



Clover Lines

Don't Miss Out This Halloween!

(By: Kimberly Coverly, Jr. Leader, Ventura County 4-H/TOTSOCE)



While you're out getting candy this Halloween there are other children, families, and individuals in this County who will go hungry. Many are not able to eat a nutritious meal let alone get the extra treat of candy!

But you can help by participating in one of our County's biggest community service events of the year – **"TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT"**!

"TRICK OR TREAT SO OTHERS CAN EAT", known to many 4-H'ers as TOTSOCE (*sounds like: "tot-sauce"*) is a county-wide community service project organized by Ventura County 4-H and FOOD Share, Ventura County's food bank. TOTSOCE is simply a canned food drive to benefit the over 38,000 monthly clients of FOOD Share, the only regional food bank that distributes collected food through a network of 240 certified charitable agencies. These agencies serve children, families in crisis, low-income seniors, the homeless, handicapped, disabled and many others living within the cities and communities of Ventura County, from Thousand Oaks to Simi Valley to Ojai, Oxnard, Ventura and more.

HERE'S HOW YOUR CLUB CAN HELP!

Each club is encouraged to participate in TOTSOCE and is asked to assign a **junior leader** to run the project. All TOTSOCE junior leaders are to register their club ASAP by sending an email to totsoc@gmail.com. Please provide:

- Club name
- Junior Leader name, telephone number, and email address
- Approx. number of club participants
- Establish a goal for pounds of food collected



Volunteers use a "Starter Kit" available by October 1st at www.foodshare.com which includes door hangers and thank you notes printed on bright orange paper. Volunteers are asked to hang the door hangers stating which day they will be back to actually collect the cans, typically 2-3 days later. Upon collecting the food the volunteers then leave a thank you note behind so the donator knows they've been there. All collected food should be taken directly to FOOD Share. (*If there is more than 200 pounds of food in one place a FOOD Share truck can be called to pick up the food*) Or, for your convenience, Community West Bank will have food collection bins at both of its Ventura County branches located at 1463 Victoria Avenue, Ventura or 951 Westlake Blvd, Westlake Village.

TOTSOCE is a great community service project for other youth groups and organizations as well. Examples include, but are not limited to, churches, boy/girl scouts, schools, individuals, sports teams, and clubs of any kind. So help us get the word out with your friends.

Remember, all clubs and participating youth groups/organizations are to register for TOTSOCE by emailing us at totsoc@gmail.com. For further questions please don't hesitate to email us.



Happy collecting! And don't forget, HAVE FUN!

The Poultry World at the California State Fair 2008

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Shortly after the Ventura County Fair, a Ventura County avian bowl team traveled to Sacramento to compete in the Avian Bowl Qualifier for the National Egg and Poultry Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The team consisted on Katherine Trockey from Conejo Valley 4-H club, Nicole Peterson, Olivia Knizek, and Katelyn Beckmann from the Santa Rosa Valley 4-H club. Also in attendance was Mr. and Mrs. Trockey, Emmaline Trockey, and Kitty Beckmann. The competition was on August 20, 2008. They did very well, receiving 2nd place in the senior division. Way to go!!! In addition Katelyn Beckmann took two show chickens up there to compete in the Best of County competition, which is a division for all the birds that won best of show at a county fair. She received 1st place with her Crele Old English, who won at the Ventura County Fair, and 3rd with her White Leghorn, who won at the Orange County Fair.

Congrats to all who competed!

By Katelyn Beckmann



YOUTH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITIES (RESEARCH RESULTS)

The 4-H Center for Youth Development has just published a *Special Report*: “**Social Capital in Adolescence Predicts Civic Engagement Among Young Adults**” by Katherine Heck, Specialist in AES and James Fowler, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, UCSD.

The paper can be directly accessed by clicking on this link:

http://cyd.ucdavis.edu/publications/pubs/report/pdf/social_capital08.pdf. We hope you find it informative!



Save the Date!
Saturday
11/15/2008

**2nd Annual
 4-H All Breed Shows &
 Jr. Showmanship Events
 Cavy ★ Poultry ★ Rabbit**

Saturday, November 15th, 2008

FUR & FEATHERS

At Ventura's Beach

NEW!
**Champion Exhibitor
 Buckle!**
 Sale tables from any
 County 4-H
 Club or Project.

***Educational Posters,
 *Jr. Showmanship,
 *Primary Divisions,
 *Silent Auction, &
 *Breakfast Brrritos!**



Hosted by Ventura County 4-H SAS PDC
4-H Youth Welcome
Medaling Events: Showmanship, BIS & RBIS!
 (Youth must be enrolled in project to medal.)

