

## Clover Lines

*I love this time of year...*

*I love the cool, crisp days, the fall and winter crops (pumpkins, squash, pomegranates, etc.), baking up a storm, and getting ready for holiday celebrations. I especially love Thanksgiving; not because my birthday falls on Thanksgiving this year, but because I have fond memories of Thanksgivings past. I remember when as a young girl, my mother's entire family would gather each Thanksgiving. There would be 80 people or more for Thanksgiving dinner, with several turkeys, pots and pots of mashed potatoes, gallons of gravy, and oh, the desserts! We would eat, visit, and eat some more. It was a family reunion and Thanksgiving rolled into one.*

*Although our gatherings grew smaller over the years, there was never a dull moment. I remember a year that my grandmother dropped the platter with the turkey on the floor as she was taking it to the table. Luckily, we had cooked two turkeys that year, so the one with all the broken glass ended up in the trash. I remember the year that my mother had a terrible migraine headache, so my father, my husband and I attempted to make the special dressing the night before Thanksgiving with NO RECIPE! My poor mother knew we were in trouble, so she stumbled into the kitchen, sat at the table holding her head, and tried to talk us through it. We got it done, and it wasn't too bad! But, it does taste better when she makes it each year.*

*I am so grateful for these memories and so many more. I am also grateful that I can spend Thanksgiving with family and friends, and that more memories will be made. I hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that the holiday season is one that will provide you with wonderful memories that will bring you smiles for years to come.*

*With a special thank you to all of you for your participation and support of the 4-H Program,*

*Susan Gloeckler  
4-H Program Supervisor*



# Featured Club Happenings!

## Tapo Simi 4-H

by Jennifer D'Atri

Tapo Simi 4-H meets every First Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Simi Country Estates Recreation Room  
Club Leader: Jennifer D'Atri and Wendy Aikman President: Sarah D'Atri, age 15

Tapo Simi 4-H is a small but mighty club. Our small size allows us to customize our meetings to accommodate the busy schedules of our members. We ensure that our members are able to fully participate in all club activities. Our club is different than most 4-H clubs in that we do not have any animal projects. Our most popular projects are Foods and Nutrition and Consumer Education. We also have a Creative Arts and Crafts project and a new Photography project. Our annual Christmas Party includes a cookie exchange where our members can share their baking skills and favorite recipes with one another. In our Consumer Education project, also known as the "shopping" project, we have found the best frozen yogurt shops, the best cupcakes, the best places to buy shoes and used our consumer skills to plan club parties. The Consumer Education project prepares our members to participate in the purchased category of Fashion Revue. Our club has hosted the county Fashion Revue for the past two years. Tapo Simi's community service includes Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat and Valentines for Vets.



### 4-H Thank-a-thon

The CA 4-H Foundation has suggested that this is a great time for all of us in 4-H to show our gratitude, not only to family and friends, but to everyone who helps make our 4-H program successful. We need to thank our volunteer leaders for the time that they devote to running our clubs and projects. We need to thank our sponsors and donors who help make it possible for us to fund our programs. We can all send a card or letter, or even make a phone call, saying "Thank You" to these special people, letting them know that they have made a difference by helping our 4-H program. The CA 4-H Foundation suggests that 4-H groups hold a "4-H Thank-a-thon." Members can contact volunteers and donors with a brief message of gratitude for their role in making the 4-H program an important part of the community. For more information on 4-H Thank-a-thon, contact the 4-H Office.

### The American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes



The American Red Cross (ARC), with the support of Pitney Bowes, is pleased to once again sponsor the Holiday Mail for Heroes. Our goal is to let the military, their families, and veterans know that America cares. People can send their cards to the American Red Cross special mailbox from **November 2, 2009 through December 7, 2009**. We must strictly adhere to this date to ensure that there is time to screen, sort, and distribute the cards. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail> for more information.



