



Loma Vista 4-H Club Newsletter

DECEMBER 2018

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Andrew and Ashley Pylar

Upcoming Events:

Loma Vista 4-H December Club Meeting/Annual Holiday Potluck Fundraiser - December 11th 6:30pm at Poinsettia Elementary School.

Loma Vista 4-H January Club Meeting - January 8th 7pm at Poinsettia Elementary School.

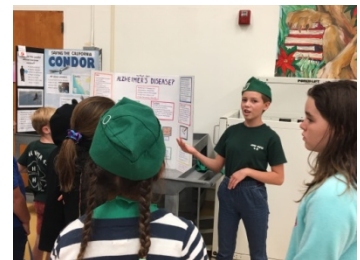
Small Animal Sciences PDC Committee Meeting - January 23rd at UCCE Office in Ventura, California.

Ventura County 4-H County Council Meeting - January 23rd 7:00pm at UCCE Office in Ventura, California.

Club Meeting Recap

November Club Meeting - 4-H Presentations

At the Loma Vista 4-H November Club Meeting on November 13th, everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed learning about 4-H Presentations. The members were taught about presentations through games, team-building activities, and other educational hands-on exercises.



Above: Piper Snowber giving a 4-H Presentation



Above: Livia Vertucci and Adler Striegel teaching others about presentations

One activity that members enjoyed was a team-building exercise that only required Legos. The members participating in the activity had to build various structures with the Legos with the other members in their team, and they then had to present what they built to all of the other teams. This activity taught the members how to work in a team, as well as how to communicate to individuals or a group. Everyone had a great

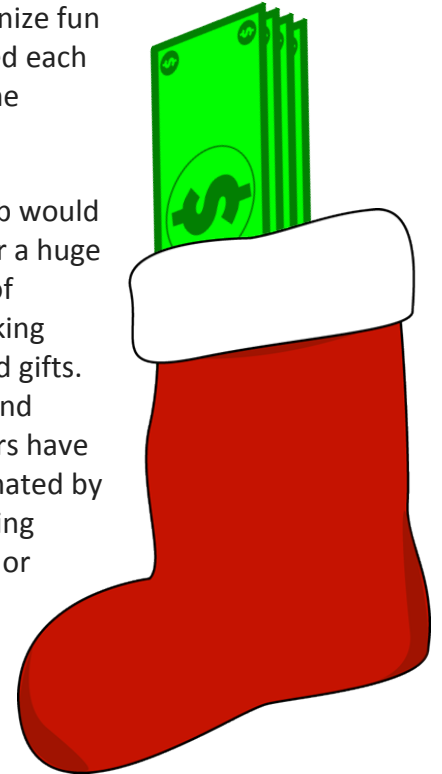
For more information about 4-H Presentations, click [here](#)

time and members learned to improve their communication skills.

Annual Holiday Potluck Fundraiser - Update

Every year the Loma Vista 4-H Club holds its Annual Holiday Potluck Fundraiser. Club's members, families and friends gather to build community and raise money so that we can continue to organize fun programs and fund our club scholarship. We need each and every member of the club to contribute to the fundraiser to make it a success.

There are two things that the Loma Vista 4-H Club would like members to do to make this year's fundraiser a huge success. First, come to the fundraiser with lots of money to spend. Project leaders have been working with their members to make wonderful crafts and gifts. 4-H'ers look forward to sharing their hard work and creativity with family and friends. The club officers have been working hard collecting gift certificates donated by local businesses, creating gift baskets and gathering amazing donations that you will love for yourself or maybe they will make memorable gifts for loved ones this holiday season. 100% of all financial proceeds made at this fundraiser will go to the Loma Vista 4-H Club.



The second thing that we need club members to do is contribute to the potluck. Please make sure that your dish serves 8-10 people. In order to insure we don't only have dessert to eat we have divided by letter what type of dish we would like your family to bring. The letters represent the first letter of the 4-H member's last name.

Last Names A-G - Side Dish

Last Names H-Q - Main Dish

Last Names R-Z - Desserts

Your contribution and participation in this year's fundraiser is greatly appreciated, we are looking forward to an evening filled with great food and fun. Please invite your friends and family and thank you again for your contribution to Loma Vista 4-H!

