My Most Significant Lesson This Year

By Steven Keller

This year, I went to Point Reyes, to view the fault there. Evidence of the San Francisco 1906 earthquake has been preserved there so people can view it.

Since the earthquake class, I have experienced the 6.5 magnitude earthquake that hit our area. I was amazed how much.

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Pass It On…

NEW: SLO Co. Website: www.clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/. California 4-H Website: www.ca4h.org.

State 4-H Web Server! 4-H Clubs may register for space on the State 4-H Web Server. Check out http://clubs.ca4h.org to view current web sites. Click on the links to find out how your group can benefit from having a safe, free alternative to commercial web servers.

The Grand National Foundation and Uccelli Foundation Scholarships for those planning to pursue a career in agriculture. Application deadline is September 22, 2004. One eligibility requirement is to participate in the 2004 Grand National Stock Show. Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943 for an application.

Parking passes for the Mid-State Fair in the Pioneer Museum Parking Lot will be available on July 15, 2004. Please contact North County Aquatics & Recreation (237-3987) for more information or call Leslie Parker 440-6245 days, 466-6445 evenings.

2005 National 4-H Conference will be March 21—April 5, 2005 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. 4-H members (age 15 and above), volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply. Applications are DUE September 30, 2004 and are available at http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc.

California 4-H Citizenship Program continues to recruit staff or volunteer 4-H leaders who are interested in applying for the Intern position for the Citizenship Washington Focus Program. Applications are DUE September 13, 2004. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus or contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520.

Free Rabbits to a good home. Call Shirley, 773-1909 for more info.

Pedigreed Dutch Rabbits for sale. Great markings! Well handled! If interested please call Kurt Payne at 466-5670.

If you have no computer, call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 for assistance in obtaining any of the above information.

A Minute with the All Stars!

By Hayley Borchard, All Star

During the last couple of months, the All Stars have been hard at work preparing for the up coming 4-H State Leadership Conference that is being held at UC Riverside this year. This year the All Stars decided to take things one step further and put on a workshop. The workshop is call “Motion Potion”, where other 4-H youth will learn the basics in parliamentary procedures while debating what toppings to put on their cupcakes. So far the All Stars are having a great time with all of the 4-H youth and activities.

Richard P. Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor

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Significant Lesson

Continued from page 1.  Damage occurred. Buildings crumbled and hot sulfur springs, that had been capped for many years, erupted. What a smell! Fortunately, only two people were killed. In Atascadero, there was some damage to our city hall. I realized that it could have been worse.

This year, I attended another class with Mr. McCabe, it was called “Imagineering: How to build structures to better withstand earthquakes.” How appropriate was that? Time is everything. We studied how to build structures that would withstand earthquakes. I learned it is important not only to select the right material, but also to know how to brace and cross brace the structure to make it strong. Buildings have to be able to withstand stress, gravity and ground shifting. The significance of the earthquake and Imagineering classes, punctuated by an actual earthquake, will probably never leave my mind. What a lesson!

Cerro Alto Rabbit Show Results

By Morgan Johnson, Pozo

On Saturday, April 10, 2004 the Cerro Alto 4-H held their 20th Annual Rabbit Show. During lunch, Pozo 4-H Rabbit group hosted the 7th Annual Bunny Buddy and Bunny Fun costume contests. This event is held to entertain the kids (and adults) and to inspire their creative sides. In the Bunny Buddy contest, the contestant and their rabbit dresses up. In the Bunny Fun contest, the contestant dresses up their rabbit only.

The Pozo 4-H rabbit group thanks Cinderella Carpets in San Luis Obispo for their generous donation of carpet squares. Our judges, Nicole Burger (Pozo 4-H/Atascadero FFA), Morgan Johnson (Pozo 4-H) and Patrick Wagster (Pozo 4-H) had a great, but difficult time judging all the wonderful and creative costumes.