# 4-H Record Book Winners of 2009



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



## **Kiwanis winners;**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior: Hayden Hargleroad, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Intermediate: Elizabeth Paxson, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Senior: Karen Payne, Loma Vista 4-H

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior: Jorden Harber, Somis 4-H  
Intermediate: Bronson Smith, Somis 4-H  
Senior: Sarah D'Atri, Tapo Simi 4-H

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Junior: Sarah Nagel, Loma Vista 4-H  
Intermediate: George Enos III, Somis 4-H  
Senior: Cynthia Peterson, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H



## **Medalist winners;**

Junior: Hannah Hassien, Chief Peak 4-H

Intermediate: Elizabeth Paxson, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
George Enos III, Somis 4-H

Senior: Grant Bowman, Loma Vista 4-H  
Kimberly Coverly, Loma Vista 4-H  
Cynthia Peterson, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H



## **Premium Medalist winners;**

Junior: Rebekah Gorman, Chief Peak 4-H  
Sarah Nagel, Loma Vista 4-H  
Morgan Penny, Loma Vista 4-H  
Spencer Wittrock, Loma Vista 4-H  
Hayden Hargleroad, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Grace Van Splinter, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Juliette Avalos, Somis 4-H  
Makayla Cozatt, Somis 4-H  
Zachary Gregson, Somis 4-H  
Jorden Harber, Somis 4-H

Intermediate: Glenda Marshall, Loma Vista 4-H  
Melissa Marshall, Loma Vista 4-H  
Harrison Hargleroad, Santa Rosa Valley 4-H  
Bronson Smith, Somis 4-H

Senior: Erica Larson, Chief Peak 4-H  
Amanda Marshall, Loma Vista 4-H  
Karen Payne, Loma Vista 4-H  
Sarah D'Atri, Tapo Simi 4-H

# Ventura County 4-H members Attend ARBA National Convention

The banner over the door of the exhibit hall read, "For the next 5 days you do not have to explain why you raise rabbits." Ventura County 4-H members; Sarah Bobardt, Tierra Rejada 4-H, Kathy Bass, Conejo Valley 4-H and Spencer Wittrock, Loma Vista 4-H, attended and exhibited their rabbits at the 86th American Rabbit Breeders Association National Convention in San Diego, CA. Sarah was a competitor in the Breed ID and Judging activities. Spencer participated in the Royalty Contest which required him to also compete in the Breed ID, Judging, Written Knowledge Test and an Interview. Kathy and Spencer attended workshops such as Rabbit Medical Needs, Understanding the Standard of Perfection, Youth Competitions and Breeding.

Not to be out done by their humans, the rabbits did well too!

Sarah Bobardt's Netherland Dwarfs won:

Blue Junior Doe Best of Variety

Blue Senior Buck Best opposite sex of Variety

Ruby eyed White Senior Doe Best of Variety

Spencer's Polish rabbits won:

Black Senior Buck 2nd

Broken Senior Buck 2nd

Broken Senior Doe 2nd

Kathy's Mini Rex won:

Lynx Junior Doe Best of Variety

White Senior Buck Best opposite sex of Variety

**Congratulations!**

## 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](http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/4H/Clover_Safe_Notes.htm)**

**The 3 new Clover Safe Notes include;**

**Computer Social Networking Safety Tips**

**Grass-Shearing Safety**

**Preventing the Spread of Communicable Diseases**

**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.**



## 4-H Office Schedule



The Ventura County 4-H Office will be closed on the following days;

Thursday, November 26, 2009 Happy Thanksgiving to All! :o)

Friday, November 27, 2009

Thursday, December 3, 2009

Friday, December 4, 2009







## 4-H Office Phone Numbers

We have received information that some have been attempting to contact the 4-H Office by calling (805) 645-1470. This number is no longer in service as this was Georgetta Brickey's old phone number and has been discontinued upon her retirement in January 2009.

You can reach us by calling or e-mailing;

Susan Gloeckler: (805) 662-6943 [sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu)

Tisha Fisher: (805) 645-1464 [tifisher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tifisher@ucdavis.edu)



Need to fax us something? Our fax number is: (805) 645-1474

Never fear losing these numbers, as you can always find them in the 4-H Office section on page 7 (or the next to the last page) of every issue of Clover Lines delivered to your home or on the web at;

<http://ceventura.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter100.htm>

## FREE Babysitting Training

A free training course on the **4-H Babysitting Curriculum** will be offered on **January 30, 9:30-4:30**, at the Ventura County 4-H Office, by the **4-H Military Partnership**. The Babysitting Curriculum is designed to help middle school and teenage youth to learn what it takes to be responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitters. This course can be beneficial in training youth in your 4-H clubs and military afterschool sites. The training is open to all 4-H Staff, 4-H Volunteers, and Military and Community Partner Agency personnel. You will receive a Babysitter's Tool Bag, an Instructor's Guide and Student Handbook. Bring a doll! For more information, contact Susan Gloeckler at the 4-H Office, or Jeanne Christenson, [jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jpchristenson@ucdavis.edu)

## Radio Control Equipment Giveaway

One of our University of California Cooperative Extension staff members has Radio Control Equipment that he would like to give to a 4-H Member or Project Leader that is interested. The following is the list of items he has for giving away.

