

Santa Rosa 4-H Newsletter

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We are having a great 4-H year so far. There is a new project this year for 13 and older in this newsletter. We also have four splendid 4-H members we would like you to meet too. If you haven't noticed, this newsletter is a little thicker. That's because calendars are being sent out with each newsletter. The monthly calendars will tell you when and what time 4-H events occur. Lastly, Mrs. Kraus thought it would be fun to hide a little trivia question somewhere in each newsletter. Be the first person to tell Mrs. Kraus the answer at our next meeting, and you get a prize! Happy Holidays everyone!!! -Natalie

Project Information

Horse Project

The horse project is doing community service. We are going to donate new toys to the 10,000 kids that have lost one or more parents because of what has happened on September Eleventh of Two Thousand and One. The horse project will be collecting new, unwrapped toys until the end of January. If you have any questions please call Raquel Brusher-Henry at 241-4492.

Dog Obedience

The dog obedience project had their first mtg. We learned how to stay on the correct side of our dogs, and we also learned

how to do an about turn. An about turn is where you stop, turn away from your dog, so you're facing the opposite direction and then walk off fast. Your dog is supposed to catch up to you. If you have any questions please call Raquel Brusher-Henry at 241-4492.

Vet Science

There is a new project available to members that are 13 years old and up. Veterinary Science will be offered by the equine hospital of Humphrey, Giacoppuzzi and Cox. Their first meeting was Tuesday, November 27. The remaining meetings will be either the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of each month. Call Mrs. Stayton with any questions.

If you have any other general questions about the meetings or projects you can contact either Mrs. Kraus at (805) 491-0121 or Mrs. Stayton at (805) 491-2608.

By: Raquel Brusher-Henry

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Our "Holiday party" meeting is Dec 19th at 6 PM at Santa Rosa School. Everyone wanting to play BINGO must bring a gift certificate valued at \$10.00. Also, please remember to bring your food donations, if you signed up last meeting. Hospitality folks – please bring 2 drink liters and 1 box of candy canes each.

INTRODUCING...

Katelyn Beckman- Hi, my name is Kaytlyn Beckman and I am ten years old. This is my second year in the Santa Rosa 4-H club and I am participating in the photography and scrapbooking projects. My favorite project is scrapbooking because I think it is neat to be able to learn cool ways of organizing your photos in an album.

Rachel Clark- Hey everyone, I'm Rachel Clark. This is my sixth year in the Santa Rosa 4-H club and some projects I am participating in are the steer and community pride projects. But out of these projects I would have to say that my favorite one is the steer project.

Mariel Corbet- Hello, my name is Mariel Corbet. I am twelve years old and this is my third year in 4-H. This year in 4-H I am looking forward to participating in the arts and crafts, photography and rabbit projects. But my favorite project that I have been in was the candy making.

Richard Cano- Hey there, I'm Richard Cano. I am eleven years old and this is my third year in the Santa Rosa 4-H club. In past years I have been in Rocketry and photography, but my favorite one was rocketry because I like to build and create things.

By: Ashlee Cabral

Every month, Mrs. Kraus will be bringing you a little bit of the history of 4-H. Here's her very first installment

A LITTLE 4-H HISTORY

DID YOU KNOW...

Throughout the nineteenth century, rural life set the social tone for America. Robust

individualism, tempered only by obligations of neighborliness that had been so fiercely practiced in the western movement came under attack as a residue of the past. At best, the agrarian code depicted a romantic ideal; at worst, an authoritarian aloofness that had no place in the industrialized life of the twentieth century. Rural Americans, although still a majority of the population, saw their numbers declining along with their influence on the course national development. In an atmosphere of economic prosperity darkened by nagging concern for the future of a generation of rural children, the movement that would be called 4-H began. Like most popular and enduring ideas, 4-H had no one beginning. It was not the idea of a recognized national leader, nor the result of a charismatic personality. In its beginnings, 4-H embodied those qualities that had characterized the movement of agriculture across the continent. Here and there, among farm families, agricultural scientists, school teachers, administrators and concerned citizens, the seeds of 4-H were scattered. Trivia question: "California has four 4-H sections, what are they?" While 4-H had diverse origins, a central theme was emerging. Rural people wished to instill in their children the same sense of purpose that had conditioned their own lives.

To be continued next month.

OUR LEADERS

Community Leaders:

	Missy Stayton	491-2608
	Donna Kraus	491-0121
Arts & Crafts	Becky Rockey	529-0113
Beef	Joe Long	921-0908
Comm. Pride	Nina Clark	491-0908
Dog	Walt Hanlon	523-2734
Horse	Carol Gibbons	491-3135
Horse	Sharyn Henry	241-4492
Farm Equipment	Joe Stayton	491-2608
Lamb	Darlene Johnston	388-0493

Photography	Bob Kraus 491-0121
Rabbits	Karen Naylor 987-7262
Pygmy Goat	Cheri Behringer 523-8217
Scrapbooking	Donna Kraus 491-0121
Sheep Herding	Pat Cane 523-1976
Swine	Scott Toland 491-0091
Horseless	Lisa Everett 491-3693

If you have any questions about the meetings or projects you can contact the appropriate leader. And don't forget to thank them and we hope that everyone has a great 4-H year!

UNIFORM INFO

If this is your first year in 4-H or just need a new uniform call Lisa Cano at 491-2526.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the attached monthly calendars.

One final little reminder

...about those 4-H Record Books. Please **bring them to every general meeting** starting in January.

And PROJECT LEADERS -- please help your kids master the habit and fine art of filling out project reports routinely at each and every project meeting.

And another thing

This isn't necessarily a 4-H thing, but it's important to those of us who live in and enjoy the Santa Rosa Valley. Please take a few minutes of your time to respond to two recent homeowner mailings. One came from the Pleasant Valley School District asking for community input on educational priorities. The second came from the Santa Rosa Valley Community Association regarding the proposed design for creating a merge lane at Moorpark Road onto Santa Rosa Road. Both require your immediate attention if you want to provide any influence on the impact each may end up having on our Valley.

For further info on the PVSD survey contact:
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For further info on the County intersection proposal contact:
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By: Kevin Cannon (Natalie's dad)