



# Loma Vista 4-H Club Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2018

Returning members, welcome back!

Check out some of the fun stuff our 4-H'ers have been up to over the summer

New members, we look forward to seeing you at our first Club Meeting!

## SEPTEMBER News

Andrew & Ashley Pyler

### Upcoming Events: First Club Meeting Sept. 11

Register and sign up for projects (see page 3). We still need project leaders for: Cooking, Primary Arts & Crafts, Citizenship, Money 101, Food Preservation, Baking, Bird Watching, Gardening, and Emergency Prep. and Environment. (Contact Julie Salomonson at: 818-437-1847 or [lomavista4h@gmail.com](mailto:lomavista4h@gmail.com)).

### Loma Vista 4-H Shines at the Ventura County Fair

By Ashley Pyler

Loma Vista 4-H did outstanding at the 143rd Annual 2018 Ventura County Fair. The club was represented in many different projects, such as: Sewing, Photography, Tablesetting, Drawing, Leathercraft, and Baking. Many Blue Ribbons were awarded to members in the club. Some members even got recognitions above Blue Ribbons. Here is a photo gallery of the top winners:



Counterclockwise from bottom right: Best of Show, Sewing (Adler Striegel); Best of Class, Drawing (Allen Lane); Best of Class, Sewing (Adeline Vertucci); Best of Division, Sewing (Livia Vertucci); Best of Class, Leathercraft (Andrew Pyler); Best of Class, Baking (Adeline Vertucci); Blue Ribbon, Tablesetting (Adeline Vertucci and Delilah Word)

## *Loma Vista 4-H Club Officers*

### **President:**

Kai Miyashiro

### **VP Ways and Means:**

Livia Vertucci

### **Treasurer:**

Adler Striegel

### **Secretary:**

Ruby Snowber

### **VP Programs:**

Sean Quinn

Kelly Quinn

### **Webmaster:**

Lucas Malone

### **Communications:**

Ashley Pyler

Andrew Pyler

### **Community Service:**

Amelia Archer

### **Healthy Living:**

Piper Snowber

### **Historian:**

Reyna Lane

Alexander Blomquist

### **Refreshments:**

Allen Lane

### **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!

### **Kai Miyashiro - President**

The President presides over officer and club meetings, communicates with the officers, and prepares meeting agenda with the help of adult leaders. Our club's President is Kai Miyashiro. Kai is a 12th grader at Foothill Technology High School. She has been in 4-H for 9 years, and her favorite projects have been Photography and Archery. She volunteers at the Camarillo animal shelter as well as dances and choreographs for her dance club. Kai enjoys playing the ukulele, doing art, and spending time with her three guinea pigs in her free time. She is hoping to pursue a career in the environmental/wildlife field.



### **Livia Vertucci - VP Ways and Means**

The Vice President Ways and Means plans out holiday and other fundraisers throughout the year, as well as leading meetings in absence of the President. Our club's VP Ways and Means is Livia Vertucci. Livia is an 8th grader at Anacapa Middle School. She has been in 4-H for four years, and her favorite project has been Sewing. She plays the French horn, goes to art museums, and has adventures with her family. Livia enjoys hanging out with her friends, reading, and doing art in her free time. She is hoping to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse.



## **Loma Vista Photo Win at the VC Fair**

*By Reyna Lane*

The 2017-18 year was a good one for the Loma Vista Photography project, and I was glad to call myself a junior leader. We were not only successful at the Santa Barbara Fair & Expo, but also at the Ventura County Fair! Several members entered their photographs in the 4-H Department in the Youth Building, and we all won awards. I personally got three first-place awards, eight second-place awards, and four third-place awards. Here's how other members did ( I counted these while standing in front of the exhibit, so I apologize if I miscounted):

Rachel Lipscomb won two second-place awards and six third-place awards;  
Amelia Archer won one first-place award and two second-place awards;  
Andrew Pyler won three second-place awards and three third-place awards;

**Don't forget  
to sign up  
for our  
amazing  
projects:**

Robotics,  
Sewing, Cake  
Decorating,  
Pets, Leather  
Working,  
Photography,  
Poultry,  
Rabbits,  
Record Books,  
Roots &  
Shoots,  
Archery, Bead  
Art Primary,  
Cavy, Dogs,  
Drawing,  
Hiking,  
Leadership,  
Market Lambs

Rachel and I both entered Kids, Cameras, and Crops, and I won a second-place award and she won a first and second place.

