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<td>Judy Doser 661-333-9049</td>
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Would you like your club featured in next month’s newsletter?
Do you have a photo for the newsletter?
E-mail event info & photos to cekern@ucdavis.edu

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!**
Articles/photos for the next issue of The 4-H Network must be received by June 20th

Kern County 4-H
1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield CA 93307-2851
Phone: 661-868-6200
Fax: 661-868-6208
or cekern@ucdavis.edu

For the 2019-2020 program year, registration starting July 1, 2019, fees will be $58 for youth and $24 for adult volunteers

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Congratulations to our Gold Medal Recipients
Area Presentation Day

Nolan Byers  Premier 4-H  Interpretive Reading
To This Day

Ethan Garrett  Premier 4-H  Educational Display
The Birthing Process of a Piglet

Paisley Harris  Glennville 4-H  Scientific Illustrated Talk
The Bedding Debate: Measuring the Absorbency of Different Bedding Materials

Brent Loyd  Stallion Springs 4-H  Interpretive Reading
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Olivia Loyd  Stallion Springs 4-H  Interpretive Reading
The Thing About Jellyfish

Moria Loyd, Olivia Loyd, Brent Loyd
Stallion Springs 4-H  Cultural Arts
ASL- It’s Handy
Final Medal Testing

4-H Office: Tuesday, June 11th - 6:00 PM
4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019
KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

4-H SHEEP SHOWMEN COME JOIN IN THE FUN ;-]

CHECK-IN TIME: 7:30AM - 7:45AM AT SHEEP SHOW RING

ENTRIES ACCEPTED AT RING SIDE

STARTING WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP AT 8:00AM

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE IN 4-H NEWSLETTER, 4-H OFFICE, AND WILL BE AT DIFFERENT FEED STORES AROUND TOWN.
KERN COUNTY 4-H SHEEP PROGRESS SHOW
KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
JUNE 22, 2019

CHECK IN: 7:30am AT SHEEP SHOW RING
SHOW STARTS AT 8:00am WITH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
ENTRY FEE: $5.00 PER MEMBER ENTRIES DUE IN OFFICE BY JUNE 21ST (FEE $7.00 ON SHOW DAY AT RING SIDE)

Show open to current 4-H members. Member can enter one lamb with no more than 1/4 inch of fleece. If member uses pens to
hold lamb it is their responsibility for cleaning it before leaving the fairgrounds.

Uniforms are RECOMMENDED.

This show is a learning experience and is planned to help the members to prepare their lambs for the market class at the Kern
County Fair. The judge will group lambs in three categories. 1) Lambs that are doing well and are conditioned for fair. 2) Lambs
that are too big and over conditioned. 3) Lambs that are small and under conditioned for fair.

DIVISION A: SHOWMANSHIP
CLASS 1: 9TH GRADE AND ABOVE
CLASS 2: 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE
CLASS 3: 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH GRADE
CLASS 4: NOVICE CLASS 3RD, 4TH, 5TH (FIRST YEAR LAMB PROJECT AS WELL)

CLASS:
DIVISION A: 
DIVISION B: 

DIVISION B: MARKET LAMB
CLASS 1: LIGHT WEIGHT – 0-90 POUNDS
CLASS 2: HEAVY WEIGHT – 91 & ABOVE

MAIL ENTRIES OR HAND DELIVER TO:
KERN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1031 S. MT. VERNON AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD CA. 93307

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: KERN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL
ENTRY FEE: 

NAME: ___________________________ CLUB: ___________________________
ADDRESS: ___________________________ TELEPHONE # ___________________________
GRADE JUST COMPLETED: ___________________________ BIRTH DATE: ___________________________

I HEREBY ENTER THE ABOVE ANIMAL AT MY OWN RISK AND AM SUBJECT TO ALL THE RULES OF THE SHOW. I FURTHER AGREE THE KERN
COUNTY 4-H CLUBS, KERN COUNTY FAIR AND ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND OTHER PERSONS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY OR
ACCIDENT TO EXHIBITOR, ANIMAL OR PROPERTY OWNED BY ME AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS SHOW. THERE ARE NO
REFUNDS. PHOTO’S TAKEN AT THE SHOW MAY BE USED OR POSTED.

MEMBER: ___________________________ PARENT: ___________________________ LEADER: ___________________________
Dog Project Events for June

June 6th and 13th at Fruitvale Park - 6:00 p.m.
June 22nd Dog Progress Show at Kern County Fairgrounds - Dog Project Medal Testing at show

*Call Claudia Burk at 661-303-8343 for information*

KERN COUNTY 4-H FIREWORKS BOOTH!!

July 1st through July 4th
13011 Stockdale Highway
(Sonic Shopping Center)
Clubs are required to work 2-3 hour shifts.
Must be 18 and over to work.
Please call Teresa Andrews at 661-979-1003
to schedule shifts.

