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LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



## January 2009

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Clover Notes, please don't hesitate to call Roy Hillstock at (323) 260-3854 or email at [rhillstock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rhillstock@ucdavis.edu). We welcome submissions, especially for Club News. Please submit articles by the 15th of the month to be posted in the following months' edition.

We hope you enjoy the new look and format and we look forward to continuing to serve you and your 4-H needs.

Contact the [Los Angeles 4-H Youth Development Office](#) or 323-260-3854. For upcoming dates, please visit the [4-H Calendar](#).

## CLUB

- **Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club**

During the National 4-H week, Club President, Jessica Kwan gave a speech to the board members of the Rolling Hills Estates City Hall. Jessica explained to the board members about the meaning of 4-H. She talked about our new projects, including rocketry and junior master gardening. She also explained how 4-H will help prepare its members for life by making these kids better leaders of tomorrow. Jessica also emphasized how proud she is to be president of this club.

The Mayor, Frank Zerunyan then presented the PVP 4-H club with a proclamation that gets us noted for the club's great service to the community. It was a great way to get noticed by the community and we are glad that we have their support. Jessica Kwan delivered a great speech and our club is proud of the award presented to us.



(left to right): Frank Zerunyan (Mayor), Jessica Kwan (President), Stephanie Kwan (Vice-President), Benison Waung (Corresponding Secretary of Clover Notes), and Hayden Hinsch (Corresponding Secretary of Thank-You Notes)

By Benison Waung, Corresponding Secretary of Clover Notes

- **San Fernando Valley 4-H Club Recruitment Event**

Emily Mountford

The new **San Fernando Valley 4-H Club** (formerly Country Bumpkins) started ramping up their membership numbers in September by sponsoring a booth at a local park on a Saturday afternoon. Fliers were distributed to school children from 7 different schools and our club committee planned activities and treats for kids while their parents got information about joining. The response was wonderful. Over 30 kids responded that day and more have responded since then. Several have already registered and more have been checking out club and project meetings. We're excited to be expanding 4-H in the Valley again!

- **Quartz Hill 4-H Club** - Members of the Quartz Hill 4-H club donated a Christmas Wreath to and caroled for the elderly at Mayflower Gardens Convalescent Home on Saturday, December 20. The 4-H'ers sang Christmas Carols to the residence for about 30 minutes. After singing, they handed out warm socks to the audience and all the other members of the home that were not able to attend.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!!!!

By Bethany McKim, Quartz Hill 4-H Reporter

- **Welcome New Project Leaders!**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

Learning-by-doing is a basic philosophy of 4-H, and the 4-H Project is considered a major cornerstone. We are pleased to introduce some new Project Leaders. **Palos Verdes Peninsula 4-H Club (PVP)** is proud to have eight-year PVP veteran, past President and college student, **Kelley Malone**, as the new leader of a Beginning 4-H Project for 22 club members.

**Morgan Link** has been a member of PVP for 10 years. He is also the grandson of long-time leader Betty Corsaro, and son of past President and sewing leader Kitty Corsaro. Wow, three generations! Morgan will be leading a Clothing & Textiles Project (Heritage Arts).

Also joining the PVP Team is **Barbara Yost**, who will be Project Leader for Martial Arts, and her daughter **Amanda** is a Junior Leader.

**Eagle Rock/Highland Park 4-H Club** would like to welcome **Misty Iwatsu**, who will be leading the Food Project. The youth in Eagle Rock are ready to create some tasty treats with the help of Misty.

**Diana Kaljumagi** will be joining in the fun at the **Pomona Valley 4-H Club**, starting new and innovative projects such as the Solar Project. She will also be leading Vegetable Gardens and Plants as well as Embroidering. Diana's husband is a previous Gold-Star recipient, and her 4-H experience extends across the country on numerous Native American Reservations. At many times, her 4-H clubs shared one animal for a project!

All Project Leaders, new and old, we thank you for your expertise and making "Learning by Doing" the most important teaching tool 4-H could possibly have.

