

Clover Lines

For some reason, starting this month's front page article just wasn't happening. I just could not come up with a topic. And yet, that should not have been a problem, as in 4-H there are always lots of events, activities, opportunities, and new things to share through Clover Lines.

I could focus on safety and emergency preparedness. With the recent disaster in Haiti, the earthquake in Northern California, torrential rains and flooding in Southern California, we should all be thinking about preparing for emergencies. Clover Safety Notes http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes_by_Project_Area.htm would be a good place to start.



Should we highlight some of the wonderful community service projects our clubs are conducting to help the less fortunate? There are always lots of opportunities to help others in our community, our state, our country, our world.

Should I focus on Presentation Day, and the importance of learning to speak to a group of people? Should I focus on Food Faire and Fashion Revue, two more events coming up in the spring? Both of these events give our members the opportunity to gain showmanship skills (including public speaking) and to share their talents and accomplishments.



Or, should I focus on the fact that it will soon be time to think about club elections for the 2010-11 club year? Hard to believe, but clubs should be considering this, and have nominations in April or May and elections in June so that the new board can take over July 1. Should I suggest that clubs elect or appoint a Reporter who writes articles for Clover Lines a couple times each year about club activities, and who also reads important announcements from Clover Lines to the membership at each club meeting?

Then of course, I could center the article on SET programming. What great opportunities there are for our members to learn about science, engineering and technology through 4-H projects!



There are lots of things that this article could focus on. But, by focusing on one thing, others would be left out. One of the things I learned about 4-H many, many years ago, is that 4-H offers so many opportunities. They are there for the taking. We in the office try our best to get the word out, in hopes that you will take advantage of some of what is offered. We do this through emails, Clover Lines, and a few direct mailings. Don't miss out! Keep us notified of changes in your email, mailing address and other contact info by keeping your 4hOnline records current so that we can let you know of all the great opportunities that 4-H offers!



Featured Club Happenings!

Briggs 4-H

by Tina Thrasher

Briggs 4-H meets the 3rd Monday of the month from Sept. to May at 6:30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Santa Paula
Club Leader: Dean and Tina Thrasher and Virginia Reyes
President: Kirsten Brock, age 13

Each year our Club grows more and more; we have about 75 kids. This year our projects are Steers, Goats, Lambs and Pigs. The Steer kids have already been working hard. They have had their projects since November and are all doing very well. We will be getting our Lambs, Goats and Pigs in early April. The Pig project will soon be taking a field trip to Leonard Cruz's Farm where he raises his piglets, to learn all about castration, ear notching and vaccinations. We held our annual Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat Canned Food Drive in October and our Rotary Club Christmas Basket Canned Food Drive for the needy families in Santa Paula in December. We are looking forward to seeing you at the "Western Nights and Carnival Lights" 2010 Ventura County Fair!!



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Chief Peak 4-H

by Jackie Larson

Chief Peak 4-H meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at Summit School, Upper Ojai
Club Leaders: Jackie Larson and Deion Gerhard Club President: K'lynn Jackson, age 17 Vice President: Mia Baca

Chief Peak meets in Upper Ojai where most of our members live. If you don't know where that is you can find it up the mountain on HWY 150 between Ojai and Santa Paula. We have been meeting at Summit School for over 50 years and we're about as rural as Ventura County gets. The little school we meet at has about 50 kids total and about 10 % of them are 4-Hers. A lot of the parents in our club were members when they were kids. Once 4-H is in your blood it seems to stay there. Although we may be small in numbers we are mighty in spirit.

Our biggest project this year is Market Swine with 17 kids expecting to go to fair this year. Our Mini Horse project marched in the Ojai 4th of July parade along with a trip to Quick Silver Ranch in Solvang. Our Pygmy Goat project is growing by leaps and bounds and this year there will be bouncing babies everywhere. We also have Photography, Scrapbooking, Arts & Crafts, Archery, Beef, Horse, and Rabbits. We're hoping to get a Science Project going this upcoming year as well.

