what they did and what they learned at the meeting. By doing this, members will have a complete project record at the end of the year.

County Record Book Judging

Members who want to submit their record books for County competition are encouraged to do so. Club leaders will submit all record books from their club for county competition to the 4-H Office by Thursday, August 28th. Clubs will set their own deadline date for books to be submitted to the club. Club leaders will be sent a complete packet of information on record book guidelines and deadline dates. For more information, please contact Fern Vacca, 642-2531.

Large Livestock PDC Fair Information

Large Livestock Updates

If you have any questions regarding the listed updates, please contact Large Livestock PDC Chair, Tif Frost or Doug Kelton. All of these items are located and listed in the Premium Guide.

1. Replacement Heifers will be sold by the head, not the weight.
2. There is no weight restriction on replacement heifers. No minimum age but must not exceed eighteen (18) months of age. Date of birth or age of heifer at purchase must be on the Bill of Sale. Replacement Heifers must have a negative pregnancy test within 30 days of Fair and certification from veterinarian that heifer has never calved.
3. Transportation slip and Bill of Sale required on all market cattle for brand inspection. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Failure to have proper paperwork will result in a disqualification from the show.
4. Grooming products are optional and allowed on show animals. Only products approved for animals may be used. Please read the labels of all products before applying since some products may interfere with drug testing. If you are questioning the product, contact the manufacturer.
5. Natural hair growth is allowed on all cattle. Show cattle may be fitted using animal approved products. Please note this is optional, not required.
6. Round Robin and Master Showmanship will be held Sunday morning at 9 am, not Saturday evening.
7. All Market Class Exhibitors are responsible for documenting and submitting a completed Verification/Certification Form and a completed Record of Medications/Biological/Treatments to the Ventura County Fair at time of weigh-in. In addition, The Exhibitor Code of Practice and Livestock Summary Forms must be complete and turned in at weigh-in with a \$10 drug fee. If these forms are not submitted or incomplete, the animal will not be allowed to show or compete.
8. There will be a basic health check of all animals while unloading on Monday, August 4, 2008. Complete details will be sent to all organizations before the opening of Fair.
9. All stock trailers must go home. Parking is very limited. Livestock will not be allowed to park on Olive St. This will be reserved for entertainment only. There will be the usual parking for campers on Shoreline Drive and in dirt Lots B/C. However, this too is very limited.
10. No open flames/fire-pits will be allowed in the camping area per the Fire Marshall. Propane BBQ's are accepted.
11. **NO ALCHOL IS ALLOWED IN CAMPING AREA – NO EXCEPTIONS**
12. **REMINDER:** Any products other than the regular grain/hay/livestock feed must be purchased through Dr. Mike or brought to the Fair in the original unopened product container. This includes, but is not limited to: probiotics, vitamins, electrolytes, appetite enhancers, etc. This includes all forms of such products: pastes, powders, liquids, pellets (except hay), etc.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Doug Kelton (714/719-7671) or Tif Frost (386-4632), 4-H Large Livestock chairs.





Rabbit Showmanship DVD!!

The Ventura County 4-H Rabbit Committee presents Rabbit Showmanship 101 (an educational DVD).

The DVD is available for purchase for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the Small Animal Science Belt Buckle Fund for the Ventura County Fair 2008.

Contact Brenda and Kathy Bass by phone at (805) 493-5714 or by e-mail at moonstoneminis@roadrunner.com to place your order.



The Ventura County Fair (July 30-August 10) is just around the corner! The 2008 Entry Guide and forms can be found at the Ventura County Fair website, <http://www.venturacountyfair.org>. It is also available at many local businesses including crafts stores, your local library and from the office at the fairgrounds. We hope that every Ventura County 4-H member will participate and showcase this year's project work and learning. It's not too early to start planning; what are *you* going to enter this year?

Be sure to check the following departments for entry information and ideas on how you can join in the fair fun!

Uncle Leo's Barn

Garden project divisions and Uncle Leo is currently searching for animals to be Barn "boarders" during the fair. Do you have an animal breeding project? The Barn is interested in traditional barnyard animals, preferably momma and babies. (All animal exhibits need to meet current health inspection standards.) If you, or a friend, are interested in being an exhibitor in Uncle Leo's Barn, please contact the Vanoni's as soon as possible via the email listed below.

Agriculture

Youth divisions:

Youth Agriculture Showcase provides the opportunity for Ventura County Agriculture Youth Programs to showcase and promote their organization, group activities and agriculture-based projects. The entries will demonstrate what members have learned, activities in which they have participated, or the contribution of their organization to the community. All exhibits reflect the organization's connection to agriculture. Show us what you did and learned via a Power Point presentation or digital scrapbook. Be creative!

SELECTION EXHIBIT showcases learning through selection display designed by member. Exhibits not necessarily owned by exhibitor but selected by exhibitor from orchards/fields/producers in his locality.

AGRICULTURE PROJECTS related to animal, floriculture and horticulture projects will also be accepted for exhibit.

Be sure to check out the Entry Guide for specific information, rules and entry dates. And remember that helping hands are always welcome. Please see attached sign up sheet.