**Don't Miss
the Next
Club Meeting**

*December
11th*

*7:00 PM at
Poinsettia
Elementary
School.*

*Join us so we
can all
celebrate the
holidays
together while
making
money for the
club!*

2018 Rock/Paper/Scissors Holiday Event

By Livia Vertucci

On Saturday, November 17th at 9 am, the second annual craft making event was held at Hansen Agriculture Research Extension Center in Santa Paula. Members spent the morning making high-quality crafts to give as gifts or to keep. Members made lavender bath salts, a candle in a beautiful jar, gift wrapped chocolates and a gift bag, a hand-painted twinkle light bottle, potpourri in a vase, calico bean soup mix, a keychain or necklace, and soap. Gift wrap was available to wrap crafts.



Above: Livia Vertucci painting a bottle



Above: Sloan Lees crafting a holiday bag

Gift wrap was available to wrap crafts.

In addition to the crafts, members brought lunch and ate together, picnic-style, on the benches next to the farmhouse. Members also got to pick persimmons and cherry tomatoes if they wanted. The day was great fun for members of all ages. A big thanks to all of the volunteers, from Loma Vista 4-H club and from the other clubs in the county, who made this fun day possible!

Community Service

December - Be a Bell Ringer for Salvation Army

By Amelia Archer, Community Service Officer

Community Service project for December is to volunteer as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army on Saturday December 15th 10-4pm outside the Vons on Telegraph and Victoria in Ventura. Time slots are 1 hour long and we need two 4-H members per shift. Look for the Signup Genius in your in-box or sign up at the December Club meeting. What a great way to help out this Holiday Season!

Link to California
4-H Record Book
Forms for
Junior,
Intermediate,
and Senior
Members
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218973.doc>

Link to
Leadership
Development
Report
<http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220273.docx>

Project Spotlight:

*Coming soon:
Spring 2019.
Join us for our
Annual Small
Animal Field
Day Event.
There will be
dog training,
a dog
knowledge
bowl, and
other fun
events with
small animals*

Project Spotlight: Dog Care and Obedience Project

*By Allen Lane,
Dog Care and Obedience Project Teen Leader*

My name is Allen Lane and I have been in 4-H dog projects for 3 years. This year I'm the teen leader for the project. Our dog Pepper is not very smart but has learned a lot of tricks over the years in the 4-H Dog Project nonetheless. We know that she is not very smart because we did intelligence testing last year as a project exercise. We found out that she has poor short-term memory. Being part of the Dog Project also means you can compete in fun events at Small Animal Field Day in the Spring.



Above: Allen Lane training his dog Pepper

This year we hired Amy of Dogmotion to give her course at a greatly reduced cost. Amy was highly recommended on NextDoor. She believes in force-free, science-based dog training and care. You will learn to understand normal animal behavior and gain the tools to be able to communicate clearly with your dog. Amy will provide handouts and supplies.

This class focuses on training foundation skills such as sit, down, automatic eye contact, loose leash walking, leave-it, drop-it, wait, and more. Common behavior problems, management and solutions are covered. The goal is to have fun learning with your dog while improving the communication, understanding and bond between you.

Amy wants dogs to be 19 weeks and older and up-to-date with shots and accepting of other dogs. members age 10+ unless accompanied by parent. This training is sequential – that means you can't miss a meeting or your dog will be behind.

Meetings will be held on Sundays at 11a.m. at the Lane's house in East Ventura. Duration about 1 hour and \$45 fee for class sequence due at first training meeting in Feb. There is a limited number of dogs and we're almost full.

For more information about the projects the club offers, go to:
<http://www.lomavista4h.com/projects/>

Schedule (subject to change):
12/09 Holiday Auction Project(no dogs)
02/03 Owner Training Meeting (no dogs)
(skipped holiday weekends 2/10 & 2/17)
02/24 Dog Training
03/03, 03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 4/7 Dog Training

Adult Project Leader

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310-819-7372 cell

November Service Project Recap - Crops and Critters

By Ashley Pylar

On November 16, the Loma Vista 4-H Club had a fun and educational community service event for its members. The main idea for the event was to learn to take care of farm animals and socialize animals in need of new loving homes. The event was named Crops and Critters. Crops and Critters was held at Beverlee McGrath's Ranch in Oxnard. These animals were from local animal rescue groups, and animal shelters in Ventura County. Some adoption services represented included the Ventura County Humane Society, Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue, and the Ventura County Animal Services.