Bunny Buddies Winners

Age 9 & under
Renee Olshefski, Atas. Rangers

Age 10
Dillon Westfall, Pozo

Age 11 & over
Eric Hendrickson, Estero/Morro Bay

Bunny Fun Winners

Age 9 & under
Brittney Tierney, Cerro Alto

Age 10
Megan Oleshefski, Atas. Rangers

Age 11
Leanna Litten, Adobe Nipomo

Age 12 & over
Kristy Graham, Templeton

Scholarships

For your information Lawson Williams scholarship has been discontinued. The SLO Co. 4-H YDP Management Board has approved 3 new scholarships of $300 each. One for Leadership, one for Citizenship/Community Service & one for Life Skills.

So, if you are a current 4-H member who is planning to attend college this fall, you are eligible to apply for one of these scholarships. Scholarship applications are due Friday, August 20, 2004 by 5:00 p.m. in the 4-H Office. Postmarks of 8/20/04 will be accepted.

Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, if you would like to have a scholarship application mailed to you, please specify which one you wish to apply for or if you have questions or if you want more information.

4-H YD Program Insurance Fees Increase

As of July 1, 2004, the insurance fees for the 2004—2005 program year have increased to:

4-H Members—$8.00

4-H Leaders—$4.00

Community Club Leaders, please note that insurance fees are due in the 4-H office by September 30, 2004.
**Rotary Grant**

Pictured, left to right, is Ben Hall, President of the San Luis Obispo de Tolosa Rotary Club, presenting Richard Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor for San Luis Obispo County with a check for $1000.00 for the new 4-H project: 4-H SLO Hikers. 4-H SLO Hikers will be a family physical activity and fitness project and it is expected to begin in the Fall of 2004. 4-H families can stay tuned to future News & Views for more information about the project.

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**Hi 4-H Beach Party**

4-Hers are members going into 8th grade and above, or 13 years or older. So, if you meet this criteria—you are a Hi 4-Her!

Summer is here! Come on out to Avila Beach on Saturday, August 21st. Come run in the surf, swim in the ocean, play frisbee, lounge in the sun. Bring a friend and introduce them to 4-H. Bring frisbees, balls, music and any beach toys you want, but don’t forget your swimsuits, towels, sunscreen and $5.00 for lunch!

Yes, we will be providing lunch for $5.00 per person. Meet us on the beach, in front of the park. Hi 4-H will be hanging out from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To help us out with food, please RSVP by Thursday, August 19th. That way we will hopefully order enough! Contact Catherine Baynham at 772-8852 or Bruce Courter at 238-0608.

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**Record Books**

Community Club Leader or their designee is responsible for turning in Record Books for County level judging.

**Record Book Judges Training**

- **August 18, 2004**
- **6:00 p.m.**

**UCCE Auditorium**

If you are an adult who has participated in the club level judging (this year included) & would like to participate in the County Level Record Book Judging, you must attend this training. It is asked that you only participate if you intend to judge the entire day of County Record Book Judging.

Record Books are DUE:

- **August 20, 2004**
- **Before 5:00 p.m.**

**4-H Office**

Record Book Judging is on Saturday, August 28, 2004, starting at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions call JoAnn Overbey.

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**Dear Jacy,**

I knew the day would come when the letter from Guide Dogs for the Blind would be waiting in my mailbox. The letter read that, “Jacy is due to start her formal training on July 7, 2004. Please meet the Puppy Truck at 2:30 p.m. at the Madonna Inn parking lot.” My heart sunk and my eyes were full of sadness. My head said, “well, she made it to the recall.”

In Guide Dog Land that is a huge task. Many of the puppies are dropped from the program while in the raiser’s home, never to have a chance for Guide Dog work. Raising a Guide Dog Puppy has made me a better speaker and I have found that love is a very strong emotion. I love you, Jacy with all my heart and I wish you the greatest success on the journey of your formal training.

When you graduate, Jacy, (I hope this happens), I am the one who gets to give you to your Blind partner. That will be a very special and proud day for me. Remember, I would say to you every night before bed, that one day, Jacy, you are going to grow up and be a Big Girl Guide Dog. Keep up the good work Jacy.