- **Shiny New School Supplies (A Service Project)** - Daniel Espinoza of the Greenleaf 4-H club noticed that not all children get new school supplies at the start of the school year. He is collecting school supplies for distribution for kids who need them. Pick up dates are September 20th and January 10th. More information on how to donate to Daniel's project go to:

[http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H\\_Youth\\_Development\\_Programs/Community\\_Club\\_News.htm](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Community_Club_News.htm)

the above information is also listed at:

[http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H Youth Development Programs/Community Club News.htm](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/4H_Youth_Development_Programs/Community_Club_News.htm)

## DISTRICT

- **A Fair to Remember**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

The history of the *Monte Farmer's Fair* leads back to El Monte, California, in 1935, when **Otto H. Kruse** launched a small feed mill, *O.H. Kruse Grain & Milling*. Otto's son, **Richard**, was born at the mill location, as were his brothers and sisters. From a young age, Richard worked closely with his father Otto to make their aspiring feed mill an American success story.

In addition to working in the mill for most of his life, Richard graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and served in the U.S. Navy. In 1978, Richard opened **Kruse Feed & Supply** in the original feed mill where he was born and raised.

As the years passed, and the family business grew, in 1987 the La Habra store was opened with much excitement. What started as a small mill, has now grown into the largest livestock feed producer in California, and one of the largest in the Nation, *Western Milling*. The hard-working Kruse family is still diligently serving the public from various locations throughout the state today. Richard recently informed me of the sad news that the original El Monte location will be closing its doors in January for good, due to the lack of livestock needs in the area.

In 1957, through generosity, and an interest in 4-H and the welfare of youth, Otto and his Uncle Adolph launched the first-ever **Monte Farmer's Fair** at the mill location, where it remained until 1975. On this **51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** of the **Monte Farmer's Fair**, we would like to thank the Kruse family for a historical event all North San Gabriel 4-Hers and the public can enjoy year after year.

This year, the **Monte Farmer's Fair** will be held on **January 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Eagle Rock (6338 N. Figueroa Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90042). Entries will be accepted starting at **8:30 a.m.**

Participants are from the North San Gabriel District. In order to participate, members need to contact their club leader for entry forms. Entries for the **Monte Farmer's Fair** can include: Home Economics, Arts & Crafts, Small Livestock, Dogs and Cats. There will be a food booth, auction, awards, and several Skill Workshops.

On **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, a winner for the *Monte Farmer's Fair Cover Contest* was selected. **Nick Christensen** of **Eagle Rock/Highland Park Club** received this esteemed honor, and will have his artwork displayed on the Fair's fliers.

Even if you are not submitting an entry, please stop by and say hello to all those who have worked hard on their projects, take part in a piece of history, and enjoy a lovely day with us, thanks to the life's work of the Kruse Family!

Go to: <http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/files/60735.pdf> to see pictures of the **Kruse Family, O.H. Kruse Grain & Milling Original Site & Western Milling**

## COUNTY

- **State Record Book Competition** - Since the early 1900's, 4-H Record Book competition has been conducted annually. Initially, competitions focused on project skill development, primarily in agricultural areas. In

recent years, 4-H Record Book competition has measured a 4-H member's leadership development, citizenship activities and personal growth as well as project proficiency.

There were 113 Record Books turned in for State Competition. There were 19 State Winners, 51 State Medalist, 41 Merit Recognitions and 2 participations. Of these winners, the following Los Angeles County 4-H'ers placed respectively. Congratulations!