Above: Charlie Skeath Socializing a dairy goat at the 4-H Crops and Critters Event

The club had a total of 7 members come to the event. The members were there for a total of two hours, and they helped with various tasks while they were there. Some of these tasks were petting the animals to get them



Above: Attendees of the 4-H Crops and Critters Event, left to right, Alexis Archer, Charlie Skeath, Brenna Caron, Natalie Breehl, and Amelia Archer

accustomed to people, cleaning their cages, and feeding them snacks. There were many different types of animals at the event. A few of the different species of animals at the event were alpacas, rabbits, hogs, mules, horses, and goats. In addition to everything else the group learned at the event, they also were educated on something

else. They found out more information about an endangered species called the black belly sheep that is moving closer to extinction at an alarming rate.

Loma Vista 4-H Club Officers

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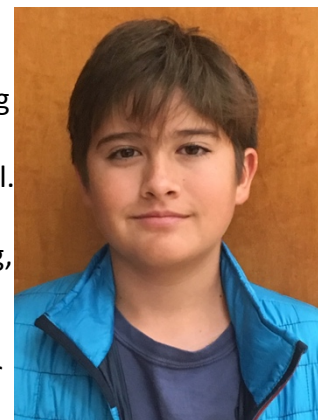
They also learned that the black belly sheep is originally from South America, and the 4-H kids were also given information on how to help this endangered species. Overall, the event was a success, and everyone had a great time.

Club Officers' Corner

In the Club Officers' Corner you can get to know what our Club Officers do, as well as get to know more about them. Enjoy learning about our club's officers with the articles below!

Lucas Malone - Webmaster

The Webmaster is responsible for updating the club website, adding helpful links to the website, and updating the club Facebook page. Our club's Webmaster is Lucas Malone. Lucas is an 8th grader at Anacapa Middle School. He has been in 4-H for 3 years, and his favorite project has been Archery. Outside of 4-H he also does swimming, cross country and plays baseball. Lucas enjoys playing basson saxophone, keyboard, and computer games. He is hoping to pursue a career as a nature photographer or a lawyer.



Amelia Archer - Community Service Officer

The Community Service Officer is responsible for deciding the club's monthly community service project, coordinating the projects, announcing information about the projects at club meetings, and help to lead the projects themselves. Our club's Community Service Officer is Amelia Archer. Amelia is a 6th grader at Balboa Middle School. She has been in 4-H for 2 years, and her favorite project has been photography. Outside of 4-H she also is part of her school's Humane Society Club. Amelia enjoys drawing and reading. She is hoping to pursue a career as a lawyer.



4-H Members Volunteer at Local Dog Show

*By Reyna Lane,
Ring Steward Dog Show Volunteer*

Sometimes community service work can be fun, and this weekend it was. My brother Allen Lane and I volunteered at a dog agility show this Sunday (11/25) in Moorpark and I had a blast! I loved seeing the dogs race through the course, and some of them were blindingly fast. There were all



Above: Allen Lane resetting agility jump at the dog show

If you want to submit an article to the newsletter, then you can send it to:

newsletter@lomavista4h.com

We'll gladly take any articles you write about your 4-H experience, and don't forget, it counts as a Communication point in your Record Book!

sizes and breeds of dogs at the competition, from border collies to short-



Above: Agility Dog, "Gabriel"

legged corgis. The course was adjusted for the height measured at the shoulder. The dogs go around two obstacle courses, one with mostly hurdles and tunnels and another with ramps and hoops. If a dog knocks over a hurdle, or the timer runs out, the dog will be disqualified.

Luckily, all the dogs did pretty well and there weren't many disqualifications. There was a problem when one of the dogs peed in a tunnel. The tunnel had to be thoroughly cleaned so it wouldn't be a distraction.

