



TRAILBLAZERS NEWS



December 2012 Issue

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Hey, Trabuco Trailblazers! It's Zion and Trinity, and we're asking for newsletter articles! This newsletter is all about you, your projects, families, and our club.

In order to make this newsletter the best it can be, we will need everyone's help. If you could just send your articles and photos to our e-mail address: mamadooderbug@cox.net by Thursday (the week before the club meeting), then we can make sure it gets into the newsletter. If they are too late, they will make it in the next month's newsletter.

By the way - your articles count in your record book and toward getting your achievement stars on your hats! This should be another great year for our club, so share your news!

Community Service Projects

Can/bottle donations. Donate cans and bottles to Kevin Slater at our 4H Club Meetings each month.

Donate items to send overseas to our troops! Items needed:

BEEF JERKY / SLIM JIMS

POPCORN, COOKIES

POWDER DRINK MIX (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light)

SUNFLOWER SEEDS & PUMPKIN SEEDS

TUNA & CHICKEN SALAD (in foil pouches, or ready-to-eat kits (no cans)

PROTEIN POWDER & PROTEIN BARS (Top request!)

BABY WIPES (travel size)

HAND SANITIZER (travel size)

FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS

FLASHLIGHTS - SMALL (battery operated. Surefire Brand preferred)

AIR FRESHENERS (standalone-not plug-in. Car types are also good)

SOCKS: Black, Olive Green & White (cotton or wool)





Happy Hanukkah



4H Pledge

As a True 4-H Member, 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.

4H Motto

To Make The Best Better

4H Slogan

Learn by Doing



The official 4-H emblem is a green four-leaf clover with a white *H* on each leaf standing for *Head, Heart, Hands,* and *Health*. White and green are the 4-H colors. The white symbolizes purity and the green represents growth.



December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hanukah begins
2 San Diego County 4H Equine Learning	3 TT Club Mtg	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 6:30pm-8:30pm Teen Council Mtg	14	15 Large Livestock Education Workshop
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas No County Council	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29 Food Fiesta Entries due
30	31 New Year's Eve					

December Birthday Club

	12/19	The big 16!
Kayla Caston	12/30	Turning 12!
Julia Ammerman		

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2 Presentation Day Meeting	3	4	5
6	7 TT Club Meeting	8	9	10	11 Ice Skating Teen Council Event	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 TIC	19 TIC
20	21	22 OC County Council Mtg	23	24	25	26 OC Food Fiesta
27	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events

Food Fiesta: 01/26/13

Summer Camp 07/29/13-08/03/13

Presentation Day: 03/02/13

Fashion Revue: 03/23/13

Youth Expo 4/12/13-4/14/13

Fun Facts

-Did you know that to deliver his gifts in one night, Santa has to make 822.6 visits per second, sleighing at 3,000 times the speed of sound.

-The tallest Lego tree ever built contains 6,000 bricks!

-Did you know that the maximum achievable score possible in a game of PacMan is 3,333,360 points, and that the first and only game to date to use a scratch and sniff CD is FIFA 2001, the disc smells of turf.

-Did you know that wool is softer when it is soaked in stale urine, so fuller's jobs are to walk around in the in the urine soaked wool to make it softer.

-Did you know that cats have a righting reflex & non-fatal terminal velocity of 60mph. This basically means that 90% percent of cats can survive huge falls, ranging from 2 to 32 stories high.

-There is a mechanism called the Antikythera mechanism that is an Analog computer dating back 2,000 years, that was used to display astronomical cycles. Technology this complex wasn't seen again for a millennium.

CAVIES GALORE!

Bryn Gioffredi and Jessie De Long

What does a cavy breeder's barn look like?

We went to visit cavy breeder Devon Bean over Thanksgiving weekend. Devon has 200-250 cavies in her cavy barn! She organizes her barn into different categories. She has stacked cages for breeding sows, breeding boars, show sows, show boars, for sale sows, for sale boars, and retired animals. She also separates her breed animals by color. With 250 animals, she needs a system!