Questions? Contact: Charles and Laurie Vanoni at Agriculture@venturacountyfair.org

Ventura County Fair 2008
4-H Host Sign-up Sheet

Uncle Leo's Barn

Club response *due July 25, 2008*. Individual sign-ups will be accepted after July 25th.
Members are asked to keep within this time frame, report for duty on time and
are asked to wear clean 4-H uniform or club T-shirt.

Be clean! Look sharp! Represent your club and the 4-H organization with PRIDE.

Please keep a copy of your completed form for your records.

Return to: Charles Vanoni, c/o Seaside Park, 10 W. Harbor Blvd., Ventura, CA 93001

For information contact Peggy at 648-3376 ext 183

Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of dates on lines below.

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CLUB/YTH Org. _____

Contact/Chair _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

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Email : _____

Please Note: each shift must include a teen member, 13 or older, or an adult.

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FAIR INFORMATION - Youth Building

By: Peggy Kroener, 648-3376 x 182 or email at youth@venturacountyfair.org, Youth Building Superintendent, Ventura County Fair

Youth Building Rules & Regulations:

If you are in a 4-H project that has classes in the 4-H divisions, you may NOT enter the same type of item in Open Youth. Please pay close attention to this. For example, if you were in a photography project, you may only enter photos in the 4-H divisions. None may appear in Open. Violation of this rule could lead to your entries being disqualified in both areas. The entry guide for the fair is now on line at <http://www.seasidepark.org>.

Deadlines to Remember:

Pre-Entry:

Tablesetting: Make Reservations **July 14-20** 648-3376 ext 182 (Space is limited). No late entries accepted. Set-up is between 10-4 on Sunday, July 27. Tables not claimed by 4:00 will be released on a first come basis.

Entry Dates: Non perishable (including preserved foods) – **July 18 - 20 from 10-5** Food and perishable items **Sun., July 27, from 10-5**

Pick-Up Day: August 11 from 10-7

Awards – Youth Building:

Sweepstakes: This award is given to the exhibitor who receives the most points from awards in entries. One plaque will be awarded. (3 points = Best of Division, 2 points = Best of Class, 1 point = Blue Ribbon.)

Directors Award: The Fair Directors are invited to choose one exhibit that they especially like within the department. The exhibit can be from any non-perishable item in the 4-H/Grange area, regardless of previous awards. A plaque is awarded.

Best of Show: From the Best of Division winners in each division and for each age group, one Best of Show award will be selected. Best of Show ribbons and a plaque are awarded. These items are then eligible to be entered in the 2008 California State Fair in the Best of Show Division.

Best of Division Medal: From the Best of Class Rosette awards, the judges select what they feel is the best exhibit within each division. These are awarded Best of Division Ribbons, \$20.00 and a 4-H medal for their hat.

Best of Class Rosette: From the Blue Ribbon awards, the judges select what they feel is the best exhibit within each class. In order for Best of Class Rosettes to be awarded, there need to be at least 5 entries in that class. These are awarded Best of Class ribbons, \$10.00, and a Rosette ribbon.

****On Line Entries:** Keep checking the fair website for new information regarding online entries. If the technical problems have been corrected, information will be posted there. This will save lots of time in the entry process. Cross your fingers!

Support your fellow 4-H Club Members!

Come and enjoy this year's Ventura County 4-H Grange Youth Horse Show from Friday July 18th through Sunday July 20th and support your fellow 4-H Club Members!

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July / August



4-H Calendar

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

6/1-7/31 **New Board sets up Standing Committees**
7/1-7/31 **Returning enrollment fee \$28 Member/\$6 Adult**
7/7-18 **Marine Resources Journalism Academy**
7/18-20 **Equine Horse Fair, Ventura County Fairgrounds**
7/23 **New 4-H Leader Orientation 6-9 @ the 4-H**

Office

7/30-8/10 **2008 Ventura County Fair; theme "Meet Me at the Fair"**

7/31-8/3 **2008 State Leadership Conference, UC Davis**

8/1 Returning member fee \$28/Adult \$6 plus \$10 late fee
8/2 2008 Academic Rodeo Competition Day: Stallions
8/3 2008 Academic Rodeo Competition Day: Ponies
8/15 California 4-H WHEP Training 2008 Registration & Fee deadline
8/20 SAS PDC Meeting / Fair Wrap Up Meeting 6pm, Location TBD
8/28 Record Books due in the 4-H Office by 5:00p.m.
9/1-9/30 Returning member fee \$28/Adult \$6 plus \$20 late fee
9/2 4-H Club Financial Reporting due to County Office

9/5 Registration for 2008 State 4-H Leader's Forum due
9/30 Deadline for ALL Leaders enrolling in any project (new/returning)
10/1 Additional \$10 late fee assessed for enrollments
10/3-5 California 4-H WHEP Training 2008 @ Walker Creek Ranch
10/5-11 National 4-H Week
10/11 4-H Pet Symposium
10/25 SSFF Poultry Show
11/3 Deadline for ALL members enrolling in ANY Market Animal or Horse Project
11/7-9 State 4-H Leaders' Forum @ Asilomar Conference Center
11/8 Errors/omissions contained in Fair Market Animal or Horse Project applications submitted by 11/3 deadline must be resolved by this date.
11/15 SAS PDC 2nd Annual Fur & Feathers Shows, Ventura Fairgrounds 9am-3pm
1/17/09 UCD Goat Day