THE GREAT 4-H ROUND-UP
— California Awards County Winners —

at 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
Saturday, October 6, 2012

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our CA Awards County Winners, to our Gold Reporter’s, Secretary’s & Treasurer’s Book Winners, to our Emerald Star Award Winners and to all of the Gold Seal 4-H Clubs! Welcome to our 2012-2013 All Stars: Sigrid Derickson, Ashley Lauinger, Candace Johnston, Sophie Johnston, Faith Patterson, Tanner Truelson, Jenna Winslow and Advisor Leslie Rebik!

SLO COUNTY’S 2011-12 CALIFORNIA AWARDS COUNTY WINNERS ARE:

- Aeronautics: Devin Cunha, Templeton 4-H
- Avian Science: Ryan Flores, Santa Margarita 4-H
- Breeding Beef: Robin Righetti, Edna 4-H
- Market Beef: Christine Curtis, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Bicycle: Kyle Plummer, Cambria 4-H
- Baking & Bread Making: Candace Johnston, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Cake Decorating: Marissa Shock, Huasna Valley 4-H
- Child Development: Annie Jankovitz, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Clothing & Textiles: Denise Carigo, Pozo 4-H
- Community Service: Jesse-Ray Morring, Canyon Country 4-H
- Creative Arts & Crafts: Jessica Dalton, Adobe Nipomo 4-H
- Dog Care & Training: Olivia Andrade, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Entomology: Adrik Osburn-Cadam, Huasna Valley 4-H
- Fishing: Henry Marden, Edna 4-H
- Foods & Nutrition: Bernadette Aguirre, Santa Margarita 4-H
- Dairy Goats: Emily Patterson, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Market Goats: Alyssa Hall, Cerro Alto 4-H & Matthew Tierney, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Healthy Living: Meg Stern, Cambria 4-H
- Horse & Ponies: Sydney Vinther, Estrella 4-H
- Jr. Leadership: Alizabeth Herndon, Templeton 4-H
- Leadership Development: Justine Potter, Los Osos 4-H
- Leathercraft: Cameron Strobridge, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Marine Science: Nicholas Lopez, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Outdoor Adventures: Lindsey Young, Edna 4-H
- Public Speaking: Taylor Young, Edna 4-H
- Quilting: Marhya Rivera-Orosco, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Rabbits: Graceanne Garza, El Camino 4-H & Brittney Tierney, Cerro Alto 4-H
- Robotics: David Aguirre, Santa Margarita 4-H
- Rocketry: Raegan Lomanto, Ranchita Canyon 4-H
- Scrapbooking: Julia Boersma, Nipomo 4-H
- Breeding Sheep: Maggie Madden, Santa Lucia 4-H
- Market Sheep: Ashley Lauinger, Huasna Valley 4-H
- Shooting Sports: A.J. Mehlschau, Adobe Nipomo 4-H
- Swine: Sierra La Rue, Templeton 4-H
- Teen Leadership: Jenna Winslow, Cerro Alto 4-H
National & State 4-H News

For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit http://www.ca4h.org/News/

- Join California 4-H on Facebook!
  https://www.facebook.com/california4H

- Save the Date: State 4-H Field Day 2013 – May 25 at UC Davis
  http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFD/
  The State 4-H Field Day takes place annually on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the UC Davis campus from 8:00am until 6:00pm. The event is open to all 4-H members, volunteers, staff and parents. More information will be released in January 2013.

  The five categories announced for 2013 State Fashion Revue are generating interest in 4-H sewing and crafts projects, and in counties planning their local events. Check out the descriptions at http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Events/SFR/ and plan to participate in your County Fashion Revue. SFR is coordinating three service projects: little dresses and shorts for Africa, stuffed animals, and drawstring bags. Projects and counties are encouraged to download the patterns and instructions and make the most of all the fabric scraps in your “stash.” The dresses and bags take about a yard of fabric plus bias tape or cording. The shorts are sewn from a new or like-new purchased t-shirt. The stuffed animals are cute and cuddly, made from scraps of fuzzy fabric. Brighten the life of a child close to home or in an impoverished country by donating fabric or your time and have fun at the same time. See the SFR website for questions or contact a committee member.

- 4-H State Leadership Conference 2013 – July 25-28, 2013 at UC Davis
  http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/SLC/
  The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. More information will be released in January 2013.

- Project Sheets
  http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Project_Sheets/
  Check out the 30 available project sheets designed to help 4-H volunteers and youth understand possibilities in 4-H projects. 4-H youth and their families may use these sheets to decide which project they might be interested in. The State 4-H Office is looking for people to help write these project sheets! If interested, please contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucanr.edu.

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Welcome New 4-H Club

We are happy to announce the addition of a new club to the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. **Los Berros 4-H Club** is based in the Arroyo Grande area and the Community Club Leader is **Marla Mandella**. The club meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, located at 417 Orchard Street in Arroyo Grande.

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SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013

SLO COUNTY’S
ASSET DEVELOPMENT NETWORK
CONFERENCE

“IT STARTS WITH ME: CREATING A COMMUNITY WITHOUT BULLYING”
To be held at Cuesta College

More details to follow next month...
Or Contact Shannon White Bond
swbond@slocoe.org

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WOODS HUMANE SOCIETY WIGGLE WAGGLE WALK-A-THON: On Saturday, October 13, the Woods Humane Society held their annual Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon. This is a fundraiser for the sheltered animals that are currently being housed by Woods. There were over 425 sign-ups for this fundraiser, and it all added up to over $7,000. There were many booths, and several events going on at the Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon. The booths arranged from Lemos and Petco to Life’s Abundance and Gentle Touch Pet Training. There was a contest that allowed people and their dogs to show what tricks they have learned. Overall, it was a great turnout. More than 50 dogs and cats went home to loving people at the end of the day.

Pictured at Left: Amy with her singing Dachshunds, Davie & Liesel
Pictured at Right: Jenny and Axel, a mix breed terrier
A goal without a plan is just a wish
~ Antoine de Saint

4-H Project Leaders intentionally help youth learn from their individual 4-H club projects (science, cooking, art, animals, etc.) In the same way, 4-H Thrive Project Leaders help youth intentionally identify sparks by using the Thrive Curriculum to explore interests, identify hidden or potential talents, set and manage goals. By working through the Thrive Curriculum, 4-H youth will have the opportunity to develop a growth mindset that can only benefit their community, their 4-H program and their own personal development!

Just as we encourage our youth to learn new strategies and techniques, 4-H Thrive Project Leaders need access to the current, cutting edge youth development practices that help youth reach their full potential. It's an opportunity to become even more energized and excited about the work that the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program does. Additionally, the Thrive Model is the way we are doing skill building in 4-H and we want all 4-H youth across the state to have access to these skills and opportunities in this very unique and specific way by using the Thrive Curriculum!

Project Leaders: Please contact 4-H Administrative Assistant, Krysti Jerdin at 805-781-5941 or via email at kjerdin@co.slo.ca.us for more information about becoming a 4-H Thrive Project Leader!

The California 4-H South Section Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) is a three (3) day youth leadership conference for high school aged 4-H members of the South Section. Youth who attend this conference will have a chance to: gain new leadership techniques, learn teamwork skills, obtain information on opportunities 4-H has to offer at a sectional and statewide level, meet 4-H members from across the state, participate in community service activities, and much more!

TIC is completely put together by the officers of the South Section Teen Council.

2013 Teen Involvement Conference: “FLASHBACK TO LEADERSHIP” will be held from January 18-20, 2013 at the Pathfinder Ranch outside of Mountain Center, CA.

The Registration Packet can be found at http://ss4h.org/
Early Bird Registration will be due December 9, 2012.

You can also get up to date details about the conference by following the TIC Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/4HTIC

For more information in general about TIC visit:

http://www.ca4h.org/Resources/Volunteers/Councils/Sectional/South/Teen_Involvement_Conference/
Attend the Introduction and Training Session To Become a 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator!

Would you enjoy leading children and adults together in hands-on science activities? If this sounds like fun, you could become a SLO Scientist Facilitator to lead one of our 4-H youth/adult science groups! Several 4-H members in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade come with a parent or other favorite adult to participate together as science teams in activities related to subjects including chemistry, watershed explorations, earthquake preparedness and local geology, or plant and soil science.

You don’t need a background in science to lead our groups…just a desire to facilitate a small group of children and adults together “doing science” a couple times per month. An introduction and informative training session to our terrific program will be held in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday afternoon, December 11, 2012.

For more information about the SLO Scientist program, becoming a Volunteer Facilitator to lead one of these groups and to reserve a space for our training session, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator at 781-5943.
Start the New Year off with an Exciting New Project:
Be a 4-H SLO Scientist!

Beginning in late January, several new 4-H SLO Scientist groups will be forming throughout San Luis Obispo County, in Los Osos, San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles and Santa Margarita. If you’re in 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th grade and enjoy science and hands-on activities, then you’ll love the SLO Scientist program. You’ll come with your parent, or other favorite adult, and participate together as a science team with other youth and adults to form a small group of science teams who have fun “doing science” together. The group is led by a wonderful 4-H SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator. Joining a SLO Scientist group is a terrific way for families to connect in doing fun and worthwhile activities together and learning about the world around you!

For more information about joining a SLO Scientist group, further details about the program, and to reserve a space in one of our local groups, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator, at 781-5943.

4-H SLO Scientist Topics that can be explored by YOU!

- **IT CAME FROM PLANTED EARTH**
  We all enjoy food, but where does it come from? You will take a journey in the world of agriculture and discover how soil, water, plants, and animals are important for your survival.

- **CHEMICALS ARE US**
  Discover how chemicals are used in our everyday lives with experiments that will stir your imagination and keep you

- **From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Explorations**
  Where does water come from? Where does it go? Go with the flow in activities that splash you with great ideas and fun!

- **Oak Woodland Wildlife**
  Explore trees and forests in a wonderful series of activities that looks at one of our most important natural resources.

- **Sciening With Snails**
  You are the chief investigator in the world of snails as you embark on a journey of wonder, awe, and amazing feats!

- **Beyond Duck, Cover & Hold**
  You will shake, rattle, and roll as you explore earthquakes, seismic waves, and seismograms. Discover if your community is ready for an earth moving experience!
2012 Toys-4-Tots Campaign begins!

Hi, it’s Jesse-Ray Morring reporting in from the frontlines of the 2012 Toys-4-Tots collection kick off meeting! I’m the Toys-4-Tots 4-H Ambassador, and I need your help to make this the best year ever, and make sure that all the kids in San Luis Obispo County have a very Merry Christmas!!

The United States Marine Corps Toys-4-Tots Collection drive for San Luis Obispo County had its kick off meeting! Soon we will begin setting out our trademark Toys-4-Tots collection boxes!

Toys-4-Tots began in 1947, when a group of Marine Corps reservists, banded together and collected 5,000 toys for local kids that had none. The logo for Toys-4-Tots was designed as a donation by the Walt Disney Studios in 1948.

As of 2011, the Toys-4-Tots program had collected and delivered over five hundred million toys!

We will have a collection box in the 4-H County office. All toys collected go to various locations in our county and end up helping kids everywhere. All toys collected in SLO County are given to kids in SLO County!! When the need is filled, they go where they’re needed.

Please bring all 4-H Toys-4-Tots donations to our box at the County Office. If you can’t get them there - call and we’ll pick them up. We want to make a 4-H county-wide effort to show how many toys our clubs bring in. Together, our clubs can show what a 4-H outpouring can do.

Have each club member bring one new toy, with a value of $10 or more, to a club meeting before December 20th (The toys can be on sale, just be valued at $10 originally). Then when your club collection is finished, call for pick-up, you can reach me at (805) 286-8505, or take them to the 4-H office!!

We will keep you all posted on our efforts and our final count!

We will have special recognition for clubs with the largest, per ratio to club size donations received!

Ready… set…GO GET THOSE TOYS!!!!!
Canyon Country 4-H County Wide Pop-Top Drive!

With the end of the year coming near, the Pop-Top Collection Drive is still going strong! We need EVERYONE’s help to make this the BIGGEST collection year EVER!

This year our sponsorship of the Pop-Top Collection has a generous matching donor. That means that every donation we make, say 100 pounds of pop-tops, becomes 200 pounds!

They’re everywhere! Pop-Tops are hiding on soda cans, pet food cans, tuna cans, even fruit cans and we are ALWAYS collecting!

These Pop-Tops, and the money made from them go directly to our local Ronald McDonald House of Central California. This House is attached, by a sidewalk, to Children’s Hospital of Central California. Every penny goes to provide rooms and care for the families whose Children are in the hospital.

A night at the Ronald McDonald House is only $15 (no one is ever turned away if they can’t pay). The family gets a beautiful room, with a private bathroom, furnished for their comfort. Volunteers come in each evening to prepare wonderful home cooked meals for the families. To these families, nothing is better than knowing you are cared for so you have no worries but to help your child get better and go home.

Please collect all pop-tops and drop them off at the 4-H office or call Pam Morring at (805) 286-8505, and make your donations count!

Popping a top for Ronald McDonald House is fun Community Service and it’s the right thing to do!

Thank you!
Jesse-Ray Morring
Canyon Country 4-H
Community Service Jr. Leader
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT NEWS

California State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Meeting
December 8 & 9, 2012
Visalia, CA

The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program welcomes all current and/or potential 4-H Shooting Sports Project Leaders, teen leaders (high school aged 4-H members), and 4-H staff to attend a two-day leader’s meeting on the following dates:

Saturday, December 8, 2012  10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, 2012  8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

The meetings will be held in Visalia, CA at the Visalia Police Association Range Facility. **There is no fee to attend.** Camping will be allowed on site. Hotel/motel arrangements are available in Visalia which is approximately 5 miles from the meeting site.

There will be presentations of information regarding the project, guest speakers, and hands-on activities for all participants. **To register for the meeting, please access the following link:**
https://ucanr.org/survey2/survey.cfm?surveynumber=7810

Please note, this is an informational meeting. It is not a training workshop where you receive certification in a shooting sports discipline. It is an opportunity for you to network with leaders from throughout the State and gain further information about the California State 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

The point of contact is John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu

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4-H Shooting Sports Workshop—Rifle Discipline
Bakersfield, CA

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**  8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
**Sunday, January 13, 2013**  8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the rifle discipline will be held at UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as a 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 or receive more information, contact John Borba at: jaborba@ucdavis.edu  (This course is not open to 4-H leaders from Santa Cruz County).
PEN PALS WITH CHILDREN FROM GHANA, WEST AFRICA

Over the last 2 weeks, Brogan Peterson, Katherine Reid, Jake Higginbottom, Megan and Carson Brown, CorriAnne and Shelby Cook and myself from Estrella 4-H put our heads together and answered a request for pen pals for children from Ghana, West Africa. The children in Ghana will be attending a camp that will be covering general improved farming practices among other things and are forming a 4-H group there. The idea is to open communications between the two groups. We will be learning about how they raise food, what they study, and what they do for fun. Submitted by: Sydney Vinther, President, Estrella 4-H

On Oct. 6 and 7, 2012 Taylor Hedger and I went to the Central Coast Feather Fanciers. We were there being judged with our birds supporting Templeton 4-H. Showmanship judging was being done as well. I got fourth place out of 12 in judging. Taylor, my brother got first place out of 3 in Novice and he got 8th place out of 16 in Junior. I was in primary. There were all kinds of birds in the facility. There were ducks, turkeys, geese, and bantam class as well. Taylor and I are brother and sister. We read a lot of 4-H books. This is our 2nd year in 4-H. We each have a chicken. My chicken's name is Rose. My brother's chicken's name is 24/7. 4-H is FUN!!!!!! Submitted by: Tecah Hedger

On October 6th and 7th, 2012, a lot of participants came to Central Coast Feather Fanciers at the Paso Robles Event Center to show, sell, buy and to be judged on their birds. These birds were there: turkey, ducks, geese, and chickens, some in bantam class. Tecah Hedger and I were there to show our bantam chickens. I showed in Novice and in Junior. For Novice, I got 1st out of 3, and in Junior I got 8th out of 16. Tecah got 4th out of 12 in her primary class. Submitted by: Taylor Hedger
Huasna Valley 4-H

On September 29, 2012 one lucky, Huasna Valley Community Service Group had the pleasure to serve six hours with their community children decorating pumpkins and vegetables. Our group included Jenna and Wyatt Pankey, Sarah and William Hughey, Nicole Rotta, Cori Heck, Tristan Huard and myself Ashley Lauinger. We were supervised by Tammy Lauinger and Stephanie Hughey.

Everyone was so excited to go and help kids decorate pumpkins and veggies. After they finished decorating the pumpkins they were entered into a contest. We all had the honor to judge the pumpkins/veggies. We had to use teamwork and creativity to our advantage to judge. We all had a great six hours bonding time. After we finished the booth we had time ourselves to go and support the other agricultural booths and games. We all had a great time! Submitted by: Ashley Lauinger

The Morro Bay 4-H participated in The Coastal Clean Up Day on Sept 15. A variety of trash including cigarette butts and dead birds were removed from the beach areas in Morro Bay. In addition, the Morro Bay 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week in two different activities. On Tuesday, Oct 9, the Morro Bay 4-H group led the Morro Bay City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance and also spoke about 4-H and the opportunities it offers to young people. The group also set up an 4-H information table at the local Spencer's grocery store on Thursday, Oct 11.
Submitted by: Amelia Richardson

THE RESULTS ARE IN!
San Luis Obispo County proudly reported that 1,006 volunteers picked up 2,500 lbs of debris and 207 lbs of recyclables during the 28th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on September 15.

At the Cerro Alto 4-H October Baking and Breadmaking meeting, we met new people and learned the basics of the project. We colored placemats for the Convalescent Center. We also learned about measurements and kitchen safety. Then we learned how to make mini cheesecakes with Oreos on the bottom. They were very delicious and we had a lot of fun.
Submitted by: Courtney Basden and Kira Adams
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