Safety first, whatever you do this summer!

Ugly plots can be turned into beautiful gardens . . . start digging!

Make plans to enter your 4-H project work in the Ventura County Fair!

Move around; don’t just sit in front of the TV. . . . swim, walk, enjoy some exercise!

Eliminate clutter . . . clean out your drawers, closet, backpack, etc.

Read, whether an old favorite or a new book, reading is relaxing!

Taste the fruits of summer! Visit a farmers market for fresh, local fruits & vegetables!

Investigate what our county has to offer, such as museums, historical sites, arts, etc.

Make time to help others! There are lots of ways to serve!

Enjoy summer . . . it will be over before we know it!
**Mupu 4-H**

by Carole Butler

Mupu 4-H meets every 2nd Monday of the month Sept. to May at the church on the corner of Steckel and Harvard in Santa Paula.

Club Leader: Carole Butler  
President: Ashleigh Clendening

Mupu 4-H is based in Santa Paula, but has members from all around the county. One of Mupu 4-H’s largest projects is the pig project, 36 members are raising a pig to take to the fair. Members are also raising sheep, goats, rabbits, chickens and cavies to show at the fair.

The cooking project has been very active this year cooking up great things, enchiladas, mini pizzas, homemade rolls, appetizers, and shrimp to name a few. The rocketry project has built and shot off their rockets and the carpentry project has built saw horses, bird houses and tool boxes. The hiking project has been on great hikes, the last hike this year was to the Punch Bowls.

Mupu 4-H does a lot of Community Service projects. Members help at the Rotary Pumpkin Patch, do trail clean ups, canned food drives for the Rotary Christmas Baskets and Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat. The club has adopted a park in Santa Paula and picks up trash there regularly. Members also participate in the Costal Clean-up. Mupu 4-H fielded a team for the Santa Paula Relay for Life for the 3rd year, where members walked for 24 hours to raise money to help find a cure for cancer. Members also donate money every year to Heifer International to buy animals for needy people in other countries. Money donated by the club has been used to purchase a water buffalo, pigs, rabbits, chickens, and ducks.

Mupu 4-H has a scholarship fund for graduating seniors. This year Chris Zack, Cece Marella, and Ray Mini each won an $800 scholarship.

New club officers are Ashleigh Clendening President, Charlotte Ellburg Secretary, Carly Santana Treasurer, Robert Dyer Vice President.

See our pictures on page 5! :o)

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**Piru 4-H**

by Anika Romano

Piru 4-H meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fillmore Memorial Building

Club Leaders: Kris Dewey  
Club President: Mary Ortiz

We have approximately 40 members ranging in age from 5 to 18. Our members enjoy projects for large livestock including: Swine and Beef. Other projects we offer are: fishing, cultural appreciation, scrapbooking, tea time, local geology, First-Aid, project budget runway, photography, random acts of kindness, and arts and crafts.

For community service, we organized Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat, we have helped at The Harbor shelter in Ventura; we joined in the California Coastal Clean-up. Our club also volunteered at the Cancer Relay for Life in Fillmore, visited the Youth Grove Memorial Center in Valencia. We recently participated in the Fillmore May Festival Parade along with Sespe and Bardsdale 4-H clubs, and our float placed in 1st.

We are currently busy preparing our animals for the Ventura County Fair and upcoming summer projects!

The next Featured Club Happenings! will include articles from Santa Rosa Valley 4-H and Sespe 4-H.
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Thousands of young people from across America stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., every summer to participate in the program, which provides opportunities for young people to:

- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level.
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the country with diverse backgrounds.
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical classroom of our nation's Capital city, Washington, D.C.

This summer, almost 1,500 young people are participating in the CWF program. Follow #4HCWF on Twitter to see up to the minute postings about what CWF 2010 is up to right now and visit the CWF website (www.4hcwf.org) to learn more about the CWF program. You can view videos under the media tab, read testimonials under the testimonial tab, or take a look at the CWF schedule under the registration tab.

Registration for CWF 2011 is now open! This is a once in a lifetime experience that allows young people to see the world from a new perspective. Don’t miss out on this national citizenship and leadership opportunity. **There is interest in our county, but we need 5 or more participants (including both youth and chaperones). Please notify the 4-H Office if you are interested!**

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Congratulations to our 4-H members who participated in the State 4-H Field Day held May 29th at UC Davis!

Grant Bowman of Loma Vista 4-H received a **GOLD** award for his Senior Audio-Visual Presentation on Books, Books, and Computer.

Bronson Smith of Somis 4-H received a **Blue** award for his Intermediate Educational Display on The Boiled Egg – Nature’s Perfect Food.

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VENTURA COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE

Earlier this year, the Ventura County 4-H website [http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Youth__Development/](http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/4-H_Youth__Development/) was re-vamped, providing a lot more information, forms and links.

As of July 1, 2010, the State 4-H Office unveiled their updated website [http://www.ca4h.org/](http://www.ca4h.org/). With the update of the State 4-H website, many of the links on our site are now not functioning. We apologize for the inconvenience. We will update all of the links as soon as we can test each of them.

The State 4-H website contains most of the forms that are usually found on our site.
ATTENTION ALL LEADERS!

"Upgrade, S.E.T. Your System, GO!"

2010 California State 4-H Leaders’ Forum
November 5-7, 2010
Asilomar Conference Grounds
Pacific Grove, California

The 2010 California State 4-H Leaders' Forum that will have something for all adult volunteers: new leaders, experienced leaders, and 4-H parents. Leaders and staff from 4-H programs around California will be sharing their successful community service, outreach, fundraising, new projects, and any other ideas/activities. There will be opportunities to listen to speakers, to attend a wide selection of workshops, and to learn more about a wide range of 4-H programming. The Saturday evening science fair will be a great opportunity for 4-H adult volunteers to learn about the wide array of 4-H SET activities and curricula available for their 4-H projects.

While enjoying the beautiful and relaxing conference setting, you will learn so much about the many opportunities that 4-H has to offer! You will leave the conference full of new ideas, up-to-date information, and enthusiasm! Plus, you will get to meet and get to know many of your fellow 4-H leaders from different parts of the state! And, don’t forget about the silent auction and other fun activities! It is a great weekend that all 4-H leaders are invited to attend! So, start making plans!

For more information, visit the website at:
http://ucanr.org/sites/UC4-H/Programs/Conferences/SLF/

“Will the meeting please come to order . . .”

We would like to thank all the club officers who attended the Club Officer Training event on June 29th. They learned what their responsibilities are as a club officer, and they learned how to conduct better meetings. Through a hands-on activity, club officers worked together to plan a club year of activities, complete a plan and goals for a club year, and plan a club meeting. Pizza, ice cream and prizes for participation were enjoyed by everyone. At the end of the training, club officers were awarded their officer pin for their 4-H hat. Again, thanks to all who attended, and a special thanks to the adults who provided transportation and support!
“HELP!”

Adults are so important to our 4-H program. Unlike various other youth programs, 4-H depends on adult volunteers to organize clubs, run projects and events, and so much more. Without adult volunteers, members would have little to do, little to participate in, and little to learn.

Although 4-H is not like other organizations that “require” a certain amount of hours of volunteering, it should be something that all 4-H parents try to do. There are many ways that everyone can help. Taking on the responsibility of being a club leader or a project leader may not be of interest to you. But there are lots of other opportunities. Please ask your club leader how you can help. Let him/her know what you like to do and how much time you might be able to give. Even an hour or two a month, or even a year, can be a great help to your club leader. Don’t wait to be asked for “HELP”, offer your assistance however you can. Remember, offering a little of your time and help is better than none!

“IM AFRAID!”

It’s not as scary when you know what the job entails. Ask your club leader or project leader exactly what you can do to help. Consider mentoring for a year before taking on leadership of a club or project. 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

Watch Clover Lines & e-mails for the next New Adult Volunteer Leader Certification Orientations. Currently no additional trainings have been scheduled.
VENTURA COUNTY RECORD BOOKS

Monday, August 16th: Club leaders judges’ list due to 4-H Office
Monday, August 16th: Judges’ Orientation; 4-H Office 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
669 County Square Dr., Ste. 100, Ventura

Thursday, August 19th: Judges’ Orientation; Fern Vacca’s home 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
R.S.V.P. to tifisher@ucdavis.edu by August 16th which meeting you will attend.