Ireland Comstock
2019 – 2020
4-H Ambassador for Kern County
**Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!**

JOANN is supporting 4-H with a rewards "card" that gives holders 15% off their total in-store and online purchases!
A minimum of **2.5% of every eligible transaction is donated to 4-H**.
Two ways to sign up:
1. Sign up online at [http://www.joann.com/4-H/](http://www.joann.com/4-H/)
2. Download the free JOANN app on your mobile device. Go to "More" and select "Loyalty Programs".

[http://4h.uca](http://4h.uca) Save 15% at JOANN and support 4-H at the same time!

**Shop 4-H for California!**

Thanks to the [California 4-H Foundation](http://www.ca4h.org), we are now signed up for an affiliate program with Shop 4-H, the National 4-H shopping site. Items include t-shirts, curriculum, incentive items and more.
When you purchase anything using our link, 5% of your purchase will be returned to California 4-H!

**Avian Science Notes**

Dr. Francine Bradley, UC Poultry Specialist, has a new website on which you can find the latest, as well as back issues, of Avian Science Notes. Her publications are no longer mailed so you have to access them online from: [https://avian.ucdavis.edu/](https://avian.ucdavis.edu/) Check the website for disease updates, Avian Bowl information, etc. Please pass this on to other people interested in poultry.
Registration Open!
4-H State Leadership Conference
July 18-21, 2019 at UC Davis
Web: ucanr.edu/sites/4hstateleadership | Contact: 4hslc@ucanr.edu

Registration is now open to ages 13-19
Join us to improve your personal leadership skills, expand your network, and advance your college and career readiness

What you will do:

**Thursday**
Arrive and check-in from 3-5 PM and kick off SLC with a fun night at the pool!

**Friday**
Evening kick off assembly. Friday tour options include visiting the UC Davis campus and its educational attractions, learning about California history at the State Capitol... and more!

**Saturday**
Educational workshops featuring presentations by UC academics and industry professionals and then dance the night away!

**Sunday**
Wrap up a memorable SLC at 3 PM with the Sunday fair and closing assembly!

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Our appreciation to our Premier Sponsor: Tractor Supply!
2019 California State 4-H Horse Classic and Horse Bowl Contest

June 27 – June 30, 2019
Brookside Equestrian Park
Elk Grove, CA

The California 4-H Horse Classic offers 4-H members the chance to showcase the culmination of their efforts put forth in their equine projects throughout the year. At the State Championship Horse Show, 4-H riders have this opportunity to compete at a level beyond local, county or regional events. Participants must pre-qualify at qualifying 4-H horse shows.

Tentative Schedule
June 27th: Horse Bowl Contest
June 28th: English Flat and Jumping
June 29th: Western Flat, Trail and Ranch Horse
June 30th: Mini Horse and Gymkhana.

New to 2019
New this year is that Mini Horse classes will need to qualify. Ranch Horse division classes to include, ranch horse trail, ranch riding pattern, modified reining, western riding and ranch horse trail. Will have high point and reserve high point as well.

For more event information, please visit the 4-H Horse Classic webpage
For contact information, please contact Shauna Bond at sabond@ucanr.edu / (530)260-3277.

Keep up to date with Equine events; follow us on Facebook:
California State 4-H Horse Classic
VIRULENT NEWCASTLE DISEASE (VND)

The State Veterinarian, Dr. Annette Jones, is recommending that poultry exhibitions be cancelled in order to prevent potential spread of virulent Newcastle disease (VND). Please see the attached letter (in English/Spanish) and please pass along to all relevant contacts. This decision will be re-evaluated July 1, 2019.

See the VND factsheet. For more information and updates, please visit: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/newcastle_disease_info.html

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Sick Bird Hotline number 866-922-2473 (Press 0 when you hear the recording to get to a live person faster) or Public Information Officer Line 909-731-6367.

Letter - Recommendation to Cancel Poultry Exhibitions in CA (English and Spanish)
http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297368.pdf

VND - Alert (English and Spanish) http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/297369.pdf

At South Coast REC, they held a CDFA/USDA info session regarding Newcastle Disease for the affected counties. They had a Q & A session and reviewed best practices. The workshop was recorded and you can watch the video (English and Spanish) here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9xuxaTbgTY&t=171s

Newcastle Disease Update
Provided by: Maurice Pitesky. CE specialist with a focus in poultry at the UCD vet school.
The current virulent Newcastle Disease (vND) outbreak in California is now confirmed in the following counties:
Los Angeles
San Bernardino
Riverside
Alameda

This is a foreign animal disease that has not been in California since 2002. The current outbreak is particularly concerning because of the most recent case in Alameda County which demonstrates that the disease can spread anywhere. The disease has never spread this far north before. The disease is being primarily spread among backyard birds and has ‘spilled over’ into several commercial farms in Southern California.