Love, Tyler (Evangelista, Templeton 4-H). Both pictures are of Tyler and Jacy.
Now Open!

Management Board Positions

The 4-H Management Board, the policy and decision making body of the 4-H Program in San Luis Obispo County, is currently recruiting for the following volunteer positions:

**Assistant Board Director** is responsible for the duties of the director in his/her absence. Also, serve as the initial board member to handle leader complaints, and if needed, organize an Ad-Hoc committee to address the complaint as well as recruit and coordinate regional council representatives. Serve as the liaison with the 4-H Program Development Board by attending “PDB” meetings when possible or by meeting with the 4-H Youth Development Advisor.

**Secretary** is responsible for taking, preparing and distribution of the Management Board minutes. In addition, will facilitate and/or follow up on correspondence as directed by the Management Board Director or designee.

If you are interested in any of the above positions or have any questions about any of these positions, please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943. The positions will be open until filled.

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### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WILL CELEBRATE ONLINE!

**OCTOBER 3—9, 2004**

4-H Online! is the theme for National 4-H Week 2004 as 4-H members, volunteers and staff from across the nation celebrate the 4-H community of young people across America from October 3—9, 2004.

The 4-HUSA Web Crew is a group of 14 teens from across the United States charged with designing www.4-husa.org, 4-H’s first national web site exclusively for, by and about youth. The 4-HUSA Web Crew will design and manage the web-site, which will demonstrate the size, diversity and value of the 4-H adventure. Focusing on youth ages 13 to 16, the site will feature a complete list of 4-H web sites organized by state and interactive elements like message boards, weblogs and myname@4-Husa.org e-mail aliases. The new site is set to debut in early August.

All 4-H Clubs and county and state 4-H programs will be able to use National 4-H Week to showcase their websites to the media and will be asked to cross promote www.4-husa.org. A National 4-H Week media kit with a customizable media advisory, feature story and photos will be available online in early August to help county and state 4-H programs promote 4-H Online! Through their National 4-H Week events.

Visit www.4husablogs.org/national4-hweek2004 in early August for access to the kit. Contact Laura Phillips Garner at National 4-H Council at lgarner@fourhcouncil.edu for more information.

Calling all SLO Co. 4-H Clubs! If you have a special activity for National 4-H Week, News & Views would like to do a write up about it. Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us.

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Nominate a Leader!

For the Western Regional Leaders Forum! The Adult Leadership PD Committee is sponsoring 4 scholarships of $265.00 to cover the registration cost for the forum. (Scholarship does not include meals or hotel.) If you wish to nominate a leader, the leader must be a current leader for at least 3 years. A Leader Recognition Award Application can be obtained from the 4-H Office. The Western Regional Leaders Forum will be February 23—27, 2005. Award applications are DUE: October 1, 2004. Please call Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader at 466-4383 if you have any questions about the scholarship. Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943 for Leader Recognition Award Applications.
News & Views
Update

The 4-H Office needs your help. For the 2004—2005 fiscal year the 4-H Office has a goal to cut mailing and copying costs. One way to cut costs is if you have email or web access, you can subscribe or view the newsletter on-line. Go to: http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/ then click on the newsletter icon, this will take you to another website that has the SLO Co. 4-H News & Views posted. There is a subscriber box on the right hand side of the screen, click and subscribe.

You can make a difference and help the 4-H Office by using this cost effective resource. Or do you prefer not to receive News & Views? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, to be removed from the mailing list, if you plan to use the web subscriber or if you wish the newsletter not to be mailed to you.

Suggestions? The 4-H Office would like to hear any suggestions you have about saving costs in order for the newsletter to continue to be enjoyable and informative. Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.

Community Service Recognition Awards!

You have an opportunity to point out someone within 4-H, who YOU think does an outstanding job in Community Service. The Community Service Program Development Committee is accepting nominations for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Community Service Recognition Award. Call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for instructions on how to nominate someone for this award.

