



Loma Vista 4-H Club Newsletter

APRIL 2019

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APRIL News

Andrew and Ashley Pylar

Upcoming Events:

Loma Vista 4-H April Club Meeting - April 9th at Poinsettia Elementary School.

2019 Santa Barbara Fair and Expo - April 24th-28th at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, California.

Southern Area Field Day - May 4th at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, California

Ventura County 4-H Small and Large Animal Field Day - May 11th at the Santa Rosa Valley Clubhouse in Camarillo, California

Loma Vista 4-H May Club Meeting - May 14th at Poinsettia Elementary School.

California State 4-H Field Day - June 1st at University of California (UC) Davis in Davis, California.

Club Meeting Recap

March Club Meeting - Annual STEM Program (Architecture)

All of the 4-H Members had a great time at the Loma Vista 4-H March Club Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th. Architect Michael Striegel (Adler Striegel's dad) of Striegel-Agacki Studio came to teach and share his passion for architecture. Mr. Striegel and his partner Joel Agacki have been friends since being in the graduate school of Columbia University, and both of them were senior project managers for many projects prior to forming Striegel-Agacki Studio. Striegel-Agacki Studio has done projects in Milwaukee, Oakland, Malibu, Los Angeles, Studio City, and



Above: Michael Striegel (center) helping Rachel Lipscomb (left) and Olivia Blomquist (right) with "the Marshmallow Challenge"

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

April 9th

*7:00 PM at
Poinsettia
Elementary
School.*

*Join us for
our April
Club
Meeting.
We will be
having a
healthy
living night.
Come and
learn more
about
healthy
living habits
with our
club officers!*

several other cities. For more information about Striegel-Agacki Studio, please feel free to visit their website at the following link: <http://www.sa-studio.com/>

At the meeting, Mr. Striegel gave a brief talk discussing why he decided to go into architecture, and how Striegel-Agacki Studio was formed. He then gave a presentation about the history of architecture, famous works of architecture, and certain projects that Mr. Agacki and he had been a part of. Once Mr. Striegel finished his presentation, all of the members got to try being architects themselves by completing "the marshmallow challenge". This is where a team of four or five members are given a roll of tape, a few uncooked sticks of pasta, and a marshmallow. The goal of this activity is to have the marshmallow at the top of the tower, and to have the highest tower of all of the groups without letting the marshmallow fall.

The marshmallow challenge builds teamwork skills for the members, and allows them to learn more about STEM at the same time. In summary, all of the members learned a lot about the field of architecture and other jobs in the STEM Field, and everyone had lots of fun.

Loma Vista 4-H Members Shine at VC 4-H Presentation Day

By Ashley Pylar

On the morning of Saturday, March 23rd, 36 Ventura County 4-H members gathered at the University of California Hansen Agricultural Resource and Extension Center (UCHAREC). Nine of the 36 members were with the Loma Vista 4-H Club. Members were also represented from the Conejo/Simi Valley, Santa Rosa Valley (SRV), and Mupu 4-H Clubs. These members were here to



Above (from left to right): Ashley Pylar (Loma Vista), Rachel Lipsomb (Loma Vista), Shelby Wright (Somis), and Nadja Klem (Santa Rosa)

attend the Annual 2019 Ventura County 4-H Presentation Day Event. All of these members have spent many hours preparing for this event, and were very excited to now finally go through with their presentations and interviews. However, the members were also somewhat nervous to present themselves in front of their evaluators. All of the presenters were wondering if they had prepared themselves enough for this very morning.

The event began at 9:00 a.m. with an orientation briefing presenters as to what to expect throughout the day. Once orientation concluded, all of the presenters went their own separate ways to complete all of their presentations and interviews. It was up to each presenter to determine their individual schedules. Members presented presentations in the following

For more information about 4-H Presentations, visit the California 4-H Presentation Manual at the following link:
<http://www.ca4h.org/files/2193.pdf>

categories: Illustrated Talk, Demonstration, Science/Engineering Presentation, Education Display Talk, Interpretive Reading, Share the 4-H Fun Skits, and Cultural Arts.

