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PAST AND FUTURE IN 4-H

My name is Georgetta. The voice you hear when you call (805) 645-1740 with your 4-H questions and requests is mine. I have been working here at the Ventura County 4-H Office for over 12 years, and through these 12 years, I have watched many 4-H members grow in confidence, knowledge, and skills even as they matured physically. Only a few of you folks might know, but I was enrolled as a 4-H member 40 years ago in Tulare County, California.

Both our world and 4-H have become more diverse and also much more complex over those 4 decades, but the reasons 4-H was created still apply. 4-H was originally designed to bring knowledge to families living on farms in the U.S. in the early part of this century. The Land Grant Universities decided that the best way to bring new ideas, knowledge, and technology to parents was through their children. 4-H is, and has always been, a family-oriented program with our adult/parent volunteers sharing knowledge with youth and using the knowledge and resources of the University to improve their lives. 4-H is part of the University of California and is delivered to benefit our youth through the cooperation of the University, Ventura County, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (that's why they call it Cooperative Extension!).

The motto 4-H is "Learn by Doing". When I was in 4-H those many years ago, my project was a heifer. I didn't just buy my heifer a few months prior to tagging day; I raised my heifer from a week old calf who had to be bottle-fed several times a day, wiped down frequently, and her soiled straw replaced often. 4-H was about learning how to care for my project animal, training her follow me on a halter, making sure I kept accurate and complete records in my Project Report of how much she ate and how fast she was growing and gaining weight. We had a 4-H Field Day at our house one year where all the project heifers were checked over carefully and groomed. They showed all the kids in the project how to make the heifers stand properly for the judges, what to look for in conformation, and then answered any questions we had. My mom and dad provided a barbeque lunch for everyone and we had a wonderful time.

We had a fabulous 4-H program in Tulare County in the late 60's. Every 4-H member in my club took part (and had fun!) in the County Field Day musical skit, everyone in my club was required to do a Demonstration at Presentation Day (mine was on a new-fangled item – powdered milk!) We had the benefit of the full 4-H experience – our club was also active in community service (I went door to door collecting for the Heart Fund each year) – we never just focused on raising an animal for the fair auction. Don't you think that the 4-H experience should be more than that? Youth who join 4-H and sign up for just a market animal project are missing soooooo much! It makes me sad when I sit at my 4-H computer and enter enrollment after enrollment, each showing a returning member is signing up for just one project, the same single project he or she has done for the past 3 or more years!

I didn't do just a heifer project in 4-H – I participated in many club activities such as our Judging Contest (scored well enough to compete at the next level!) and also completed 3 Crafts projects. I was only in 4-H for 2 years (7th & 8th grade) but it made a lasting impression on me and gave me many good memories! I am certain that part of the reason I was offered this job (and also why I accepted it) is that I had been a 4-H member! My favorite part of this job is helping people find the resources they need to make their projects successful, whether it is curriculum, websites, expert advice on a specific question, or whatever other question I am asked.

The goals of 4-H are to teach leadership and life skills and to encourage good citizenship by being honest, polite, and playing fair, community service by helping others, showing concern and consideration for your family, your fellow 4-H club members, your neighbors, your community, and ultimately, your world.



COMMUNITY READINESS NETWORK

By, Steven Worker - State 4-H Program Representative

With the devastation of wildfires and massive evacuations throughout the seven county region, I thought I'd pass along some USDA & 4-H resources. Many of these offer activities that 4-H members, through projects or clubs, can learn while preparing for an emergency.

Ready. "Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed."
<http://www.ready.gov/>

Community Readiness Network "Mapping Our Way to Safety": <http://www.crn4h.org/>

Extension Disaster Education Network:
<http://www.eden.lsu.edu/>

FOOD FAIRE 2008

By, Jenean Bass

Mark your calendars!
Saturday, January 12
Ventura County Fairgrounds

New!
Iron Chef Ventura -
Divisions for Senior and
Intermediate individuals and teams
of up to 3 members. Common
ingredient is... ORANGES!!

Food must be cooked on site in your
electrical appliance, in front of the judges in a 1 hour
(individual) to 1½ hour (team) time frame.

Ventura County 4-H Food Faire Challenge -
Cake Decorating: Frosted cake decorated on site before
the judges in a 2 hour time frame

Edible Centerpiece: made on site before the judges.