The categories are: Adult, Youth Member and Family

Nominations are due (or postmarked by) August 31, 2004 (yes, the date has changed) in the 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or by email to jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977.

State 4-H Leaders’ Forum
November 5-7, 2004
Asilomar

What innovative project, activity, or program in your county do you want to catch the State Leaders’ Forum eye? Project Fair and Display Forms are available at http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/2004/. You can also obtain registration information from this website. But if you are unable to access the internet, the 4-H Office has info (781-5943). Early Bird rate expired July 1st.

Registration & Display forms are due: September 1, 2004 at the State 4-H Office. This is a great experience for Adult Volunteers.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP!!

UC Davis Collegiate 4-H is offering a College Workshop for high-school 4-H members, on October 2, 2004 at UC Davis.
The workshop will consist of a practice SAT exam (by Kaplan) and information about financial aid and admissions. Registration deadline is September 24, 2004. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/collegiate4h/california.

If you need assistance in obtaining this information, please call the 4-H Office (781-5943).

2005 4-H Computer Corps

The 4-H Computer Corps is composed of youth, volunteers, and staff ages 15 and above. The 4-H Computer Corps authors the state 4-H website (www.ca4h.org), conducts computer trainings around the state, and helps 4-H clubs design webpages.

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2004. Applications are available at http://ca4h.org/compcorps/Apps/

Wanted: Photos

The State 4-H Office is searching for high-resolution photographs that “tell the 4-H story.” Photographs will be used in state newsletters, on the website, and in other print media. For more info or to send photos, contact Pat English at 530/754-8520 or penglish@ucdavis.edu.
Are you 14 years of age or older by January 1 of the current program year, but not 19 prior to January 1... have you completed three or more years of 4-H work as of July 1 of the current program year... have you attained the Gold Star rank by May 15th of the current program year AND do you demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, shouldn’t you be filling out an All Star application? All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, you can call 781-5943 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us and request information to be mailed to you. Applications are DUE:

August 13, 2004
in the 4-H Office
(postmarks of August 13, 2004 will be accepted)

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Wants You!

Adult volunteers are wanted to strengthen the Program Development Board Committees. These committees are responsible for the success of our County events, level testing programs and more. Do you have ideas, time and commitment that could improve our County 4-H programs? Call the 4-H Office for more information, 781-5943.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER WORKSHOPS/INSTRUCTOR TRAININGS

Shotgun discipline will be offered on Saturday and Sunday, August 7 & 8, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m in Sonoma, CA. Must attend both days. Participants must bring their own supplies and food. For more information and directions, contact Bill Melson at (415) 897-2015.

Rifle discipline will be offered Saturday and Sunday, August 21 & 22, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Woody, CA (east of Bakersfield). Must attend both days. For more information contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email him at jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol discipline will be offered Saturday & Sunday, August 28 & 29, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Prado Olympic Shooting Park, Chino, CA. Must attend both days. For more information contact John Borba at (661) 868-6216 or email jaborba@ucdavis.edu.

Be a SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator

Parents, are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen child and have an interest in leading a youth/adult science club together?

Teens, do you have an interest in science and would enjoy serving as a 4-H Junior Leader with your parent (or other adult) in a SLO Scientist group?

4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Clubs are looking for volunteers to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. This is a great opportunity to become involved with kids and parents in the community.

Children, ages eight to eleven, come with a parent or other adult to form a science team, and each SLO Scientist group consists of seven to ten science teams. SLO Scientist groups meet in various locations throughout the county, typically two evenings a month to explore topics such as earthquakes, soil and water, and chemical reactions.

You don’t need to be an expert in the fields of soils, agriculture or geology since the program emphasizes giving kids real experiences to learn how to observe, investigate and experiment, and just having fun with science experiences! Materials are provided and training for volunteer facilitators is offered on a continual basis.

For more information about this terrific program and how you can become involved, please contact Heather Dauer, SLO Co. 4-H SLO Scientist Coordinator, at 781-5944 or email dnhdauer@charter.net.
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