Community service is a very important part of our club. Last year we collected donations for soldiers in Afghanistan and mailed off 6 big boxes of treats and supplies to them. The last few years, each November collected and bagged snacks for the Homeless Shelter Program in Ojai along with sponsoring one of the dinners served at the shelter. We cook all the food and deliver it to the church that's serving the dinner and some of the older members stay and help serve. We participate in TOTSOCE by bringing in our own donations since we don't really have neighborhoods to trick or treat in. In December we got together for our annual Holiday Cookie Baking Party. Covered in flour we baked dozens and dozens of cookies for the shelter and ourselves.



The next Featured Club Happenings! will include articles from Citrus Valley 4-H and Conejo Valley 4-H.



4-H SCHOLARSHIPS!



The University of California 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education, in part through offering financial assistance in the form of scholarships. **Statewide 4-H scholarships** are available to students pursuing degrees and future careers in science, engineering, agriculture, large animal science, and/or beekeeping fields. Candidates who were 4-H members in high school, and may now apply for funds to cover educational expenses. Scholarships are due postmarked **April 30**, 2010 and available at

<http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/scholarship/>

ARCHERY CERTIFICATION REQUIRED!



Is your club interested in offering an Archery Project? All Archery Project Leaders **MUST** attend an Archery Certification Training prior to leading an Archery Project even if the project meetings will be taking place at an Archery Range where their staff will be providing the instructions / lessons.

Don't miss out! Check the State 4-H website for upcoming trainings at:

<http://ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/index.asp>

The next nearby location is in Bakersfield, CA: Saturday May 22 AND Sunday May 23, 2010. This is a 2 day training, you **MUST** attend both days.

For more information, please contact:

Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Advisor, John Borba at (661) 868-6200 or jaborba@ucdavis.edu



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The Power of the Wind

by Robert Hammond, 4-H parent, Bardsdale 4-H Club

Did you know that using a pencil, a basic pinwheel made from paper, some tape, three paper clips, a piece of string and some wind (provided by household fan) that you could actually hoist a paper cup filled with about a dozen pennies, almost three feet off of the ground?

As a member of a small team, using the materials listed above, we were able not only to lift the pennies, we were able to compete with other teams to see which design could lift the most and perform in the fastest time. This was only one of the activities that took place at a workshop designed for 4-H Volunteers to learn how to facilitate or assist in leading a "Power of Wind" club project. The workshop was intense (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on a Saturday). It was an interactive and an activities-filled exploration of wind and its uses. Led by Dr. Cynthia Barnett, 4-H youth Development Advisor for San Bernardino County and Dr. Keith Nathaniel, 4-H Youth Development Advisor for Los Angeles County, the workshop was not only a wonderful learning experience, it was fun.



The Power of the Wind Curriculum is part of the National 4-H Curriculum Collection and is designed for middle school aged youth to learn about the wind and its uses. This project has young people work as a team member to design, create, build, and test wind powered devices and they are given opportunities to explore wind as a potential energy source in their community.



Part of 4-H SET (Science, Engineering and Technology), the components of this program include, learning about and using, the engineering design process, achieving scientific goals, unifying concepts across science curricula, participating in investigative, exploration and challenge activities, using an engineering design notebook, learning questioning techniques, using scientific terms, finding out about careers as well as including an online component.

We are new to 4-H, my eleven year old son joined the Bardsdale 4-H this past year, so I wasn't expecting to do more than support his participation. We own on a small citrus ranch in the Fillmore area, and happened to become involved with wind power when we decided to convert our wind machine (for frost protection) to an energy producing wind turbine. While I'm a novice to 4-H and to wind power, I spent 34 years as a teacher and administrator in public schools in California, and am impressed with the quality of the Wind Power program. Not only is it a great opportunity to learn useful skills, the hands on activities are fun. I am pleased to recommend the program and would be happy to help anybody interested in getting started.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

California Women for Agriculture (CWA), Ventura County Chapter, strives to promote agriculture awareness and education within our communities. As a result of this effort we are seeking candidates to apply for our scholarships which will be awarded in June 2010. We will award a total of \$2,500 in scholarships this year. The top scholarship will be \$1,000 and the remainder will range from \$250 and higher.