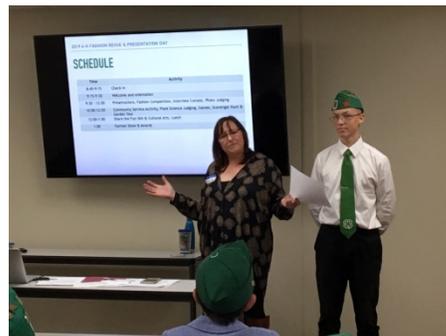
The most common category that members competed in was the Illustrated Talk category. Several members also competed in the Interview Contest. This contest provides job descriptions, and each member competing creates a resume and cover letter matching their chosen job description for their age. They then bring their resume and cover letter with them to the interview, and practice their interviewing skills.

Presenters that felt very confident with their presenting skills took part in the Impromptu Speech Category. Many presentation evaluators consider this to be the hardest 4-H presentation category. To start, members are given a topic to present about. They then have 3 minutes to prepare an entire presentation with an introduction, body, summary, and conclusion. The presenters must also cite their sources. To help them gather their thoughts, members are given a pencil and 5" x 7" flashcard. Once the 3 minutes are up, the presenter must stop writing, and give their presentation (their presentation must be 2-5 minutes in length).



Above: Adler Striegel from Loma Vista 4-H (left) and Anna Sorensen from Conejo/Simi Valley 4-H (right) dressed up for the Interview Contest

Once most of the presentations were over, everyone ate their lunch, and watched the final two presentations of the day. The first presentation was an enjoyable Share the 4-H Fun Skit. About a dozen members of the Mupu 4-H club dressed up in their costumes, and delivered a fun and humorous skit. The final presentation for the day was the only Cultural Arts Presentation for all of Ventura County 4-H, and was presented by Ashley Pylar of the Loma Vista 4-H Club. She talked about Yanni, who is one of her favorite piano composers, and then played an excerpt of "One Man's Dream".



Above: Melissa Lalum and Andrew Pylar from Loma Vista 4-H at the orientation

After the Cultural Arts Presentation was over, it was then time to announce the awards. Everyone from the Loma Vista 4-H Club did very well that day, but three of the nine Loma Vista 4-H members had a different perspective of the entire event. Alexander Blomquist, Rachel Lipscomb, and Matthew Ziegler were all first time presenters.

For more information about the 4-H Interview Contest, visit the link for the California 4-H Interview Contest at: <http://www.ca4h.org/files/51307.pdf>

Alexander participated in the Fashion Review, and presented a Science/Engineering Presentation. Rachel Lipscomb submitted photos in the photo contest, participated in Fashion Review, presented an Illustrated Talk (Digital Slides) about why beagles make great pets for families, and applied for the position of Smoothie Maker with Smooth Fruit Shack in the Interview Contest. Matthew Ziegler presented an Interpretive Reading Presentation, participated in the Plant Science Judging Competition, and applied for position of Movie Clerk with Reel Theaters in the Interview Contest. All three of the first-time Loma Vista 4-H presenters did a phenomenal job at their first 4-H Presentation Day, and all three of them will excel with 4-H presentations for several years into the future.

After the awards ceremony had concluded, a generous group of 4-H'ers stayed late to assist with the event's necessary cleanup. Everyone presenting at the event worked really hard to prepare their presentations and interviews, and were rewarded with receiving red seals, blue seals, and gold medals. Participating in 4-H presentations and interviews may seem quite daunting, but anyone can do it who puts their mind to it. Even though presenting a 4-H presentation or interview seems really scary, it is a lot of fun once you are doing it. If you did not participate in this year's Ventura County 4-H Presentation Day Event, I strongly encourage you to participate in next year's event in 2020. In summary, the members got to strengthen their presenting and interviewing skills, and everyone had a wonderful time.