- **Felicia Byrne, Canyon Coyotes, State Winner**
  - **Brian Otto, Palos Verdes Peninsula, State Winner**
  - **Stephanie Kwan, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Medalist**
  - **Melissa Rohaley, Leona Valley Racketeers, Medalist**
  - **Candace Corrales, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
  - **Amanda Ho, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
  - **Tearah Kerr, Leona Valley Racketeers, Merit**
  - **Jessica Kwan, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
  - **Erin Power-Fardy, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
  - **Ana Zuanic, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
  - **Lora Zuanic, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Merit**
- **Los Angeles County 4-H Rocks! 2009 Leadership Kickoff on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
A special event will be offered for 4-H Leaders on Saturday, January 31st, from noon to 4 pm, at the Los Angeles office, just after the 4-H Council meeting. This event, titled "Los Angeles County 4-H Rocks--2009 Leadership Kickoff", will include a complementary lunch, resource sharing, and three presentations: "Making Sense of 4-H--Foundations of 4-H and the UC Connection" (Rachel Surls), "Introduction to SET: How to Make the New 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Initiative Part of your 4-H Program Year" (Keith Nathaniel) and "Easy Ways to Work with Difficult People" (Dawn Fuller). The event will be held at the main office. The goal of the event is to give club and project leaders ideas and resources to help their club or project have the best year ever! ***Clubs who participate will receive special incentives to help them with club recruitment and activities in 2009.*** More details to come. Please mark your calendars!
  - **Los Angeles County 4-H SET** - Los Angeles County is embarking on its 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Initiative, a national 4-H initiative to train new scientists for the future. For 2009, our focus, working with Orange County 4-H, will be water quality, thanks to a grant from Toyota. The Los Angeles County SET Team has been recruited, and will work closely with 4-H Advisor Keith Nathaniel to roll out Set in 2009. The Los Angeles County 4-H SET Team includes 4-H Club Co-Leader and Council President Peter Michel, 4-H Project Leaders Mike Spaziano and Diana Kaljumagi, 4-H All Star Jessica Kwan, Maria Aguirre from Los Angeles Unified School District's Beyond the Bell Program, and Pat Brown, our partner at the US Air Force base. SET activities will be implemented through 4-H clubs, county wide events, and in cooperative with our afterschool and military partnerships. The SET Team will be participating in a February roll-out training. For more information about SET, come to our January 31<sup>st</sup> Leadership Kickoff (see above), or wait for further details in Clover Notes and on the web. All clubs will have opportunities to participate.
  - **Judging Day** - Los Angeles County Judging Day is a countywide event where 4-H'ers learn teamwork and cooperation as members of a judging team while developing their decision-making skills. Judging Day will be Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Antelope Valley High School. Additional information will be sent to your Club Leader and be available online soon.
  - **Field Day & Fashion Revue** - Field Day is one of the most valuable assets of our 4-H program. This is a day where 4-H'ers share the skills and knowledge they have acquired in their 4-H projects. By learning public speaking and demonstration skills, 4-H'ers prepare themselves for college and the workplace. 4-H members may observe and gain knowledge relating to many different 4-H projects. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend. If you have never been to Field Day before you will be surprised at the poise and abilities of these 4-H members.

All members of the LA County 4-H are invited to participate in LA County Field Day tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2009. 4-H Presentations are very informative and will certainly enrich individual knowledge.

Public Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking are also interesting. Fashion Revue showcases our best LA County 4-H clothing projects. Share the Fun Skits, Cultural Arts Presentations, and Song Leading contests are creative and entertaining.

4-H members attend to participate\observe and learn\receive awards, recognizing their individual skills and knowledge. Remember it's a 4-H "Family Affair", and encourage parents and friends of 4-H to attend and support the youth. Medal winners will be eligible to go on to Sectional Field Day, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009. Keep a look out for more Field Day information to come.

- **Los Angeles County 4-H Science Fair** - It's not too early to start thinking about 4-H Science Fair on April 18, 2009! Science projects are a wonderful "learn by doing" opportunity. Today, with schools so focused on "teaching to the test", and with mandated language arts and math curriculum dominating the school day, science education is often neglected in school. Help make sure that kids develop their analytical thinking skills by getting them involved in hands-on science through 4-H. Many 4-H'ers are already involved in projects that can be presented as science projects. Now is a great time to plan for a project to present in April! Read up on the scientific method and look for science project ideas on the following web sites. All three of these web sites are fantastic resources for finding and developing science project ideas, from the easy to the elaborate.