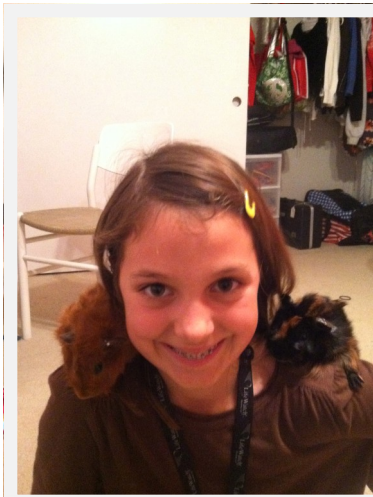
Interview with cavy breeder Devon Bean

We interviewed cavy breeder Devon Bean. Devon got her first cavy when she was 8 years old. She started breeding Teddies when she was 9 years old. When she turned 10, she started breeding Abyssinians. She is now 18 years old and has now been breeding Abyssinians for 8 years! Her Abyssinians have won many awards. She is also a cavy registrar so she can register cavies for ACBA. She is currently working on earning her cavy judges license, and she volunteers as a cavy showmanship judge.

What does a cavy breeder do with all her cavies?

Cavy breeder Devon Bean does not keep all her cavies. She grades the baby cavies from A to D according to the American Cavy Breeder Association standards. She keeps the A and B grade sows, and the A grade boars for show or breeding. Sometimes she sells some of the grade A and B sows or boars to other breeders or to people looking for show animals. She sends the C and D cavies to Petco. Petco then ships them to other parts of California or other states to be sold as pets.

Our new cavies!



We brought home Abyssinian babies from the Devon Bean line. Bryn got two cavies and Jessie got one. We decided Bryn would get females and Jessie would get a male so we could breed them. Bryn's cavies are 4 weeks old and Jessie's cavy is 6 weeks old. Devon held the cavy while we each put the ear tag in our cavy. One of my Bryn's cavies is red and black and she named her Zuki. Her other cavy is white and orange and she named her Topeka. Jessie's cavy is red and black and she named him Tango. Aren't they cute?



2012-2013 TT Youth Leadership

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Rachel White

Kaitlyn Doddridge

Emily Gamboa

Trinity Healy

Zion Healy

Kevin Slater

Ashleigh Mathias

Ashleigh Mathias

Kayla Caston

Poultry

By Toni Hammork

This year is my first year as being junior leader for our poultry project. Our December meeting is going to be so much fun. We all will exchange different poultry gifts in a really fun game. Miss Shelmarie is the best poultry leader ever!