1 CX2 Helicopter with batteries, transmitter, and spare parts. It needs some work but, flies.

2 Electric Gliders ready to fly, 1 has never been flown and 1 is a trainer.

2 Electric Gliders 1 needs minor repair and 1 needs major repair.

Futaba transmitter and receivers, Spektrum transmitter and receiver

Assorted Li-po batteries and chargers

Extra parts and materials for repair

Flight simulator for computer

For those who are interested in the items above, please e-mail your name and contact information to [tifisher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tifisher@ucdavis.edu).

# California State Fair Moves the BIG FUN to July

*Cal Expo Board Votes to Change State Fair Dates to July, Starting in 2010*

The California Exposition & State Fair Board has announced new dates for the fair. The 2010 California State Fair is now tentatively scheduled to run for 19 days from **Wednesday, July 14 to Sunday, August 1, 2010**. For more information, you may contact Erica Manuel of the California Exposition and State Fair at [emanuel@caexpo.com](mailto:emanuel@caexpo.com). 4-H members, adults and staff may also contact 4-H Animal Science Committee Chairs Cynthia Barnett, [ccbarnett@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ccbarnett@ucdavis.edu) and Steve Dasher, [hdsdasher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:hdsdasher@ucdavis.edu) for additional questions.

## OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE STATE 4-H OFFICE

**Hats Off to Kindness at the State Fashion Revue!** Make a soft, fleece or knitted hat, bring it to the State Fashion Revue, model it, and donate it to cancer patients, young or old! This community service is open to all 4-H youth and adults. This is a great way to use your sewing skills for the benefit of your community. Think soft and fuzzy, not hard or scratchy. Bring your hats to Fashion Revue in May and let's show our cancer patients we care! For more details, check out the website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) invites high school 4-H members to compete in **California Speech Trek**. Beginning each September and continuing through March 1, high school students throughout California are welcome to contact the local AAUW branch near them (or email [speechtrek@aauw-ca.org](mailto:speechtrek@aauw-ca.org)) for details about the local AAUW speech contest. The theme this year is "Breaking Through Barriers". The first place winner receives \$750, while second and third place winners each receive \$500. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/attach/2009/Nov09/SpeechTrek4HBrochure-2PrizeMoney.pdf>

On-line registration for the **2010 California Focus Program** is available now and is due on **January 15, 2010**. 4-H members and leaders come together to run their own state government in the fictitious state of Sierra Cascade. Delegates draft legislation, participate in a mock trial, and run for office. Then participants interact with their legislators, court officials, and those close to current issues. Financial assistance is available for this program for members who could not afford to attend without help and the Young Civic Leader Scholarship is available for teens with an outstanding leadership and community service record. More information and registration forms are available at: <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.

Dates have been set for **2010 State 4-H Horse Events**. The State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests will be held **April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA** (southeast of Fresno). The **Championship Horse Show** will be held at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville on **Thursday, June 24 thru Sunday, June 27**. Tentatively, the English classes and Over Fences will be held on Friday, Western classes on Saturday and Gymkhana on Sunday. More information will be available by December 1st on the web site at <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>.

California will be sending 4-H members and leaders outbound on the **California International Exchange Program** during the summer of 2010. Are you ready for a one month experience in Australia, Costa Rica, or Japan? Delegates must submit an application with reference letters and complete an interview by **January 27, 2010**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/>.