The dogs seemed happy to be there and excited to have their chance to compete. The trainers were extremely nice and educated us about how to conduct ourselves around the dogs. There were also some expensive puppies to pet, King Charles Cavalier Spaniels at \$4500. They were very soft, and super friendly. I had an excellent time volunteering, and I'm going back to work at another show held on Dec. 8th and 9th at Camino Real Park in Ventura. If you're interested in helping, contact Volunteer Organizer Ashley Pylar at pylar@mac.com



Above: Australian Shepherd dog competing in dog agility at the dog show



Left: Loma Vista 4-H members volunteering at the agility dog show, left to right, Elizabeth Hofer, Ashley Pylar, Allen Lane, Reyna Lane

[Learn About 4-H History of the California 4-H Program](#)

By Ashley Pylar

The 4-H Program has been serving America's youth for over a century. 4-H was one of the first organizations for youth in the United States. It officially began in 1902 at a University in Ohio. A man named A. B. Graham started the 4-H Program. It quickly spread across America, and eventually came to California. As early as 1912, the



Above: A 4-H member showing his lamb in the 1920's.

For more information on the History of the California 4-H Program, feel free to check out this interesting link: [Learn more about the history of the California 4-H Program](#)

University of California was encouraging these new formations of clubs that had boys and girls that learned about agriculture. By 1914, 84 clubs were recognized in the state of California. Ventura County also joined the program that year.

The clubs also began to offer more projects at this time. The goal of these clubs was not only to educate youth in agriculture, but to influence the practices of adult farmers and homemakers through the projects. Each club sponsored contests in animal or crop production, with members keeping very detailed records and competing to make the largest profit in the entire club.



Above: 4-H members reciting the 4-H Pledge at a club meeting in the early 1980's

In the year of 1915, the California 4-H Program began having events where different clubs would compete against each other with contests to have the largest profit in animal or crop production in the entire county. The 4-H Program kept on growing in California, and by 1917, there was 2,716 members in 208 clubs. The clubs and counties were still holding the contests. The prize for being a contest winner was usually a free trip to Berkeley or the University of CA.

4-H kept growing in California and had more than 5,000 youth enrolled in the program by the mid 1920's. 4-H was becoming more established, and Otis Hall of Kansas State College of Agriculture felt the program needed a pledge, or a promise that they would recite, so he decided to write a pledge for them.

In June of 1927, the 4-H Program officially adopted Hall's Pledge at the first National 4-H Camp. Since June of 1927, the 4-H Pledge has remained the same with the exception of one minor change. At the National 4-H Camp of 1973, attendees decided to add "my world" to the end of the pledge. This was the only addition ever made to the pledge.



Above: 4-H members showing their rabbits at the 2013 Yolo County Fair

During the 1960's the thriving 4-H Program began to have a sudden loss in membership. The reason for this is the fact that several people were moving to the city, and they could not raise farm animals or grow crops. The national leaders of the 4-H Program decided that it would be in the best

If you have any questions about this month's Healthy Living Challenge, please feel free to contact the club's Healthy Living Officer Piper Snowber at piper.snowber@gmail.com

interest of the program to broaden their horizons and expand to other areas. This decision proved to be helpful, and it potentially saved the entire organization.

Today, after more than 100 years strong, 4-H offers opportunities in communications, leadership, career development, livestock, home improvement, and computer technology to 7 million American youth. Programs are found in rural and urban areas throughout the country and similar programs around the world. The 4-H Program is still continuing to form the future leaders of America today, and they hope to do so for many more years to come.

Healthy Living Challenge December's Challenge

By Piper Snowber, Healthy Living Officer

Hello, I'm Piper and I am your Healthy Living Officer. My job is to set goals/challenges at each meeting for you guys to accomplish to help you become healthier. This month, the goal/challenge is to try to get some form of exercise three times a week. This can mean going to the park and walking around, it can mean going on a run, take the stairs instead of the elevator, maybe try riding your bike to the store, or even going to the mall and walking around. It can be anything! Getting exercise on a daily basis is very important to staying healthy and fit. Exercising even releases endorphins, a hormone in your brain that makes you feel happy and energized. Trust me, I know it can be hard to find the motivation to get out and go for a run so try listening to music or doing it with friends for a more enjoyable experience! You got this!

I pledge...

my *head* to clearer thinking,
my *heart* to greater loyalty,
my *hands* to larger service, and
my *health* to better living for
my *club*, my *community*,
my *country*, and my *world*.