Please feel free to read and share the following resources. Even if your county is currently unaffected there are an estimated 100,000 backyard poultry premises in the state. Therefore, there are a lot of susceptible locations in every county.
CDFA vND page (there is also a Spanish link)
vND resources in English on UCCE poultry website
vND resources in Spanish on UCCE poultry website
Poultry Ponderings (UCCE quarterly newsletter) the winter 2019 and fall 2018 editions have relevant
Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has identified a case of virulent Newcastle disease in a small flock of backyard exhibition birds in Los Angeles County and San Bernardino counties. The case was detected at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine’s California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory (CAHFS) when a private practitioner submitted a sick bird for testing. This is the first case of virulent Newcastle disease, previously referred to as exotic Newcastle disease, in the U.S. since 2003. CDFA is working with federal and local partners as well as poultry owners to respond to the finding. State officials have quarantined potentially exposed birds and are testing for the disease.

Virulent Newcastle disease is a highly contagious and deadly virus in birds; the virus is found in respiratory discharges and feces. Clinical signs in birds include:

- sneezing
- coughing
- nasal discharge
- green watery diarrhea
- depression
- neck twisting (example attached)
- circling
- muscle tremors
- paralysis
- decreased egg production
- swelling around eyes and neck
- sudden death.

It is essential that all poultry owners follow good biosecurity practices to help protect their birds from infectious diseases such as Newcastle. These include simple steps like washing hands and scrubbing boots before and after entering a poultry area; cleaning and disinfecting tires and equipment before moving them off the property; and isolating any birds. New or returning birds from shows should be isolated for 30 days before placing them with the rest of the flock.

For backyard flock owners, biosecurity measures include using dedicated shoes and clothes when caring for them and not to use/wear those clothes/shoes in other areas.

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Keeping Your Birds Safe from Disease, continued

Additional information on biosecurity can be found at:

https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health/pdfs/AI/BiosecurityForBackyardAndPetBirds.pdf
http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/biosec/

In addition to practicing good biosecurity, all bird owners should report sick birds or unusual bird deaths through California’s Sick Bird Hotline at 866-922-BIRD (2473). Additional information on VND and biosecurity for backyard flocks can be found at https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/Newcastle_Disease_Info.html

Sick or dead backyard birds can be submitted to CAHFS laboratories for post-mortem examination ($20 plus shipping and handling). Information on this program can be found at: https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/Animal_Health/pdfs/CAHFS_NecropsyFactsheet.pdf

For additional information on who to contact for issues regarding backyard poultry, see: http://ucanr.edu/sites/poultry/contact/

Virulent Newcastle disease is NOT a food safety concern. No human cases of Newcastle disease have ever occurred from eating poultry products. Properly cooked poultry products are safe to eat. In very rare instances people working directly with sick birds can become infected. Symptoms are usually very mild, and limited to conjunctivitis and/or influenza-like symptoms. Infection is easily prevented by using standard personal protective equipment.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Animal Health Branch Tulare District Office at 559-685-3500. Jennifer McDougle, Veterinarian, Animal Health Branch, Tulare District Office.
**Updated Leader Orientation**

*For New Leaders, please visit the link below*

**New 4-H Volunteer Leaders**

*For Returning Leaders, please visit the link below*

**Returning 4-H Volunteer Leaders**

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**Food Safety Training Available ONLINE!**

The State 4-H Office requires that every club have at least one 4-H leader trained in Food Safety. The more leaders in your club that are certified, the more convenient it is for your club. It is required that a certified volunteer is to be present at all bake sales/food booths to make sure proper food safety guidelines are handled. Food Safety trainings are available anytime online! Please visit the website below, and use the provided sign-in/user information:

Website: [http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/MISKIS/)

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**HANDBOOK FOR NEW FAMILIES** **NEW!**

This guide was developed to help new families understand the 4-H program. Please share a copy of this with new families in your club. If you have feedback for updates to this guide, please submit them to Sue McKinney at [lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lsmckinney@ucdavis.edu) or call 661-868-6235.  

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/271860.pdf)

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**LINKS YOU CAN USE!**

4-H uniform page  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/About/Uniform/)

California 4-H Uniform Guidelines  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/216262.pdf)

Leslie Carman 4-H Supplies  
[http://www.4hsupplies.com/](http://www.4hsupplies.com/)

California 4-H Branding Toolkit  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/Resources/Branding_Toolkit/)

California 4-H Dress Guidelines  
[http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf](http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf)

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**4-H WEBSITES**


[http://www.areyouintoit.com](http://www.areyouintoit.com)

[http://www.fourcouncil.edu](http://www.fourcouncil.edu)

[http://www.4-h.org/fourweb](http://www.4-h.org/fourweb)

[http://www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)

**4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE**

[https://california.4honline.com](https://california.4honline.com)

**4-H VOLUNTEER WEBSITE**

[http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/](http://ucanr.org/4-hvolunteers/)

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**KERN COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!**

Kern County 4-H is on Facebook! You can search for us: Kern County 4-H and ‘like’ us! We will post updates, important event reminders, announcements—all sorts of important things! It’s the best way to keep up-to-date!