I'm incredibly proud of what we accomplished. My family is leading the project again for 2018-19. We'll meet one Sunday per month, starting in November to make a holiday auction item. We'll skip December and then have meetings in the Spring to take photos for Food Fair, Fashion Revue, and other local events and fairs. I'm excited to see how everyone increases their photography and mounting skills.



*Above: Photo entry by Reyna Lane of her pet rat which placed for a Blue Ribbon; Right: Photo entry by Rachel Lipscomb of a Sorghum Buck Rake which also placed for a Blue Ribbon*



## Project Spotlight

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### **Record Books Project, Your "4-H Experience Scrapbook"**

*By Elaine Pyler,*

*Record Books & Presentation Practice Project Leader*

Record Books – two words that for many 4-H'ers bring up feelings of dread, and for others feelings of fear. Like most things though, we often fear what we don't understand, and getting started can feel overwhelming. Some might not even know what Record Books are. In a nutshell, you can think of a Record Book as a scrapbook or a portfolio of your entire 4-H experience. It documents all your events, projects, and awards (including photos of activities and certificates).

While Record Books are not required to be a part of 4-H, they are a wonderful



Here is the link  
to California 4-H  
Record Book  
Forms for  
Junior,  
Intermediate,  
and Senior  
Members:  
[http://4h.ucanr.  
edu/files/21897  
3.doc](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/218973.doc)

Link to  
Leadership  
Development  
Report:  
[http://4h.ucanr.  
edu/files/22027  
3.docx](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/220273.docx)

way to learn skills in staying organized, documenting, and writing. Also, certain 4-H awards can only be received by submitting Record Books by the end of the 4-H year, and some day you can look back through your Record Book with a sense of pride, remembering all your fun experiences and accomplishments.

Whether you've never done a Record Book before, or just need some help to stay on top of it throughout the year, please consider joining us in the Record Book Project. Though some of the material can be dry and challenging, we will try to make it more manageable and fun with some games and activities (time permitting), and also practice presentations. We will conveniently meet at Poinsettia Elementary School right before the monthly club meeting at 6:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month (starting in October).

### **Loma Vista 4-H'ers have Fun at the Summerfest Dog Show**

*By Alexander Blomquist*

I had a great time volunteering at this year's Summerfest Dog Show 2018. It was really nice to be a help and I had fun with the different jobs I had to do.



*Above: Alexander Blomquist  
at the dog show*

While I was helping, I got to see how talented these dogs really were. This year really had some talented dogs. My sister and I both did different jobs so it was interesting to listen what they did over in the training section. I had fun, so I encourage YOU to come next year and join us at the Summerfest Dog Show.

*By Olivia Blomquist*

I was so amazed and impressed to see all the talented dogs. It was a lot of fun and I got to see different breeds and sizes of dogs from small, medium and large. I got to do a job inside the ring. It was really cool because my brother and I got to do different jobs and we got to hear each other's stories. In the ring, I had to put white gloves down and stand still while the dog owners gave their dogs a command and we watched as the dogs would grab the right glove. It was so cool because all of the dogs got it right in the show. If you like dogs, then this dog show is great for you. P.S. I promise you will have fun!!!!



*Above: Group photo from the dog show  
(from left to right: Ashley Pyler, Anna Sorensen,  
Andrew Pyler, Brett Bowman, Rachel Lipscomb);  
Right: Olivia Blomquist with Newfoundland*



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

*September  
11th*

*7:00 PM at  
Poinsettia  
Elementary  
School.*

## State Field Day and Fashion Review

*By Livia and Adeline Vertucci*

Each year 4-H members from all over California come to Davis to show their garments and give their presentations. This year State Field day was held on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at University of California Davis. The Fashion Revue and presentations were held in Olson Hall from 8am – 12pm. Members have to earn a gold medal at County Fashion Revue to qualify for State Fashion Revue. Members have to earn a gold medal at one of the state area (Southern, Central, Northern, or Bay Coast) presentation days to qualify to give their presentation at State Field day. There were 136 4-H members from 40 counties in California at Fashion Revue.