Non-Food Project Member Challenge -
Best beef, lamb, pork, poultry/egg, rabbit, or goat dish.
Prepared on site before judges, in your electrical
appliance, in individual or teams of up to 3 members.

More info to follow!!!
Who will be Ventura County 4-H next TOP CHEF!

Just in time for Food Faire!

Check out 18 of Food Network's, Alton Brown's Good
Eats DVD's in the 4-H library!
Titles that may interest the non-food projects entrants.



4-H OFFICE

The 4-H Office is open (except for county designated holidays) Monday through Thursday between 9am and 5pm. Please call the 4-H Office at 645-1470 for more information.

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Please feel free to mail, fax, or email 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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- Juicy Meats - covers ham, pork chops, sausage
- Tossed Around - salads, slaws
- Breakfast Eats 3 - omelet, omelet for a crowd, bacon
- Manly Eats-sirloin steak, skirt steak, Mini Man burgers

Other titles are:

- Super Sweets 3 - pies cakes frosting
- Super Sweets 4 - jellies, peanut brittle, chocolate fudge and more.
- Super Sweets 5 - lemon meringue pie, pie crust, royal icing and more.
- Say Cheese - fondue, cheese soufflé, onion soup and more.
- Breakfast Eats 2 - oat cuisine, yogurt: good milk gone bad.
- Fruit Fest - 10 minute applesauce, clotted cream, banana ice cream and more.
- Family Favorites - casserole over, this spud's for you, use your noodle.
- Ocean Edibles - mussel bound, send in the clams, mission: poachable.
- Ocean Edibles 2 - crustacean nation 2 lobster, crustacean 3, crab, crustacean nation, shrimp
- Veggie Eats - tomatoes, making the best use of



- the biggest berry to ever be called a vegetable, berry from another planet, eggplant, artichokes, the choke is on you.
- Veggie Eats 2- the fungal gourmet (mushrooms) squash court, pumpkin bread, butternut dumplings.
- Condiment Nation - chilies, spices, salt.
- Flour Power - the dough also rises, puff the magic pastry.
- Italian Eats - seeing red, tomato sauce, pizza, ravioli.

MY EXPERIENCE HOSTING A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

By Jacob Levy, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H

This past summer many 4-H'ers were completing their projects for this past year, possibly to take and show at the Ventura County Fair. I was just starting a project by hosting an exchange student from Japan. I learned about this project in the 2007, February issue of our Ventura County Clover Lines. This program is run through both the LABO program in Japan and the 4-H office at UC Davis coordinated by Pat English. My family went through the application process and in June we went to UC Davis for orientation. Our exchange student arrived July 17th and stayed for 4 weeks.

Hosting a foreign exchange student was an experience

that truly opened my eyes to the outside world. The diversity of cultures, between Americans and Japanese, was so immense, but each of our differences lent itself to a completely new learning experience.

The foreign exchange that I hosted was named Shinya. Shinya is a fourteen year old boy from the Gifu region of Japan. His interest includes magic—He was really good.



He loved to show our family every night a new magic trick that he had been practicing. My favorite of his magic tricks would have had to of been the disappearing coin trick. This is because one time we were at a restaurant and he performed this trick, and soon after my father decided to take a try at doing the disappearing coin trick. Let me just tell you that throwing things in a restaurant is not advisable.

The experience of hosting a foreign exchange student is unforgettable and I recommend for any body who wants to delve in and see a new culture. When hosting a student just understand that he or she is trying to bond with you and your culture so always know to come into this with open arms and listening ears and there is no doubt you will have the time of your life.

I would like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Pat English for all her support and guidance during this learning experience. As a result of your guidance and knowledge I will soon experience being an exchange student in Spain for one semester of school. My departure date will be at the end of January, 2008 and returning in June, 2008.

I'm looking forward to this experience and sharing it with other 4-H members.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

By, Carole Butler

Mupu 4-H'ers cleaned up the Fagan Park area as part of the Santa Paula Beautiful citywide beautification project on Saturday October 20th. Twelve members and parents worked to pick up a large amount of trash. Members dragged 6 shopping baskets out of the creek bed along with a tricycle, pipe, wire fencing, a crutch, clothes, a plastic chair, countless bottles, spray cans and wrappers.

The city provided the trash bags and gloves, and even brought water out to the crew for their break.

The city provided a lunch of bar-be-que hotdogs, chips, fruit, cookies and sodas for all the workers. All volunteers received a Santa Paula Beautiful tee shirt.