Ventura Fairgrounds Seaside Park
 10 West Harbor Boulevard

Entries Due Thursday, October 30th

Find Flyer & Premium Books at
http://calendar.ucanr.org/eventdisplay.cfm?calendar_num=35242
 For more information contact Show Superintendent:
 Susan Trockey 805-480-9976 or stdesign@roadrunner.com
 For Sales Tables contact: Kitty Beckmann at nosmurfs@adelphia.net

Website: <http://ce.ventura.ucdavis.edu/> click on the Calendar and look for Nov. 15th!

4-H LIBRARY

We have a new book available to club and project leaders. It is a guide to games, skits, and songs for all ages. Here are a just few of the activities in the book:

- Games with props - All Tied Up, Auction Yard, Lava Flow, Toxic Waste, Bite the Bag, Slipped Disc, Ship to Shore, Swat
- Games without props - Ducks & Cows, Elbow Tag, Octopus Tag, Texas Big Foot
- Skits - Hairy Hamburgers, Quick Draw, Stranded in the Desert, The Operation
- Songs - Hippo song, Mama Goonie Bird, Squegie Hunt, 4-H Will Shine Tonight!
- Icebreaker - Autograph Bingo, Frozen T's, M & M, Guess Who, Bottoms Up

Please call Tisha 645-1464 or Georgetta 645-1470 to arrange for a visit to check out this terrific resource for your club or project meetings. Keep the Fun in 4-H!

"Have Team Building Games... Will Travel" was created by teams of teens from seven northern California counties.

GET READY, GET CREATIVE!

THE 2009 STATE FASHION REVUE CHALLENGE PATTERN IS SIMPLICITY APRON # 9565 (contact your club leader or the 4-H Office for info!)

Start with Simplicity pattern #9565. Change it to suit your needs! Will you wear it in the kitchen, to barbecue, for woodworking, while you paint or for animal grooming? The possibilities are endless! For example, you could adjust the neck strap; make it shorter, longer, smaller or larger; change the pockets or eliminate them; add trim or appliques; experiment with fabrics, colors or details. Purchase or sew an outfit to coordinate with your apron. This pattern was chosen for the 2009 Challenge because it is suitable for beginners to advanced. Happy Stitching!

For more information about State 4-H Fashion Revue, go to <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/index.asp> or contact Kylie Deal, youth chair at dmtigers06@yahoo.com or Sue Moore, staff liaison at samoore@ucdavis.edu or 209.533.6990.



California State

Best of Show Youth Horse Show 2008

by: Erica Larson, Chief Peak 4-H

On Tuesday August 19th, 2008, Randy West from Citrus Valley 4-H and Erica Larson from Chief Peak 4-H both traveled to Sacramento with their horses Colby and Cheyenne and represented Ventura County at the California State Fair Best of Show Youth Horse Show. In order to qualify to enter this show you have to win a first place ribbon at a County Youth Horse Show. Erica in the Junior division and Randy in the Senior division both got the overall Gymkhana Day End High Point in Gymkhana at the Ventura County Youth Horse Show so they were eligible to go to State Fair which they did and had a awesome time. Unfortunately Randy West's horse was unable to finish his last classes because his horse, Colby, had pulled a muscle. Randy did however take 2nd place ribbons in Speed Barrels and 3rd place in Pole Bending in his division before the injury. Erica took 2nd place ribbons in Speed Barrels, Cloverleaf Barrels and Bi-Rangel, 3rd place in Pole Bending, and 4th place in Single Stake in her division.



Ventura County 4-H Program Supervisor, Susan Gloeckler, recently attended the state 4-H Ready SET Go! Roll out Conference at the University of California, Davis campus. The State 4-H Youth Development Program is raising awareness about the critical challenge to prepare our state's youth to excel in science, engineering and technology (SET) and is launching new 4-H SET efforts in every county in California.

The United States is falling dangerously behind other nations in developing its future workforce of scientists, engineers, and technology experts. To ensure global competitiveness, we must act now to prepare the next generation of science, engineering, and technology leaders. America now faces a future of intense global competition with a startling shortage of scientists. Only 18 percent of US high school seniors are proficient in science (NAEP 2005). A mere 5 percent of current US college graduates earn science, engineering, or technology degrees compared to 66 percent in Japan and 59 percent in China.

The California 4-H Youth Development Program—with its direct connection to the research and resources of the University of California's Cooperative Extension—is strategically positioned to strengthen US global competitiveness and leadership. For more than a century, 4-H has engaged our country's youth in the building blocks of economic success. This has meant a solid focus on agricultural science, electricity, mechanics, entrepreneurship, and natural sciences. Today, additional opportunities also exist in subjects like rocketry, robotics, bio-fuels, renewable energy, and computer science. We believe fostering passion in science today will shape education and career decisions tomorrow," reports Sharon Junge, California State Director, 4-H Youth Development Program.