The focus of Fashion Revue is on showmanship. Showmanship is how you look (are you well-groomed with your hair brushed), how well you show your garment (did you step forward and turn so that the judges can see the back), how well you know about how you made your garment (can you answer questions about how you made the garment), and how well you know about sewing techniques and fabric care.

Members who are in Fashion Revue have to quickly go from the fashion judging area upstairs to the presentation rooms down stairs. Because the time is tight members are allowed to wear their sewn garments during their presentations. Members have to wait in line and go one-by-one to give their presentations. Once they are done they might have to go back upstairs for more judging.

Three 4-H members from Ventura County and two from Loma Vista 4-H went to Fashion Revue. Livia Vertucci, Intermediate, won a gold medal for her houndstooth coat and black and white dress. Adeline Vertucci, Junior, won a top honor Platinum award for her green and orange dress.

The 2019 Fashion Revue information can be found here: [http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H\\_Events/SFD/SFR/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/)

*Far-Right: Livia and Adeline  
showing off their garments  
from 4-H State Fashion  
Review Right: A flyer from  
4-H State Fashion Review*



For more info  
on uniforms,  
check out the  
state website  
at:

[4h.uncar.edu/Resources/MemberResources/Uniform](http://4h.uncar.edu/Resources/MemberResources/Uniform)

## An Introduction to 4-H Uniforms

By Andrew Pyler



*Above: Examples of the  
official 4-H uniform*

The official 4-H uniform and alternate 4-H uniform are available to all members, and although they are not required to participate in the overall 4-H program, they are needed to compete in certain events and competitions. The official uniform consists of four parts:

- 1) A white, buttoned-down short or long sleeved shirt;
- 2) A pair of white, black, or blue pants including jeans (traditionally pants were only white, but now there are more options as white pants can get dirty very easily, particularly while showing animals);
- 3) The 4-H tie or scarf (members may wear either one, whichever they feel more comfortable with); and
- 4) The 4-H hat, where pins and other earned awards may be displayed.

The alternate 4-H uniform consists of any appropriate attire (meeting 4-H clothing regulations) worn with the club t-shirt. For more information about 4-H uniforms, and finding out about purchasing your own uniform you can talk to our club's Supplies Officer, Adeline Vertucci.

## 4-H Summer Camp Seely

By Livia and Adeline Vertucci

Every year in June Los Angeles County 4-H holds a week-long Summer Camp, "Camp Seely," in the San Bernardino mountains. This year, fifteen 4-H members from Ventura County and thirteen Loma Vista 4-H members and three adult volunteers attended the camp. Campers arrived on Sunday afternoon, checked in, and got cabin and team assignments. Campers slept in cabins and were on teams with 4-H'ers from all over the country (some came from other states, like New York!). Attendees were: Adeline, Adler, Angela, Ben, Delilah, Gustavo, Katie, Kelly, Livia, Matthew, Piper, Ruby, and Sean. Adults were: Alicia, Jezebel, and Rachel.

At camp there were tons of fun things to do every day, including hikes, science projects, whittling, tie dyeing shirts, lanyard making, slime, human foosball, swimming at the pool and at a natural swimming hole called Heart Rock, games, performing skits, and a LOT of singing. There were also evening programs like mail call, where campers have to do a challenge to get their mail, campfires, a talent show, and a dance. During the day campers wrote each other notes and each evening 'Abbey and Gabby' (boys dressed up as girls) would read the notes to the entire camp. Campers had to help with each meal by doing 'KP' duty twice during the week. KP means Kitchen Patrol and it is



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

[newsletter@lomavista4h.com](mailto: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!

where campers had to set out all of the utensils and cups, and prepare the eating area and then clean up after meals. At camp we had really delicious food like macaroni and cheese, hamburgers, chicken, sandwiches, and bacon and eggs. Every day at lunch and dinner we had a huge salad bar with tons of things to put on top, like artichoke hearts, cheese, and croutons.

At the end of the camp we did a candle ceremony and enjoyed sitting next to new friends to think about all that we had done. Members who graduated from high school had a good bye ceremony since they can't come back. It was a really fun week and we can't wait to go back next year!

Information about Camp Seely can be found here:

<http://www.4hsummercamp.com/>



Left: Adeline Vertucci and Kelly Quinn having fun at 4-H Summer Camp Seely Above: Group photo of Ventura County 4-H'ers at Camp Seely

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*.