Above (from left to right): Andrew Pyle, Rachel Lipscomb, and Ashley Pyer from Loma Vista 4-H at Presentation Day

Loma Vista 4-H Members Excel at VC 4-H Fashion Review

By Livia and Adeline Vertucci



Above: Livia Vertucci posing at Fashion Review

"Fashion My Way" was the theme for the 2019 Ventura County 4-H Fashion Revue Event held at University of California Hansen Agricultural Research Extension Center (UCHAREC) in Santa Paula on Saturday, March 23rd. It was a beautiful day at the farm!

Ten 4-H members from two clubs, Conejo/Simi Valley and Loma Vista, were judged by two community members, a teacher and an artist, who are also seamstresses. Participants were evaluated on their self esteem, poise, posture,

*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>

personal presentation, grooming, verbal communication, and interaction with their evaluators. On their garment, they were judged on choice of style, fit, workmanship as it relates to outside appearance, and how the whole look was coordinated.

This year's categories included: Traditional, where participants construct any type of garment; The Box Challenge, where participants create a garment that contains 3 colors – red, white, and blue and an extra component, such as a zipper, buttons, or trim; Retro/Historical Challenge, where participants create a garment that is inspired by or looks like an old design, from before the year 2000, using new fabric and notions; and the Consumer Science Purchased, \$40.00 Limit, where participants shop for an entire outfit with the total cost not to exceed \$40.00, including shoes but not sales tax.



Above: Olivia Blomquist posing at Fashion Review

The following awards were earned by participants:

Senior Division, Traditional: Adler Striegel (Loma Vista 4-H), Gold Medalist and County Winner

Senior Division, Retro/Historical Challenge: Livia Vertucci (Loma Vista 4-H), Gold Medalist and County Winner

Intermediate Division, Box Challenge: Adeline Vertucci (Loma Vista 4-H), Gold Medalist and County Winner

Intermediate Division, Traditional: Alexander Blomquist (Loma Vista 4-H), Gold Medalist and County Winner

Intermediate Division, Traditional: Olivia Blomquist (Loma Vista 4-H), Blue Ribbon



Above: Mathew Ziegler escorting Adeline Vertucci during the Fashion Show

Intermediate Division, Traditional: Malia Maldonado (Loma Vista 4-H), Blue Ribbon

Intermediate Division, Consumer Science Purchased: Rachel Lipscomb (Loma Vista 4-H), Blue Ribbon

Intermediate Division, Consumer Science Purchased: Irelyn Kennedy (Conejo/Simi Valley 4-H), Gold Medalist and County Winner

Junior Division, Traditional: Rossilyn "Rossi" Buchanan (Loma Vista 4-H), Blue Ribbon

Junior Division, Traditional: Chloe Pickett (Loma Vista 4-H), Blue Ribbon

Participants showed off their creations to family and friends in the pre-awards ceremony fashion show, where they were escorted to the gazebo stage by 4-H

For more information about Dr. Mike and his veterinary clinic, check out this link: <http://www.hgae.com/dr-michael-giacopuzzi>

members Sammy Belik (Conejo/Simi Valley 4-H), Andrew Pylar (Loma Vista 4-H), Kelly Quinn (Loma Vista 4-H), and Matthew Ziegler (Loma Vista 4-H). The day ended with everyone enjoying delicious chocolate cake.

Community Service

April - Birthday In A Bag Donations

By Amelia Archer, Community Service Officer

My Community Service project for April/May will be birthday in-a-bag. Birthday in-a-bag is party supplies that are collected that will be donated to foster children. For example, balloons, banners, confetti, party hats and more. The donations will go to Casa Pacifica. These kids cannot afford party supplies, and therefore will do nothing for their birthday, but if we donate supplies, these kids could decorate their rooms, and do something special for their birthday. Let's make another child's birthday super special! Please bring gift bags and supplies to the May Club Meeting on Tuesday, May 14th. This community service project will be announced at the next club meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. We would be thrilled if each member brought one bag. Thank you for your cooperation!