Group photo: Dylan Byrum, Nicole Harvey, Craig Harvey, Jessica Harvey, Raquel Harvey, Amber Clendening, Hanna Aist.

front row: Selena Hurtado, Kristen Harvey, Charles Clendening, Leandra Mijares. Not shown: Carole Butler

Ventura County 4-H Fur and Feathers
Rabbit Show Committee Presents:

D'QUTIES!

By, Susan Trockey

This is a fun division of the rabbit show for that great showmanship bunny that gets D'Qed EVERYTIME in the breed show, or any other bunny who might be D'Qed on the day of the show or favorite bunny at home. There will be 2 "shows" on at lunch break and one right at the end of the day. Fun certificates will be awarded. The division will be announced, just bring you bunny to the table. No entry fees for this division. If you can, list them on the entry form, if it is mailed already don't worry, just let us know at check in. If your bunny is D'Qed during the show he/she can be in this division too.

Give that great bunny a chance to shine in the D'Quties division!

Thanks all, and we hope to see you at the Shows!!

CONGRATULATIONS RECORD BOOK WINNERS

Junior

Kiwanis Winners: 1st Harrison Hargleroad, 2nd Bronson Smith, 3rd Christiana Mellein

Medalists: Neil Van Splinter, Bronson Smith

Premium Medalists: Emmaline Trockey, Wesley Eldridge, Addie Wucherpfennig, Glenda Marshall, Melissa Marshall, Christiana Mellein, Harrison Hargleroad, Toni Ruiz

Special Award: Addie Wucherpfennig, Melissa Marshall, Christiana Mellein

Intermediate

Kiwanis Winners: 1st Kyla Vinson, 2nd Jenna Kelton, 3rd Sarah D'Atri

Medalists: Grant Bowman, Kimberly Coverly, Jenna Kelton, Cynthia Peterson, Courtney Slotter, Thomas Piwowarski, Robert Thiessen

Premium Medalists: Katherine Trockey, Kyla Vinson, Karen Payne, Jenna Kelton, Thomas Piwowarski, Sarah D'Atri

Special Award: Katherine Trockey, Karen Payne, Sarah D'Atri

Senior

Kiwanis Winners: 1st Cory Piwowarski, 2nd Tyler Daniel, 3rd Nicole Peterson

Medalists: Alani Barajas, C.J. Kelton, Danica Schreiber, Kamarin Smith

Premium Medalists: Brenda Bass, Kathleen Bass, Katelyn Beckmann, Mira Brown, Jackie Eldridge, Jessica Frost, Elizabeth Mellein, Micaela Mellein, Cheryl Payne, Nicole Peterson, Cory Piwowarski

Special Award: Mira Brown, Jackie Eldridge, Cheryl Payne

Lynn Vacca Foods Awards: Sarah D'Atri, Alani Barajas

Thanks to the All-Stars and the Jr. All-Stars for a great Achievement Night Program, to the Ventura Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the Kiwanis Record Book Awards, and to Fern Vacca for sponsoring the Lynn Vacca Foods Awards.



STATEWIDE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES!!!

The California 4-H International Exchange Program will offer outbound exchange experiences to Australia, Finland, and Japan during the summer of 2008. Each of these month-long educational exchanges offers a host family experience that will provide an insider's view of the country. Information and registration materials are available in your county 4-H office or on-line at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp>. Deadline for application is January 18, 2008.

The dates for the 2008 4-H equine state events are as follows:

April 5 & 6 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Equine Educational Contests, CSU Fresno. To participate 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project by February 5th (60 days).

June 26-29 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Horse Show, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville. To participate, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project and own or lease their horse by February 28th (120 days). More information about these events will be posted on the equine web site in December and January.

It is not too late to register for the California Focus Program. California Focus is a unique 4-H Citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates, and simulations with outstanding speakers and visits to historical, cultural, and governmental sites. California's capital city, Sacramento, becomes a "living classroom" for this five-day, action packed adventure.

As a citizen of "Sierra Cascade" you will register to vote, conduct a political campaign, elect constitutional offices, analyze the needs and issues of your district, and enact legislation with the goal of securing the governor's signature to make your bill a law.

Legislative appointments at the Capitol will allow delegates to meet face-to-face with their senators and assembly person to discuss current issues, learn how proposals are funded, and advocate for issues critical to them and their fellow constituents. An overview of the executive branch is presented by the governor's staff. A court clerk guides delegates through the judicial process while delegates sit in the chambers of the state supreme court.