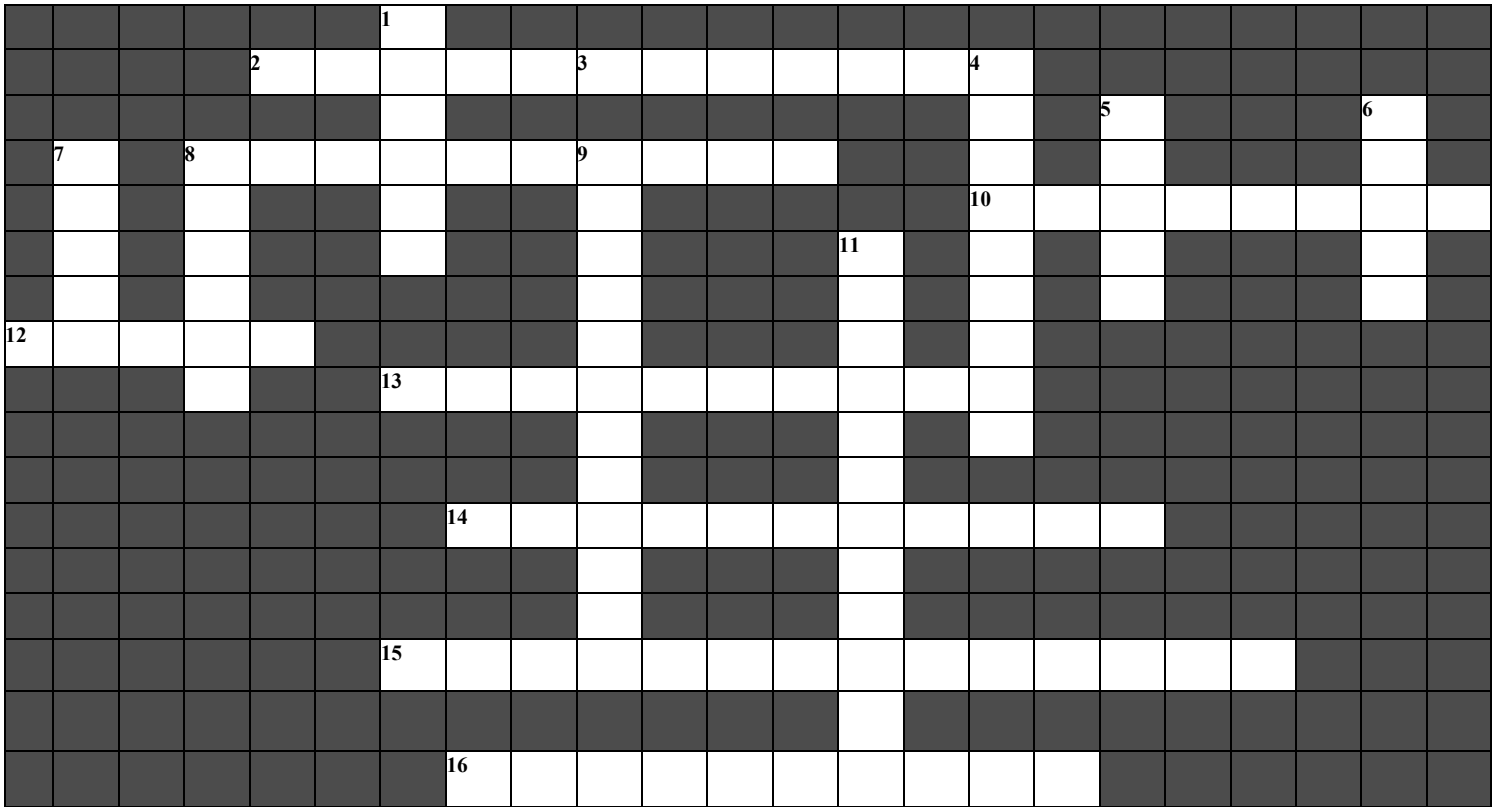


Bottle Feeding Pygmy Goats

By Trinity Healy

Our first Master Pygmy Goat meeting was so much fun! We got to learn about baby pygmy goats and how to take care of them when their mother can't. We learned about the milk they need to drink, how much of it, and how often. Then we got to feed them! They were so cute! They sucked the milk down in around 30 seconds! Then we got to hold them and play with them. It was a lot of fun to learn about the babies at our meeting.

4H CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 2 NPGA stands for National Pygmy _____ Association
- 3 I pledge my heart to greater _____
- 8 The University of _____ oversees the 4h programs in CA
- 10 I pledge my head to greater _____
- 12 4h colors are white and _____
- 13 project that teaches youth responsibility and working as a team to help run their club
- 14 A way to demonstrate competency in your project, usually being judged
- 15 The youth leaders of a club that oversee the club
- 16 a place where food projects share their creations and get judged

DOWN

- 1 A small livestock project
- 4 A competition with only youth projects and creations
- 5 4h slogan "Learn by _____"
- 6 I pledge my _____ to greater service
- 7 Large livestock project
- 8 4h emblem
- 9 how 4h youth keep track of their activities
- 11 A competition for clothing, sewing, etc projects

Answers in Jan newsletter

“Caroling Chickens”

Artwork by

Lucinda Becker



2012-2013 TT Adult Leaders

Community Club Leaders

Leadership

Arts and Crafts

Cavies

Community Service

Horse

Lamb

Market Calves

Market Goats

Market Poultry

Master Pygmy Goats

Outdoor Adventures

Poultry

Pygmy Goats

Rabbits

Steer

Swine

Turkey

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Gregg Hammork

Carol White

Shelmarie Main

Gregg Hammork

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Margie Shannon

Ana Slater

Pam Knight

Katy Terpstra

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Roxanne Linss

Steve Miller

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