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/>

<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/projectguide/>

<http://www.scifair.org/>

- **Los Angeles County, 4-H Leaders' Council** – The Los Angeles County, 4-H Leaders' Council is a group of 4-H Leaders that meets bi-monthly and organizes many 4-H activities for Los Angeles County. Find out who hold what seat, read past minutes and agendas for future meetings at: [http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Los\\_Angeles\\_4-H\\_Leaders\\_Council/](http://celosangeles.ucdavis.edu/Los_Angeles_4-H_Leaders_Council/). The next Leader's Council meeting will be January 31, 2009 from 10-noon, at the LA Office.

- **A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...**

Dawn Fuller, 4-H Program Coordinator

We would love to see all the fun activities your club has been involved in throughout the year. Please send in any photos of your club activities/events that you would like to be included in the slideshow for the Leaders' Luncheon and special newsletter features. You can email them to: [dafuller@ucdavis.edu](mailto:dafuller@ucdavis.edu). Here's looking at you!

- **Share your 4-H experiences** - 4-H'ers, share your 4-H experiences by submitting articles to be published in Clover Notes. Articles may include club news, photos, community service projects, and/or anything you or your club would like to share. Submit your articles by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to be published in the following month's edition of Clover Notes to Roy Hillstock, [rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rlhillstock@ucdavis.edu).
- **Dates To Remember:**
  - 1/1 New Years Day (Office Closed)
  - 1/9 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
  - 1/10 Sectional Council & Teen Council Mtg. / Summer Camp Staff Training / Camp Committee Mtg.
  - 1/16-18 Teen Involvement Conference
  - 1/19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (Office Closed)
  - 1/24 Monte Farmers Fair / AV Livestock Symposium
  - 1/31 County Council Mtg. 10-noon (Los Angeles), 2009 Leadership Kickoff 1-4PM
  - 2/8 Camp Committee Mtg.
  - 2/13 AV Horse Bowl Quiz
  - 2/14 Valentines Day
  - 2/16 Presidents Day (Office Closed)
  - 2/25-3/1 Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF)
  - 2/28 County Judging Day (AV High School)

## SECTIONAL

- TIC 1/16-19 - The Teen Involvement Conference, also known as TIC, is a three day event where youth from southern California meet to learn about the 4-H program, leadership, citizenship, life skills, and so much more. 4-H members attending this conference will be able to interact with other youth and adults from all 9 counties from the south section. This conference is a great stepping stone to a member's success in their 4-H career, and is highly recommended. This conference is planned by the South Section Teen Council. Go to: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/southcouncil/teen/> for more information.

## STATE

- **The Volunteer Leader website** is a new interactive and growing site that can be seen at <http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/>. There are sections that will change monthly, a 4-H Blog, 4-H Volunteer Voices, and updates in the program. We hope you'll enjoy seeing all the resources you need in one centralized location. In order to build this new section of the website, please send any recent stories of 4-H in the news in your community that you would like to share. You can email these stories to: [fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu](mailto:fourhstateofc@ucdavis.edu)
- What do Lion King and creating new laws have in common? **CALIFORNIA FOCUS!!** Both activities will be part of the 2009 California Focus Program from June 26-30 in Sacramento. Come join 100 4-H members and leaders from all over California in learning, in a hands-on way, about California government and history. Applications are due January 16, 2009 to your county office so county staff can register you on-line. More information and the application are available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/focus/>.
- **2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest** - 4-H members may enter the 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. The 2009 essay topic is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essays are due February 13, 2009. More information is available at <http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/Forms/2009BeekeepingEssay.pdf>.
- **4-H Shooting Sports Workshop (Rifle Discipline), Bakersfield, CA** - A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at Five Dogs Shooting Range, 20238 Woody Road in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as rifle trainer and can lead a rifle project at the club level or serve as county trainer to certify other leaders. There is no cost for the course. To register for the course and receive more information contact John Borba at: [jaborba@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jaborba@ucdavis.edu)