All 4-H project leaders are encouraged to include science, engineering and technology in all project areas. To learn more about the SET Initiative, contact the 4-H Office.

Achievement Night!



October 10th

La Mariposa Elementary School Auditorium
4800 Corte Olivas in Camarillo

Starts at 7 pm and ends at 8:30 pm

4-H'ers! Bring as many as you can from your club!

Parents, leaders, siblings, are all welcome!
Awards will be presented for Record Books,
Project Proficiency, and more!



Junior Master Gardener Program

Four children's books have been awarded the 2008 "Growing Good Kids - Excellence in Children's Literature Award".

This award program recognizes children's books that effectively promote an appreciation for gardening, plants, and the environment. The award is jointly provided by the American Horticulture Society and the National Junior Master Gardener Program. For more information about these titles and the book awards program, visit <http://www.jmgkids.us/bookawards>.

This year's winners, selected from books published in 2007, are:

The Old Tree, by Ruth Brown (Candlewick Press)

If I Were a Tree, written and illustrated by Dar Hosta (Brown Dog Books)

The Runaway Garden, by Jeffery L. Schatzer and illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler (Mitten Press)

Mother Earth and Her Children, by Sibylle von Olfers, illustrated by Sieglinde Schoen Smith, and translated by Jack Zipes (Breckling Press)

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.

4-H Program Supervisor – Community Club Program, Policy and Procedure, New Unit Organization, Club Leader Advice, Training (Youth/Volunteer).

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4-H Information (805) 662-6869

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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4-H'ers Combat Global Climate Change

The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) began last year as a seedling in the minds of Belmont, California 4-H'er Laura Webber and her dad as they considered what they could do personally to combat global climate change. Over the next few months the idea developed, like a fast growing sapling, to become the 4-H Million Trees Project (www.4hmilliontrees.org.)

The main goal of 4HMT is to have 4-H youth across the country team together to plant one million trees. The plan is to build a network of clubs by working through the 4-H organization in each state. To quickly build a national network of clubs and units, project leaders have asked all 50 state directors to forward an invitation via E-mail to their County Reps/Agents, and asked each County Rep to forward the invitation to the clubs and units in their county. Youth involved in the 4-H Afterschool programs and Military 4-H are also invited to participate.

"The goal of this service-learning project is not only to plant one million trees to combat global warming," said Project Founder and Teen Leader Laura Webber, "but to teach 4-H youth that by working together they can make a big impact on their world." There will be numerous benefits to the project. Along with addressing the climate crisis and teaching a valuable life lesson to 4-H youth, the leaders and members of this project will learn to write grant proposals, prepare and give presentations to clubs, schools, foundations, companies, etc., develop a network with 4-H clubs across the nation, coordinate and maintain the website, manage communications and the project database, form partnerships with non-4-H organizations, write or encourage others to write articles about the project, get publicity on television, learn to interview and be interviewed, and learn to be better leaders.

Trees are at the heart of this project. Members of the project figure that if each club plants and cares for twelve native trees per year over the next four years, they can reach their goal. One million is a big number, so this will be a challenge, but these 4-Hers are dedicated to the project and want to do their part to help resolve the climate crisis.



Since the project started in March, 2008, over 20,000 trees have been registered on the project website, planted by 6,600 4-H youth in 26 states. All 4-H clubs and units are invited to participate, and they just need to register their trees by filling out the convenient online form using the Registration page of www.4hmilliontrees.org.

If any one is interested to help with, become a member of, has any ideas for, or support 4HMT, they are urged to contact the project at 4hmilliontrees@gmail.com, or visit the website.

Are You Receiving 4-H Emails?

Georgetta has sent out several emails in the last few weeks to all 4-H Families with email addresses listed on enrollment forms.

Unfortunately, a large number of emails have "bounced" back as undeliverable for the following reasons.

- 1. Invalid Email address - misspelled or obsolete**
- 2. Mailbox is full**
- 3. 4-H email (glbrikey@ucdavis.edu) is not on the recipient's safe list or in his/her address book.**

If you haven't received any of Georgetta's recent emails to 4-H Families (Fur & Feathers Show, Updates from the State 4-H Office, T-shirt Design Contest, Awards Night announcement, etc.), please give her a call (805) 645-1470 and let her know you want to be on the emailing list. We need a current and correct email address and you need to make sure glbrikey@ucdavis.edu is listed on your safe list or in your address book.



The Clock is ticking!!!
New Leader
Certification
Orientation
For the
2008-09
4-H Year

October 2, 2008 (Thursday),
6-9 p.m., at the 4-H Office
 located at 669 County Square
 Drive, Suite #100, Ventura
 93003.

