



# Loma Vista 4-H Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

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## JANUARY News

*Reyna Lane, Communications Officer*

Happy New Year everyone! 2018 is off to a busy start in Ventura County:

- Food Faire 1/27 - Link to Registration and Info: [Food Faire Registration](#)
- County Presentation Day 2/10 - Link to Registration and Info: [Presentation Day Registration](#)
- Interview Contest 2/10 - Link to Registration and Info: [Interview Contest Registration](#)
- Fashion Review – 3/10 9a.m. to 2p.m. Watch your email for more information.

## THOMAS FIRE

The fire affected everyone in Ventura in some way. Some of our members were hit especially hard.

## A Big Thank You From The Blomquists

The Blomquists, like many families, were tragically affected by the fire. They lost their home in Ondulando that they had just moved into in April 2017. The night of December 4<sup>th</sup>, Alexander and Olivia's dad decided to evacuate before the mandatory order went out. The heavy winds, smoke and ash convinced them to grab some clothes and their two poodles and head for a hotel. They learned that the house was destroyed when a neighbor sent a picture in a text message. The family celebrated Christmas in Chicago with family and friends. A rental in Oxnard is home for now. They wish to thank Loma Vista 4-H and all of its members for their generous donations and good wishes.

## The Lane's Story

By Allen Lane

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 is a day I will never forget. It was a fairly normal day at school, then I came home hearing nothing about a fire. Later in the day, I found out that my rat had had 13 babies! I was really excited. Before we went to sleep though, there was a power outage from the high winds. We didn't think much of it, but then we started hearing police sirens outside of our windows and heard a knock on our door. My dad told us to get up and dressed right away and get outside, and we all piled in the cars to leave. I was nervous, and I felt really sick to my stomach. My sister Reyna ended up going to our fellow 4-H member's house, Aurora McLean. The McLean's offered her and our two dogs hospitality for a couple of days while we found a kennel and two hotel rooms. The first night we could only find one hotel room and my 95-year

## MEETING DATES:

*Feb. 13  
March 13  
April 10  
May 8th*

*7:00pm at  
Poinsettia  
Elementary  
School*

old grandma was with us. It was one of the scariest experiences of our lives. My sister moved to the hotel with us, and our dogs stayed at a kennel near the mall. We were evacuated for twelve days total and had to switch hotels twice. We had to buy new clothes and personal items because we didn't have time to pack and were not allowed back to the neighborhood. One of the defining moments was when Reyna and Aurora had to go into Clearpoint while they were only allowing walk-ins to rescue the baby rats with Aurora's dad. Reyna had to wear a mask, and homes were still smoldering. Thankfully, our house was okay with some damage to patios and landscaping, but the houses on either side and behind of us are completely gone.

## PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS PETS PROJECT

By Ashley Pyler, Age 11

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Loma Vista 4-H club held a successful and exciting pet expo for its club members. The exhibitors in this expo were mainly from the club's 4-H Pets Project, but other exhibitors included other Loma Vista members who brought their own pets. Members who were not exhibiting walked around to different tables to learn more about different types of pets. They asked the exhibitors questions about their pets and viewed posters made by the exhibitors about the pets' caretaking.

From mollusks, to insects, to reptiles, it was there. The more common animals at the expo were dogs, cats, rabbits, and caviars. Some of the more unusual pets included: baby rats, garden snails, a scorpion, a bearded dragon, a cockatiel, and a boa constrictor.



*Reyna Lane's pet rat and Aurora McLean's boa.*

The expo was a lot of fun, and I really enjoyed being an exhibitor. The reactions on kids' faces showed how much they were enjoying themselves. Also, the pet expo provided some members the opportunity to display pets not commonly seen as part of a 4-H project.



Allen Lane, Jr. Leader

Here is the link  
to California 4-H  
Record Book  
Forms for  
Junior,  
Intermediate,  
and Senior  
Members  
[http://4h.ucanr.  
edu/files/22027  
3.docx](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220273.docx)

**Presentations and Record books** will meet at 6pm before each of our monthly club meetings during February-May. We will discuss how to enter your participation and achievements into a 4-H record book. Record books allow you to earn star ranks (bronze, silver, gold and platinum). You can win awards for a book too. It is a good way to keep track of your achievements for applying for schools and jobs. Please try to bring what you have started and we will talk about what has occurred so far this year as far as events for the PDR. It's really pretty easy if you keep up with the entries each month.

*Link to  
Leadership  
Development  
Report  
[http://4h.ucanr.  
edu/files/21897  
3.doc](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218973.doc)*

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*.