Local Ventura County Vet Dr. Mike Attracts Huge Crowd

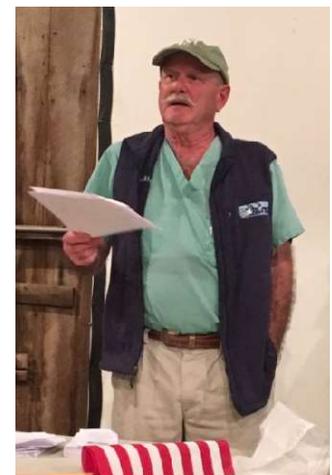
By Ashley Pylar

On Wednesday, March 13th, Dr. Michael Giacopuzzi, DVM (nicknamed Dr. Mike), gave a speech from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to Ventura County 4-H'ers. Dr. Mike was born in 1951, and has been serving Ventura County pet owners for over 25 years as the owner of Humphrey, Giacopuzzi & Associates Equine Hospital, and has been the head veterinarian for the Ventura County Fair.

The Briggs, Loma Vista, Conejo/Simi Valley, Santa Rosa Valley (SRV), Somis, Mupu, Sespe, and Chief Peak 4-H Clubs all had club members and leaders present at the event. This event was hosted by the Large Livestock Planning Development Committee (members and leaders from the Briggs and Loma Vista 4-H Clubs).

Dr. Mike and three other people from his veterinary clinic came to speak about what being in the veterinary medicine field has meant to them, how to ensure that your large animal is ready for the 2019 Ventura County Fair in August, the rules and procedures for their clinic, and how they have helped local 4-H, FFA (Future Farmers of America), and Grange Youth Clubs over the years.

The veterinary team spoke at the University of California Hansen Agricultural Resource and Extension Center (UCHARC) at 287 South Briggs Road in Santa



Above: Dr. Mike giving his speech

Paula, CA 93060. The team gave their presentation in the Large Barn. Many 4-H members and leaders were eager to see the presentation. There were approximately 115 4-H members and leaders present at the event to catch a glimpse of the iconic Dr. Mike. There were so many people in attendance, the room ran out of chairs, so there was only standing room available at the end of the evening.

Everyone who attended the event immensely appreciates that Dr. Mike and his staff took the time from their busy schedules to come out to educate the 4-H youth about large livestock care, and veterinary medicine. The time and effort that the Large Livestock Planning Development Committee put in to organize and host this event is also very much appreciated. Last but not least, the event would have not have been a success without Mrs. Virginia H. Reyes (the Briggs 4-H Club Co-Leader, and the PDC Chair for the Large Livestock Planning Development Committee). The event was an enjoyable and educational experience for all those who attended.

Project Spotlight:

For more information about the projects that our club offers, visit the following link:

<http://www.lomavista4h.com/projects/>

Project Spotlight:

Archery Project

*By Becky Briggs,
Archery Project Leader*

Archery is a sport that has been around for ages. Recently, books and movies have boosted its popularity among youth and adults alike. You may have been wondering what it's like to be in archery. Many kids and teens have tried it out and learned how much fun it can be to hit your targets.

In Loma Vista 4-H, we learn a little history, a lot of safety and rules, and plenty of practice on our technique. Each of these things help us become better



Above: Andrew and Ashley Pyler participating in the Archery Project

archers. Our meetings are held outside, so we have to work with the wind and sun. Sometimes it can be very difficult to hit your mark when it is windy, or the sun is in your eyes. This sport requires a lot of concentration and adjustment. The ability to control your movements and breathing are essential for consistency. After an afternoon practicing, it is very rewarding to see your progress. It's also nice to try

to improve your skills while enjoying the sunshine outside!