Please RSVP to Tisha @ 645-1464
tifisher@ucdavis.edu if you plan to
 attend any of these meetings. We need
 to know how many people are
 attending so we will have enough
 handouts!

Here is a list of the steps you need to
 complete to become certified. Please
 call or email if you would like to have
 a fingerprinting form and instructions
 mailed to you prior to the meeting so
 you can get that part out of the way.
 Please feel free to call if you have any
 questions or need directions to the 4-H
 Office.

1. Submit to your club leader a
 completed Volunteer Application
 (available online at
<http://www.ca4h.org/>)
2. Attend one orientation (see below
 for dates and times).
3. Submit fingerprints via livescan
 to Dept. of Justice and receive
 clearance on them.
4. Be appointed as a certified leader
 by our county director.

2009 Citizenship Focus Program

California Focus – 6/26-6/30/09

Teens \$495

Adults 590.00

<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>

Apply by January 16 online or by mail by January 5. \$150
 Deposit due immediately, balance paid by 3-31-09.

Washington Focus – June and July 2009

Please check
 online for more information. Online registration due by
 November 5, 2008. Cost varies from \$1665.00 to \$2250.00
 depending on dates/trip chosen

..<http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/dfocus/>

Financial assistance (based on need) is available for both
 programs. Please call the 4-H Office or check on line for more
 information.

Community Service Opportunity

Military Mail! <http://www.troopfanmail.net/>

Looking for a community service project for your club? Think
 about sending a card or a letter to a serviceman or
 servicewoman. The holidays are coming soon and these people
 are far away from home, friends and family and that can be a
 very lonely time.

If you are interested in more information, the 4-H Office has a
 booklet of guidelines and instructions on how to prepare the
 mail to be sent overseas. Please call Georgetta for a copy of
 the brochure or go on line to the website.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards!

<http://www.prudential.com/spirit>

Eligibility: In grade 5–12 as of the last weekday in October
 2008. Engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least
 partly during the 12 months prior to the date of application.

Local Honorees receive a Certificate of Achievement. Those
 who qualify (50 hours of service for age 14 and younger, 100
 hours for those older) also receive the President's Volunteer
 Service Award.

State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved
 silver medallion, and an all-expenses-paid trip with a parent or
 guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.

National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an
 engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or
 organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential
 Foundation for a nonprofit, charitable organization of their
 choice.

Please contact the 4-H Office if you need more information.

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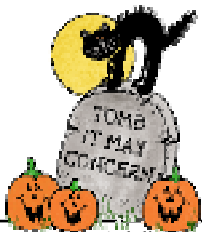
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Penalty for Private Use \$300



OCTOBER



4-H Calendar

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

- 10/1 Additional \$10 late fee assessed for enrollments
- 10/1 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 10/2 New 4-H Leader Orientation at the 4-H Office 6-9pm
- 10/3-5 California 4-H WHEP Training 2008 @ Walker Creek Ranch
- 10/4 UC Davis – Avian Science Field Day
<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/Avian/AVSnote608.pdf>
- 10/4-5 Annual Horse Day Symposium @ UC Davis
<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/horseday/2008/>
- 10/5-11 National 4-H Week
- 10/10/08 4-H Achievement Night at LaMariposa School,
Camarillo – 7 to 8:30 p.m. See you there!
- 10/11 4-H Pet Symposium
- 10/15 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 10/18 Channel Island Cavy Breeders Show at Seaside Park
- 10/25 SSFF/National Poultry Show, 4-H Avian Science Bowl,
4-H Showmanship – Ventura Fairgrounds
- 10/31 Dean Memorial 4-H Legacy Funding 2008 Applications
due. <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/funding/index.asp>
- 11/3 Deadline for ALL members enrolling in ANY Market

- Animal or Horse Project
- 11/5 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 11/7-9 State 4-H Leaders' Forum @ Aslomar Conference
Center. <http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slf/>
- 11/8 Errors/omissions contained in Fair Market Animal or
Horse Project applications submitted by 11/3 deadline
must be resolved by this date.
- 11/8 Lancaster Rabbit Show
- 11/8 Bakersfield Poultry Show
- 11/15 SAS PDC 2nd Annual Fur & Feathers Shows, Ventura
Fairgrounds 9am-3pm
- 1/17/09 UCD Goat Day
- 11/19 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 12/3 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 12/6 PDBC Poultry Show in Victorville
- 12/20 Rabbit Show in Santa Barbara
- 1/7 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 1/10 GCPF Poultry Show in Hollister
- 1/14 SAS PDC Meeting @ Camarillo Sizzler 6p.m.
- 1/17 UC Davis Dairy Goat Day

<http://animalscience.ucdavis.edu/events/dairygoatday/2008/>