Requirements for scholarship applicants must include one of the following:

- (1) Student and/or a parent/guardian have been employed in Ventura County agriculture for the past two (2) years. (Farm laborer, work for an ag-related industry, i.e.; chemical company, packinghouse, well drilling, etc.)
- (2) Student at least a one year member, in good standing, in FFA, 4-H or Grange.
- (3) Student pursuing a Bachelor's degree (4-year), an Associate's degree (2-year) or a degree from an accredited trade school, all in agriculture or related subject areas.

Finalists may be required to meet with the CWA Scholarship Committee for an interview. The completed 2-page application, recommendation form(s) and transcripts must be **postmarked no later than Friday, April 30th**. At least 1 but no more than 3 recommendation forms will be required for each applicant.

Please click the link below for the application forms:

<http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?caleventnum=77753>

Please mail completed application to:

Beverly Rueckert
3070 Old Coach Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010-1657

If you have any questions, please contact CWA Ventura County Scholarship Chair, Beverly Rueckert at (805) 482-2518.



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For more information on Ag Day, check out the Ag Day website at <http://www.agday.org/index.php>
You will also find Fun Facts and Event Ideas on the website.

Santa Barbara Fair & Expo

"Sweet Home Santa Barbara" is the theme for the 2010 Santa Barbara Fair & Expo being held at the Earl Warren Showgrounds from Wednesday, April 28th through Sunday, May 2nd.

Check out their website for entry information at <http://sbfairandexpo.com/exhibitor.html>



2010 Ventura County Fair Poster Contest

The Ventura County Fair is having a poster contest for Ventura County youth in grades 5–12. This is a great opportunity for you to use your imagination and begin to enjoy the fun of the Fair early in the year. If you like to draw, paint, or do some other type of 2 dimensional artwork this is for you! If you have a child or student who is artistically gifted, encourage them to work on a poster image. It's fun! It's easy and it's a gift to the community. Check out these rules carefully, and have fun with your artwork!

For more information, please visit the Fair website at <http://www.venturacountyfair.org/pages/3441/> or call (805) 648-3376 x 110 or send an e-mail to contest@venturacountyfair.org. Entry deadline is March 31, 2010.

Ventura County 4-H Office

The Ventura County 4-H Office has been receiving a lot of bounce back error messages on the e-mails that we have been sending out. The error messages varies as; “user does not have an account”, “user unknown”, “user account is unavailable”, “address rejected”, “invalid mailbox”, “host unknown”, “mail receiving disabled”, “users account is over quota”, “mailbox full”, “mailbox currently suspended”, “invalid mailbox”, etc.

Many of these bounce back error messages are also from the Clover Lines notice that the newsletter has been posted to the website that many have as their preference to receiving Clover Lines over the hard copy via the United States Postal Service.

It takes a lot of time to research who the e-mail address belongs to and then to contact the person(s) for updated information so that we can stop receiving these error messages. If you have not checked your e-mails recently, please take a few minutes to do this so that we won't receive messages of your box being full; if you've changed your e-mail address – please access your 4hOnline record and update your e-mail information so that we won't receive messages that your account is invalid/doesn't exist/user unknown/user does not have an account, etc.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this.

Internet Explorer users and the State 4-H Website

We have received information that some have had difficulty with the State 4-H Website. We have received word that this is due to Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 on their computer. We have been told that the fix for the problems “is to load the site (www.ca4h.org) and then click the "Compatibility View Icon" just to the right of the URL/address bar.” This icon looks like a piece of paper with a jagged diagonal line through it. If you cannot find this icon, you can click on “Tools, then click on Compatibility View” so that a checkmark appears in front of the words Compatibility View.

We have found that those with an earlier version of Internet Explorer might not have the Compatibility View Icon or the Compatibility View option under the Tools menu.