Loma Vista 4-H Club Officers

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Livia Vertucci

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Sergeant at

Arms: Olivia

Blomquist

Supplies:

Adeline Vertucci

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!

Olivia Blomquist - Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms creates and implements the monthly guessing jar at club meetings, announces the guessing jar winner at each club meeting, leads the entire club in the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge at the beginning of each club meeting, and keeps order during club and board meetings. Our club's Sergeant-at-Arms is Olivia Blomquist. Olivia is a 6th grader at Cabrillo Middle School. She has been in 4-H for 2 years, and her favorite projects have been Sewing and Cooking. Outside of 4-H, she is part of a Robotics FLL Team that recently went to championship. Olivia enjoys playing with her dogs Valentino and Teddy, playing football with her dad, dancing, and singing. She is a twin, and bilingual in Italian. She is hoping to pursue a career as a doctor or a veterinarian.



Adeline Vertucci - Supply Officer

The Supply Officer takes orders and handles sales for all 4-H uniform pieces such as shirts, hats, ties, and scarves. Our club's Supply Officer is Adeline Vertucci. Adeline is a 5th grader at Will Rogers Elementary School. She has been in 4-H for 4 years, and her favorite project has been Roots and Shoots. Outside of 4-H, she is involved with tennis and music. Adeline enjoys hanging out with friends, playing tennis, and practicing music. She is hoping to pursue a career as an engineer.



Loma Vista 4-H Members Clean Up Local Beach

On Saturday, March 9th, three members of the Loma Vista 4-H Club went to a beach cleanup event sponsored by the Ventura Suburban Kiwanis Club. The event was held at Marina Beach (near the Ventura Harbor and Marina Park). Attendees of the event were Ashley Pylar, Amelia Archer, and Alexis "Lexi" Archer. The event's attendees were at the event for a total of 2 hours, and put forth a strong effort to clean up the trash on the beach. The group helped their local community while having a great time.

If you want to pursue the California 4-H Diamond Clover Award, talk to our club leader Julie Salomonson to start your journey.

Learn About 4-H **California 4-H Diamond Clover Award**

By Ashley Pylar

Most people in the United States have heard of the prestigious award of Eagle Scout (the highest award obtainable in the Boy Scouts of America), but most people have not heard of the California 4-H Program's Diamond Clover Award. The Diamond Clover is the highest award a 4-H member can earn in the California 4-H program. It is higher than all of the 4-H Record Books Star Awards (the highest awards possible at the club level), and the 4-H Emerald Star Award (the highest award at the county level).



In order to earn the Diamond Clover, the member must complete several hard requirements. To earn the Diamond Clover, the applicant must complete 13 requirements; 7 mandatory and 6 individualized (optional).

The following requirements are the 7 mandatory requirements for the Diamond Clover:

1. Completed at least 5 years as a California 4-H member with at least 3 as a senior member
2. Currently enrolled in 4-H as a member or an adult volunteer
3. Be at least 17 years old and not older than 25 years old on the date of submission
4. Earned a Gold Medal, as a senior member, at a 4-H area or State Presentation Day
5. Served at least one term as a Club Executive Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Healthy Living Officer)
6. Attended State Leadership Conference or an Area Conference at least once
7. Completed at least 100 hours of community service

The applicant must also choose and complete their 6 individualized requirements. For youth members applying, they have to choose their 6 requirements from a list of 8 requirements. For applicants ages 19-25, a list of 17 requirements is available.

The California 4-H Program Diamond Clover Award was first introduced in the year 2013. Since then, 22 outstanding youth have been recipients of the award. Two of these members were part of Ventura County 4-H. One member earned the award in 2013, and the other member just got the Diamond Clover in 2018. Both of the members were with the Santa Rosa Valley 4-H Club. For more information about the California 4-H Diamond Clover, feel free to visit the following link:

