

4-H Has Sun Fun at Santa Barbara County Fair

As people walk around and enjoy the fair, little do they know of all the work that goes into all the exhibits, rides, animals and food. All the preparations and planning that make the fair what it is today. You would think that the fair magically appeared for everyone. But, if that person could have seen the child carefully pasting pictures on a poster, the 4-H group discussing how they want to make signs with their animal names. The leader going over “one more time” on how to show a cow, sheep, chicken, or rabbit. The members looking earnest and hanging onto every word that leader says. Parents calling leaders and each other to make arrangements for getting youth and animals to the fair on



time. Just before “show time” at the fair, everyone participating is setting up, attending to those last minute details and helping out those “first-timers”.

Are these youth really having fun? You bet! Even as they rotate their shifts in watching their clubs animals. You see nothing but smiles. You hear happy chatter as they coach each other, answer questions of curious fairgoers and even

when they are keeping their areas safe and presentable, making sure that the animal’s bedding is clean and dry, and doing the chores to keep their animals happy and cool from the sun. It was hot! Everyone, members, leaders and family working together. *continued page 4*

El Camino Is “Herd” After The Fair

by Jennifer Shamblin

With the end of the 2002 Santa Barbara County Fair it is time to take stock. We of the El Camino 4-H beef group did well at the Santa Barbara County Fair. The haul in and weigh days were tiring, but we had the rest of the Fair to look forward to.

Wednesday rolled around and our breeding and market classes began. We really pulled together *cont. page 4*

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Come to State Presentation Day 2003

by Natori Coleman

Hi! I'm Natori Coleman, member of the Valley of the Bears 4-H in Los Osos. I went to State Presentation Day at U.C. Davis during Memorial Day Weekend. Going to State Presentation Day was an experience that I look forward to next year.

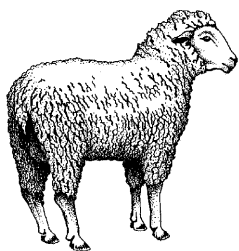
The State event is very similar to County and Regional Presentation Day, with gold seals for meeting judging criteria. At State, the presenters compete against each other for first, second, and third place medals in each category for junior and senior levels. Since this type of judging has been added at the State level, it would be important to explain what to expect to 4-Hers when they finish at Regional and want to go on to State. Clubs need to encourage several members

to participate so one presenter is not alone. It would make the trip and time there a lot more fun.

Even though working through something new is hard, State Presentation Day is something I would do again. It had its ups and downs, and I believe that the only way to experience something is to learn how to handle the downs positively and be proud of the ups. As a new event started this year, it had a few problems that I am sure will be worked out for next year. Still, it was great to have the adventure. That is why I think you should join me next year at State Presentation Day.

Hope to see you there!

Making The Best Baaahter!



Agricultural and Natural Resources has a publication available to order called "A Handbook for Raising Small Numbers of Sheep." The booklet costs \$8.00. Content covers management, reproduction, nutrition, health, and wool quality. Also, it includes plans for a barn and feeding equipment and a glossary. You can order this booklet on-line at <http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu> or you can call (530) 754-5065

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Richard P. Enfield,
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Persons with special needs wishing to attend a program should contact the 4-H Office in advance. Efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

Calling All Science Enthusiasts

by Heather Dauer

Before you respond, “Not interested... Science is boring.” You have never had the opportunity to participate in a SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Club. Eight to ten teams - each team consisting of one 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader and one adult (parent, grandparent or other significant adult in the child’s life) meet together as a group twice a month to explore topics such as earthquakes, soil and water, chemical reactions and food and plant sciences. We are now in the early stages of forming these terrific clubs. 4-H members and non-members alike from anywhere in the county are welcome to join.

We are also in need of volunteers to help facilitate the hands-on science activities for these groups. Volunteer facilitators DO NOT have to be experts in the fields of soils, agriculture or earthquakes. Emphasis is on teaching children how to BE scientists - to give them real experiences, to help them learn how

to observe, investigate experiment and begin to “read the story” about what their experiments and the world around

them have to tell. The objective is to provide a fun, safe environment for parents to learn from kids, kids to learn from parents and everyone to learn from the world around them. Training is offered on a continual basis.

For more information about how you can join a SLO Scientist group or would be interested in finding out about being a volunteer facilitator, please call Heather Dauer, SLO Scientist Coordinator at 781-5944.



“Babe” gets lots of attention from El Camino 4-Hers Amanda Willems and Jennifer Shamblin.

Lost & Found

Be sure to double check your stuff from Field Day. Two boxes of various items were found at Field Day. Call 781-5943 or drop by the 4-H Office.

Look What Just Flew In!!

Poultry projects will be happy to know that the 4-H Office has the current edition of the 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship booklet. Leader’s and member’s guides. These booklets cover chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese and pigeons. So, waddle on in to the 4-H Office and take a gander at the new books.

Call ahead, and the 4-H Office will make copies for you. 781-5943.

Centennial Bears

The 4-H Office has 3 Centennial Bears needing loving homes. \$11.00 each. Call 781-5943 or drop in.



TJ (Taryn) Lawheed of Nipomo 4-H gives the swine water to drink.



Sierra Beckham keeps an eye on the Los Alegres swine.

El Camino Is "Herd"

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for encouragement and support. When the market and the breeding classes were over, we had showmanship. Sean McClain and Michelle Zimmerman were in the Novice classes; it was their first year in the beef project. Daniel and Amanda Willems, and Jennifer Shamblin were all competing in advanced showmanship.

Friday was the costume class. We had an old fashioned wedding. The bride was wearing a white lace gown, the groom a black tuxedo, the flower girl and ring bearer were wearing wreaths. Keep in mind it is the cattle that were all dressed up. Live music was played by Keely Oswald, who played the wedding procession. Daniel Willems performed the cere-

mony. Sean McClain walked the groom and Jennifer Shamblin led the bride. Michelle Zimmerman led the ring bearer and Amanda Willems led the flower girl. Jono Yanez played the stereo in the end as we left the ring. Our script started with "We are herded here today" and ended with "United we stand with beef quality assurance and nutrition for all."



Sarah Stahl and Aaron Nightingale practicing on how to show their goats.

Just a little note about the Horse Show before the fair, Jennifer Shamblin participated with her new colt. They had a very good day. She was proud of her little guy, especially because it was his first show in the canter classes.

All in all the El Camino Beef Group had a real good year, and are looking for-

ward to an even better year in 2003. Congratulations to everyone on a great year and best of luck in the years to come.

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Watching all of this activity makes you wonder, "how do they do it?" Well, they enjoy what they do and it is clear that they like to share with others their knowledge. They all help their neighbors, so that everyone can be their best and do their best.

At the end of the fair. Everyone pitches in to clean up, round up the animals, load up the vans, trucks and trailers. New friends have been made and the goodbyes are hard to say. Hugs and promises of keeping in touch are said quietly. Handshakes and congratulations. But most of all you hear, "I can hardly wait til next year."

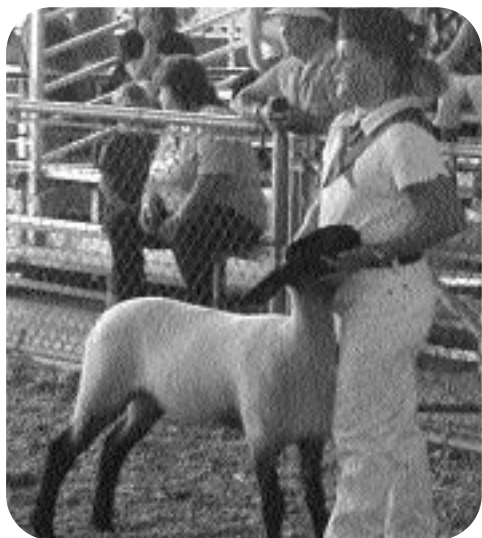


El Camino prepares for the big wedding!

4-H

It's About All of Us

4-H is a highly visible program. As staff, members, leaders, and parents, our actions and words reflect on the entire 4-H Program through out the nation. Let's all be ambassadors for the 4-H Program by representing 4-H in a responsible and professional manner.



Update for County Record Book Judges

If you have prior club-level record book judging experience, including this year, and you are interested in judging at the County-level Record Book Judging, please read on. The 4-H Office is recruiting Leaders or adults interested in taking part in the 2002 County Record Book Judging. There will be a County Record Book Judges training for those interested in taking part in this task. Please consider that the 4-H Office needs people who can stay all day for the actual County Record Book Judging. Training has been Scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2002 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will be held in the UC Cooperative Extension Auditorium in San Luis Obispo. It is mandatory that all judges on September 7th must have participated in the judges training on August 22, 2002 or the training in 2001. County 4-H Record Book Judging will be held on September 7, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. until all Record Books are judged. A continental style breakfast, lunch and beverages will be provided throughout the day.

Junior & Teen Leader Project vs Leadership Development

To clarify the difference between the Leadership Development Project and the Junior & Teen Leader Project.

Leadership Development Project - identify and understand the roles, attitudes, tasks and functions necessary for effective leadership. Seek guidance in your leadership development skills, which will provide opportunities to develop your self-confidence.

These skills will help you to strengthen your local 4-H clubs and/or countywide 4-H activities or events by becoming involved in leadership responsibilities and encouraging other youth to do so. You will actively participate in program plan-

ning, development, implementation and help to recruit new members and leaders.

Junior & Teen Leadership Project - work directly with an adult Project Leader. You and the leader work on a plan at the beginning of the 4-H year to determine what you hope to add to the project and what the project leader expects from you. The plans you make at the beginning of the year do not always materialize, later, when you fill out your leadership form at the end of the 4-H year, you should explain. This will include not only what you contributed, but what you have learned and how things could have been done differently.

Record Book Forms - use the Annual 4-H Project Report Form (4H-1070) and a Project Story for the Leadership Development Project.

The Plan and Report Form for Junior and Teen Leaders (4H-8034) is the form you will use in the Junior & Teen Leader Project.

Junior & Teen Leader Project, if you anticipate that your Record Book may be selected for County Record Book Judging as Junior & Teen Leader Project, you must submit the Plan & Report Form for Junior & Teen Leaders (4H-8034) and a Project Story under a separate tab in your Record Book.

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program

4-H Management Board Meeting June 26, 2002

PRESENT: Cathy Ahearn, Michelle Buck, Shawn Callaway, Ruben Cavanillas, Richard Enfield, Leslie Marques, JoAnn Overbey

August 22, 2002

B. Record Book Judging: to be held on September 7, 2002

C. Record Book Workshop: to be held on July 18, 2002

I. OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS AND

LEADERS: None

II. TREASURER'S REPORTS:

A. Quarterly Report:

Beginning Balance = \$30,183.73.

Ending Balance = \$37,840.99.

Ending Balance CD = \$8,260.93.

B. 2002 Chicken-Q Preliminary Financial Report:

Leslie reported that 2786 tickets were distributed to clubs, with 2255 sold by clubs and an additional 62 tickets sold at Field Day. Total income to date is \$14,075.31. Total expenses to date are \$3,770.90. Tentative Net Profit to the 4-H Program is approximately \$10,304.41.

C. 2002-2003 4-H Budget Presentation: Richard led discussion of proposed 2002-2003

4-H Program Year Budget. Discussion ensued, with adjustments to several line items.

Motion by JoAnn, seconded by Ruben, to accept Proposed 2002-2003 4-H Program Year Budget, as amended. Motion passed.

D. Review of 2001-2002 Books & Tax Preparation:

Ruben and Shawn will do review of 2001-2002 4-H Books this year, and present findings at October Management Board Meeting. Michelle and Richard will prepare tax forms.

E. 4-H Insurance/Enrollment Account: Richard led discussion about a club that had overpaid insurance fees in the Fall, and then discovered error several months later. Club requested a refund. Decision was made not to refund overpayment, since fees had already been turned in to State 4-H Office.

III. DIRECTOR'S TERMS:

A. Awards Director, Extension: JoAnn Overbey's term will be extended.

B. Treasurer/Budget Director, Extension: Michelle has finished her first term.

Motion by Ruben, seconded by Cathy to reappoint Michelle as Treasure/Budget Director. Motion passed.

C. Fundraising/Gift Giving Director: Still being recruited for.

IV. 4-H AWARDS REPORT:

A. Record Book Judges Training: to be held on

V. ALL STAR REPORT:

A. Achievement Night: Richard reported that Carole MacNeil will be attending. JoAnn talked about getting the decorations from Fashion Revue. Richard talked about doing the Centennial Celebration by the decades. Honorees will receive a certificate and a Centennial pin.

B. All-Star Applications: Due on August 30, 2002. Discussion about when Gold Star rank has to be achieved by. Motion by Michelle, seconded by Cathy, to require that All-Star applicant achieve Gold Star rank by the application due date. Motion passed.

VI. REGIONAL/STATE 4-H COUNCIL'S

REPORT: Ruben reported that State Demonstration Day had 200 participants, with 19 from Southern Section. National 4-H Convention had 1200 delegates, with 30 from California. Sectional Record Book Judging, on July 20, in San Diego, will need 1 judge for every 5 books submitted. State Council has voted on and passed the 4-H Constitution and By-laws. State Ambassadors for 2002-2003 include 2 from Imperial County, 1 from Los Angeles County, County. Nominations are being taken for State Council President, Secretary, 2 Youth State Representatives, and Adult State Representative. Elections will be held in September. The California Computer Corps has received a grant from Hewlett Packard Corporation. The State Council October meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Sacramento. Dates to remember include July 20, 2002 Project Book Judging and Scholarship selection in San Diego; August 24, 2002 State Project Book and Scholarship Judging at U.C. Davis; September 14, 2002 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting;

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San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program

4-H Management Board Meeting June 26, 2002

October 26, 2002 State Leaders' Council Meeting; November 8-10, 2002 State Leaders' Forum at Asilomar, January 11, 2003 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting; January 24-26, 2003 Teen Involvement Conference at Pathfinder Ranch; April 12, 2003 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting; April 26, 2003 State 4-H Leaders' Council; May 17, 2003 Six-county Field Day at Mt. SAC; June 14, 2003 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting.

Ruben showed copies of the 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Leaders Guide, and 4-H Poultry Fitting & Showmanship Members Guide, published by Michigan State University Extension. A copy is being donated to the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Office for reference and possible future orders.

VII. DIRECTOR REPORTS AS NECESSARY:

None

VIII. 4-H OFFICE REPORT

- A. 4-H Mission & Direction Report: Richard distributed a copy of a letter from Reg Gomes to the Executive Council and Program Council, accepting the recommendation that the 4-H Mission and Direction Committee's vision and operative principles for 4-H Youth Development be adopted as the Division's, and that implementation of this vision be initiated.
- B. Correspondence: Richard read three thank-you letters from Field Day.
- C. State Leadership Conference: Leslie reported that 10 delegates and 2 chaperones will be attending this year's conference in August, at U.C. Davis.

IX. EXPANSION AND REVIEW/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPORT:

- A. AA Review Report: Richard thinks we did very well in the recent review from the statewide Affirmative Action Office.
- B. All Reasonable Efforts Package & Letters for

2002-2003: have been distributed.

- C. 2001-2002 Program Year Results: Richard reported that the County is only 3 members out of parity, as of June 17. Efforts will continue to achieve parity in each club.

X. FIELD DAY REVIEW

- A. Preliminary Discussion: Richard and Shawn led discussion about positive and negative aspects of this event. Richard reported that over 2000 people attended the event, and approximately 1800 Chicken-Q meals were served. Over 450 4-H members participated in the various divisions.
- B. Decision about Contract Renewal: Actions of a few youth have jeopardized contract renewal for 2003. Ideas were discussed about possibilities of using off-duty peace officers for security, adding security in the Fair concession and mid-way areas, utilizing 2 licensed and 2 local security people, making security more visible by giving t-shirts to security guards, using private security, etc. Issue was discussed about why and how we would do security sweep of Fairgrounds when other events are being held on the same day as Field Day. Richard will draft a letter to Fair Management on behalf of the 4-H Management Board acknowledging John Alkire's letter, indicate that the 4-H Management Board has met to discuss the issue, report on 4-H past history of Field Day, add concerns we still have, and offer a proposed solution. 4-H Management Board members will review the letter before it is sent.
- C. Formation of Ad-Hoc Committee: Shawn will appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to review member's actions and handle due process of breach of 4-H Code of Conduct.

XI. OTHER ITEMS:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

XII. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 16, 2002 at 5:30 p.m.
(tentative)

Calendar of Events

2002

AUGUST 2002

- 1 Scholarship Applications DUE to 4-H Office for various awards (June N&V)
- 7-9 2002 Youth Leadership Summit, UC Davis
- 9-11 4-H State Leadership Conference, UC Davis
- 16-9/2 California Exposition and State Fair, Sacramento. Call 916-263-3149 or www.bigfun.org
- 22 County Record Book Judges Training
- 24 State Project Book and Scholarship Judging
- 30 Record Books to be judged at
County Level DUE
Secretary Books DUE
Treasurer Books DUE
Reporter Books DUE
Summary Club Goals & Objectives for 2001-2002 DUE
All Star applications Due
Emerald Star applications Due
(in order to be recognized on Achievement Night)

SEPTEMBER 2002

- 7 County 4-H Record Book Judging
Club Officers List DUE
Club Awards Order DUE
- 14 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

OCTOBER 2002

- 1 Insurance/Curriculum Fees Due
New Enrollment Information Due
Club Budgets for 2002-2003 Due
Club Goals & Objectives for 2002-2003 Due
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 19 Achievement Night, SLO Vets Hall, 7 p.m.
- 26 State 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 2002

- 8 -10 California 4-H Leaders Forum - Asilomar

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to 4-H events to show your support of 4-H's 100th birthday!*