A new California 4-H SET curriculum is now available - **Rabbits: From the Animal's Point of View**. Wild rabbits are found on every continent except Antarctica. Domesticated rabbits come in many breeds that vary in shape, size, and color. But what does it mean to be a rabbit? This curriculum introduces youth to rabbits, their behavior, nutritional and housing needs, and appropriate care through hands-on, inquiry-based activities that follow the experiential learning cycle. This download is available at <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/items/8389.aspx>

The **4-H2O Curriculum** targets youth between the ages of 9 to 11 in new and established 4-H venues. Utilizing adapted curriculum the project will train after-school leaders, teachers, and parents to deliver concepts focusing on general watershed science, including water quality pollution monitoring, water conservation, and mitigation of pollutants. Download the curriculum units at http://groups.ucanr.org/4HSETWaterQualityOC/4-H20_Curriculum/

The **Butterfly WINGS program** was developed by the University of Florida. Targeted at 4th-8th graders, this curriculum helps kids explore scientific ideas through hands-on research with scientists investigating butterfly biodiversity, distribution, and host-plant preferences. Find more information at: www.4-H.org/curriculum/wings.

Grab and Go Activities, created for 6th-12th graders, are single activities designed to further knowledge in a specific curriculum area. The activities are available on a variety of topics, including healthy living and decision making. Visit: www.4-hdirectory.org (search 'grab and go').

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites you to submit projects for the 4th annual **Rachel Carson "Sense of Wonder" contest**. Enter poetic works, photographs, essays or dances that highlight your love of some aspect of nature. The deadline for team entries is June 16, 2010. For more information, including contest rules, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>

4-H Library

[SERIES - Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations Model Construction Manual](#)

Topic Area: Environmental Education | **Audience:** Youth grades 4 - 12

Hands-on activities designed to teach young people about watershed concepts. Each curriculum features activities that develop an awareness of land as a watershed and encourage exploration of erosion, surface water pollution, movement and contamination of groundwater, and what kids can do to help. **Watershed Model Construction Manual: Learn how to build large, scale-model, concrete relief maps of your own local watershed that you can jump around on! Use them to teach about local geography and water pollution. Kids love them ... and kids build them!**

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 tfisher@ucdavis.edu

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

Rose Hayden-Smith

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4-H Youth Development Advisor

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4-H Calendar

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| 3/1 | Citrus Valley 4-H & Conejo Valley 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office | 4/18 | Ventura County 4-H Mini Rodeo 9-2 @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena |
| 3/5 | Ventura County 4-H Presentation Entries DUE to Elaine Fowell. | 4/24 | Saturday @ the Farm; UC Hansen Agricultural Center. REGISTER @ 805-525-9293 ext. 214 or sbmiller@ucdavis.edu |
| 3/6 | Small Animal Science Field Day @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds | 4/24-25 | 2010 State 4-H Horse Events @ Reedley College |
| 3/9 | Preliminary Presentation 2:00-5:00 @ the 4-H Office | 4/28-5/2 | Santa Barbara Fair & Expo @ the Earl Warren Showgrounds |
| 3/14-20 | National Ag Week www.agday.org | 4/30 | Statewide 4-H Scholarship DUE |
| 3/20 | National Ag Day www.agday.org | 4/30 | California Women for Agriculture Scholarship application packets DUE (MUST be postmarked no later than this date) |
| 3/19 | Ventura County Share the Fun Entries DUE to Elaine Fowell | 5/3 | Loma Vista 4-H & Mira Monte 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office |
| 3/27 | County Presentation Day check-in @ 9:00 a.m. Oak View Park and Resource Center | 5/10 | 4-H State Fashion Revue registration due |
| 3/27 | Saturday @ the Farm; UC Hansen Agricultural Center. REGISTER @ 805-525-9293 ext. 214 or sbmiller@ucdavis.edu | 5/16 | Ventura County 4-H Gymkhana Clinic 8-2 @ the Ventura County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena |
| 3/31 | 2010 Ventura County Fair Poster Contest DEADLINE | 5/22 | Saturday @ the Farm; UC Hansen Agricultural Center. REGISTER @ 805-525-9293 ext. 214 or sbmiller@ucdavis.edu |
| 4/5 | Del Norte 4-H & Las Posas 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office | 5/22-23 | Archery Certification Training in Bakersfield |
| | | 5/29 | 4-H State Fashion Revue @ UC Davis |
| | | 5/29 | 2010 State 4-H Field Day @ UC Davis |