Register for the **Winter 2010 4-H SET Professional Development workshop on February 6, 2010**. Counties are invited to send a team of 4-H members (age 14 and up), 4-H volunteers, 4-H staff, and program collaborators. Effective science, engineering and technology education requires good educators. This professional volunteer development opportunity will help prepare 4-H volunteers, teens and staff to incorporate science, engineering, and technology into 4-H projects and activities in a hands-on, experiential manner. Locations include Shasta, Yolo, **Santa Barbara**, Merced and Riverside Counties. Morning topics focus on utilizing teens-as-Teachers and the afternoon introduces a 4-H SET curriculum. Register by **January 15, 2010** at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=4208>

Start a renewable energy project in your 4-H Club or group! The **Power of the Wind Curriculum**, from the National 4-H Council, is designed for middle school aged youth to learn about the wind and its uses. Youth work with members of a team to design, create, build, and test wind powered devices and are given opportunities to explore wind as a potential energy source in their community. The **Professional volunteer development workshop** is available for county teams of volunteers, staff and teens to receive hands-on training in the curriculum. The workshop will be held January 30th, in San Luis Obispo County, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact Cindy Hansen at [chansen@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:chansen@co.slo.ca.us). Supply kits and copies of the curriculum are available on a limited basis. For more information, please contact trainers Cyndi Barnett at [cdbarnett@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cdbarnett@ucdavis.edu) or Keith Nathaniel at [kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu](mailto:kcnathaniel@ucdavis.edu).

## 4-H Library

[SERIES - Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations High School](#)

**Topic Area:** Environmental Education | **Audience:** Youth grades 10 - 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. **High School:** A guide to developing an independent science project around watershed water quality issues. Ideas for investigating surface water creek chemistry, creek habitat, groundwater, and sustainable land use.

## 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.

### Staff Hours & Program Responsibilities

**Susan Gloeckler** (805) 662-6943  
Monday through Wednesday, 10a.m. to 5p.m.  
4-H Program Supervisor – Community Club Program, Policy and Procedure, New Unit Organization, Club Leader Advice, Training (Youth/Volunteer).  
E-mail: [sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sygloeckler@ucdavis.edu)

**Tisha Fisher** (805) 645-1464  
Monday – Thursday  
4-H Assistant – Enrollment, Mailings, Pins, Equipment Check Out, 4-H Calendar, Event Support, 4-H Library, General Information, *Clover Lines* Editor.  
E-mail: [tfisher@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tfisher@ucdavis.edu)

**Rose Hayden-Smith** (805) 645-1466  
County Director,  
4-H Youth Development Advisor  
E-mail: [rmhaydensmith@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rmhaydensmith@ucdavis.edu)

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](mailto: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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# November / December

## 4-H Calendar

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

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11/2-12/7 American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes

**11/26 4-H Office will be closed**

**11/27 4-H Office will be closed**

**12/3 4-H Office will be closed**

**12/4 4-H Office will be closed**

12/16 EPDC meeting @ Camarillo Marie Callender's 6:45 p.m.

1/4/2010 Agoura 4-H & Bardsdale 4-H Featured Club Happenings!  
articles due to the 4-H Office

1/15 2010 California Focus On-line registration due

1/15 Winter 2010 4-H SET Professional Development Workshop  
registration deadline

1/16 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H All Breed Shows & Jr Showmanship Events;  
Fur & Feathers

1/27 California International Exchange Application/Reference  
Letters/Interview deadline

1/30 Babysitting Training 9:30-4:30 @ the Ventura 4-H Office

1/30 Professional volunteer development workshop in San Luis  
Obispo County 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

2/1 Briggs 4-H & Chief Peak 4-H Featured Club Happenings!  
articles due to the 4-H Office

2/6 Winter 2010 4-H SET Professional Development  
Workshop; various locations

3/1 Citrus Valley 4-H & Conejo Valley 4-H Featured Club

Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office

4/5 Del Norte 4-H & Las Posas 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

4/24-25 2010 State 4-H Horse Events @ Reedley College

5/3 Loma Vista 4-H & Mira Monte 4-H Featured Club

Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office

5/16 Ventura County 4-H Gymkhana Clinic 8-2 @ the Ventura  
County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena

TBD Ventura County 4-H Equine Field Day 8-2 @ the Ventura  
County Fairgrounds Morgan Arena

6/7 Mupu 4-H & Piru 4-H Featured Club Happenings! articles  
due to the 4-H Office

6/24-27 Championship Horse Show @ the Santa Cruz County  
Fairgrounds

6/30 Program Year ENDS

7/1 New Program Year BEGINS

8/2 Santa Rosa Valley 4-H & Sespe 4-H Featured Club  
Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office

8/4-15 2010 Ventura County Fair!

9/6 Shadow Hills 4-H & Somis 4-H Featured Club  
Happenings! articles due to the 4-H Office