Date determined by each club: Record Books due to Clubs
Thursday, August 26th: Record Books due to 4-H Office 4:30 p.m.
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Saturday, September 18th: Record Book Judging; Elaine Fowell’s home. 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Monday, September 27th: 4-H Members Interviewed for Special Record Book Awards;
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

Ventura County 4-H Events: Objective: To clarify items allowed to be counted on member’s PDR for credit towards 4-H Star Rank and Record Book Awards.

Events Attended:
Ventura County Fair (member should include number of days attended)
4-H Fair Awards Ceremony County Club Officer Training
County Record Book Training 4-H Achievement Night
S.E.T. Program Days All County and State Fairs with 4-H divisions
P.D.C. Meetings
* Note: 1 credit for multiple attendances, please list dates. County officers/Committee members take credit under leadership instead of events attended

Fashion Revue: County, Sectional and State Events
Food Fair - County

Preliminary Presentation Day: County Presentation Day Sectional 4-H Field Day, Mt. Sac
State Presentation Day, UC Davis

Special Club Events:
Annual Holiday Social Event
Annual Club Award/Recognition Night Annual Parents/Exhibit Night
*Note: Must be a separate special club event and not be part of a regular general meeting. Invite other clubs if possible

Large Livestock:
Tagging Day Quality Assurance (Small and Large Livestock)
Livestock Camp/Auction
*Note: Auction at Fair is not an Event but, part of member’s Judging.

Small Animal:
Fur and Feathers Super Field Day Spring Fling with 4-H Divisions
Seaside Feather Fanciers National with 4-H Divisions American Poultry Association with 4-H Divisions

Equine:
Ventura County 4-H Youth Horse Show (include number of days attended)
Equine Award Ceremony County Equine Play day County Equine Field Day
County Mini Rodeo County Gymkhana County Jumping Clinic County Trail Clinic
*Events are put on by EPDC with all horse members encouraged to participate.
4-H SET-Ready curricula are available for free electronic (PDF) download in the online library!

Curriculum includes "It Came From Planted Earth", "Nature’s Partners: Pollinator Protection", "Pond Mapping", "Quick 4-H SET Activities", and "Veterinary Science". Visit the library at http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/SET/Curriculum/

Additional curriculum is available for check out from our 4-H library:

1. Electric Excitement (set of 5)
   a. Magic of Electricity
   b. Investigating Electricity
   c. Wired for Power
   d. Entering Electronics
   e. Electric Group Helper’s Guide

2. Start Your Engines (set of 4)
   a. Crank It Up!
   b. Warm It Up!
   c. Tune It Up!
   d. Small Engines Helper’s Guide

3. Computer Power Unlimited
   a. Inside the Box: Building and Repairing Computers
   b. Peer to Peer: Managing Networks
   c. Teens Teaching Tech AND Advice for Unplugged Leaders and Adult Helpers
   d. Newbie Know-How: Taming Technology Activities for Computer Beginners

4-H Library

“Exploring the Treasure$ of 4-H”
A great way for new members to start 4-H is with the “Exploring the Treasure$ of 4-H” project. This project is designed to introduce children in grades 2-4 to the incredible world of 4-H. Curriculum is now available for this project. Each club will have a copy to share with volunteers interested in leading the project. Check it out!

“First Aid in Action”
All clubs will also soon have the “First Aid in Action” curriculum. Through this project, members will practice first aid skills, assemble a first aid kit and more! The curriculum can also be used at club meetings or other events where hands-on activities can be conducted and important skills can be shared. Contact your club leader to see this curriculum!
July / August

4-H Calendar

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

To help ensure you receive e-mails from us, be sure to add to your Safe/Green/Accept e-mails lists: sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu, tifisher@ucdavis.edu, 4hOnline [mailto:no-reply@4hOnline.com], and sagriffin@ucdavis.edu

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer! Don't forget the sunblock and reusable water bottles; stay hydrated - drink plenty of water!

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