Tours are provided of historical, economic, political, and cultural significance to such locales as Old Sacramento, the Governor's Mansion, The Golden State Museum, Sutter's Fort, the Discovery Museum, the Railroad Museum, the Crocker Art Museum or the Sacramento City Cemetery.

Delegates extend their learning as they prepare and present a "Plan of Action" to implement back home in

their respective communities. Outstanding plans are showcased at the conference and an award is given each year for the one that is judged the most effective. California Focus can be the beginning of a life of public participation that leaves you with a strong determination to become involved with the political process.

Some financial assistance may still be available. Contact the 4-H Office for more information.



University of California
Hansen Agricultural Center



Wednesday at the Farm

November 28, 2007
"Healthy Classroom Celebrations"
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm., free.



With so many reasons to celebrate throughout the year, it's important to enjoy each one without going overboard. Healthful isn't about giving up all the treats, it's about bringing balance into your classroom party planning!

- Party theme ideas
- Hands-on recipe centers
- Junior Master Gardener activities that educate as well as entertain



Featured speakers:
Marilyn Godfrey, MS, RD
Ventura Unified School District
Healthy School Project--Nutrition Educator

Susan Gloeckler
Junior Master Gardener Statewide Coordinator
4-H Youth Development Program Representative
U.C. Cooperative Extension, Ventura County

Space is limited, reservation required. Call 662-6948

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Briggs and Telegraph Road, Santa Paula
Parking available, enter through Briggs Rd. gate



NOVEMBER



4-H CALENDAR

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| 11/1 | DEADLINE FOR ALL MEMBERS ENROLLING IN ANY MARKET ANIMAL OR HORSE PROJECT | | HTTP://CALENDAR.UCANR.ORG/EVENTDISPLAY.CFM?CALEVENTNUM=24748 |
| 11/1 | LAST DAY FOR LEADERS TO ENROLL FOR 2007-08 YEAR! | 11/22 | THANKSGIVING |
| 11/1 | STORY WRITING CONTEST ENTRIES DUE | 11/28 | SAS PDC F&F SHOW FOLLOW-UP MEETING, CAMARILLO SIZZLER, 6:15PM |
| 11/1 | FUR & FEATHERS ENTRIES DUE (OR HAND DELIVERED ON 11/2) | 11/30 | STATE RECORD BOOK JUDGING |
| 11/1-29 | \$30 LATE FEE FOR RETURNING MEMBERS APPLIES | 12/1-2 | STATE JUDGING EVENT |
| 11/2 | 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT, LA MARIPOSA SCHOOL IN CAMARILLO, 6:55PM | 12/5 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBA |
| 11/4 | HORSE PROJECT JUDGING/PRACTICE, 9AM, WILSONFARMS@VERIZON.NET | 12/25 | CHRISTMAS DAY! |
| 11/5 | 4-H LEADER CERTIFICATION TRAINING 4-H OFFICE, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | 1/1 | HAPPY 2008!!! |
| 11/6 | 4-H LEADER CERTIFICATION TRAINING 4-H OFFICE 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM | 1/9 | LARGE LIVESTOCK PDC MEETING, SOMIS SCHOOL |
| 11/7 | SAS PDC MEETING, 6:15PM, CAMARILLO SIZZLER, CALL 480-9976 | 1/12 | FOOD FAIR |
| 11/7 | LARGE LIVESTOCK PDC MEETING, SOMIS SCHOOL | 1/16 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 11/10 | STATE 4-H EQUINE FIELD DAY | 2/6 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 11/11 | VETERANS DAY | 2/9 | SAS PDC FIELD DAY MORNING AND GET READY FOR FAIR DAY AFTERNOON |
| 11/16-18 | CALIFORNIA 4-H LEADER'S FORUM AT ASILOMAR | 3/5 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| 11/17 | SMALL ANIMAL BREED SHOW – FUR & FEATHERS @ FAIR INFORMATION AT | 4/16 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| | | 5/7 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| | | 6/8 | SAS PDC DOG FIELD DAY |
| | | 6/18 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| | | 7/2 | SAS PDC MEETING 6PM LOCATION TBD |
| | | 7/30-8/10 | 2008 VENTURA COUNTY FAIR |
| | | 8/20 | SAS PDC MEETING/FAIR WRAP UP MEETING 6PM |