Saturday, February 28, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2009 – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For information about the facility and a map, please visit the range website at: <http://www.5dogsrange.com>

- **The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee** - The State 4-H Horse Classic, educational events for Spring 2009, and championship horse show in Summer 2009 are all currently being planned. The State 4-H Equine Advisory Committee is narrowing dates and confirming locations. Visit the web site regularly for updates <http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/>. The 2008 results are posted and winners from all years are also listed. The 2009 information will be posted in December.
- **Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum (WRLF)** - Roundup your leaders and head to Colorado for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum February 25 - March 1, 2009. Discover the trail which leads to fun and learning to take back to the herd at home. Teens, ages 14 and up, are invited to attend this leadership conference (February 25 - 28, 2009). Several workshops will be dedicated to teens as well as other teen activities. Two off-site events are also being planned. Go to: <http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09/index.shtml> for more information.
- **The 32nd Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium**, presented by the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC), will be held on March 27 through 29, 2009 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Symposium will

again include a variety of presentations including live horse demonstrations, roundtable sessions, and classroom presentations on a variety of topics. Additionally, kickoff reception, vendor booths, a silent auction and the Youth Leaders Celebration Awards Banquet allow attendees to have fun and interact throughout the weekend. For more information go to: [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com) or call 800-TRY-AYHC or email [info@ayhc.com](mailto:info@ayhc.com).

- **4-H State Ambassador** - The 2009-2010 4-H State Ambassador applications are now available! Candidates need to be at least 16 years old by July 1, 2009, have leadership and event planning experience, and ability to represent the 4-H YDP. 4-H State Ambassadors plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference, represent the California 4-H YDP, and conduct team projects. Applications are due March 31, 2009 and available at <http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.
- The **2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue** committee needs your input and help! There are many opportunities for committee positions for both teens and adults. You don't even need to know how to sew! 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue is returning **Saturday, May 31** as part of State Field Day at UC Davis. Divisions and classes will remain the same as previous years except the Challenge class which is an apron made from Simplicity pattern #9565. All counties are encouraged to hold qualifying events or publicize alternate methods for delegate selection. Complete details will be posted in December to the state 4-H website at <http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/>. Please contact Sue Moore, 4-H staff liaison, at [samoore@ucdavis](mailto:samoore@ucdavis) to be part of the state committee.
- **Bring Home the World!** – Does your family enjoy the exposure to different cultures but you're not able to find the time to travel to other countries? Looking for a low-cost international experience in which the whole family can participate and grow? The California 4-H International Exchange Month-Long Hosting Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchange student from Costa Rica, Finland or Japan. Host family applications are being accepted now for the summer 2009 program in hopes that all placements are made by early May. In addition, 4-H members and leaders can participate in the Australia Outbound Program in 2009. More information is available at: <http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/>. Or contact Pat English at 530-754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).
- **Domestic exchange with a 4-H club** - Is your club looking for an opportunity to participate in a domestic exchange with a 4-H club in another part of the U.S? Lancaster County, PA 4-H is hoping to establish a domestic exchange for 2009-10 or 2010-11 with an interested California 4-H group. Scenic Lancaster County includes Amish country and is centrally located close to Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Washington DC and Hershey. For those interested, please contact Sharon Sherick at [ssherick@dejazzd.com](mailto:ssherick@dejazzd.com).

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**2008 4-H All Stars:**

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Heather Ealy  
Terra Chapman  
Christopher Choi  
Amanda Ho  
Jessica Kwan  
Stephanie Kwan  
Kirsten Landsgaard  
Brian Otto  
Erin Power-Fardy  
Kelsey Schott  
Camille Sheardown

**2008 Jr. All-Stars:**

Wesley Ho  
Kristy Okamoto  
Aleandra Ryan-Plasil  
Caroline Seymour  
Alexandra Von Bergman

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