LOCAL 4-H HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS WIN NATIONAL EVENT!!

After qualifying for the National 4-H Horse Classic at the 4-H State Classic last year, competitors Lorine and Christine Allen from Edna 4-H came back from Denver, Colorado with many awards and trophies.

Christine won first place in Individual Demonstration - a National Winner!! Lorine helped her State Horse Judging Team place a solid Tenth. The California team won the High Point State Overall award and the National Championship!

The experience was certainly more than just the trophies, scholarships and other awards earned... the sisters met fellow 4-H members from all over the country! Inspiring speakers, educational workshops, local tours, other activities and contests rounded out four wonderful days of fun at the 2010 National Western Roundup! Participants also had the opportunity to go the National Western Stock Show. This is an amazing opportunity for those 4-H Horse members interested in horse educational competition. This year’s State Horse Classic competition will be held April 24-25 in Reedley, California. Lorine and Christine thank everyone for the tremendous support and encouragement from our local 4-H community!

Submitted by Mary Allen, Edna 4-H co-Reporter
National & State 4-H News

- The 2011 State Ambassador Application has been posted on the CA State 4-H website. All interested Members who qualify should fill out an application form, http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/. Applications are due by March 31, 2010. The State 4-H Office is also looking for qualified volunteers who are interested in being advisors for the 2011 State Ambassador Team. 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning on July 1, 2010 and ending August 31, 2011. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term. Please contact Quang "Hogan" Tong, qtong@ucdavis.edu for more information.

- Posted online are the 2010 State 4-H Horse Classic - Educational Contests Information, Rules and Entry Forms. Go to http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp. The event will be held on April 24 & 25 at Reedley College, Reedley, CA. Entries are due April 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne George at 530-527-3101 or e-mail her at jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu

- The Championship 4-H Horse Show information and rules are posted at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp. The dates are June 25-27, 2010 at Santa Cruz County Fair, Watsonville, CA. Entries are due June 1st with an Early Bird Special by May 15, 2010.

- Is your County Fashion Revue going to include the 5 categories eligible to advance to State Fashion Revue? They are Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased, Recycled, Wearable Art-Embellished & Challenge. The Challenge this year is a vest using Simplicity #4762. Complete event information posted at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/. State Fashion Revue will be May 29, 2010 as part of State Field Day. Registration will be open from March 1 through May 12. New activities include Hats off for Kindness, County Corner and First Year Showcase.

- State 4-H Field Day is looking to partner with a 4-H group willing to serve lunch at the 2010 State Field Day on May 29, 2010. Interested clubs should contact Quang "Hogan" Tong at 530-752-5644 or qtong@ucdavis.edu

- 4-H youth, in grades 7-12, with an enthusiasm for agriculture and its importance in society are encouraged to consider submitting for the National Ag Day Essay Contest. The submission deadline is February 12, 2009. The national winner selected will receive $1,000 prize and a trip to Washington, D.C. for the award presentation. Visit: http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay for an entry application and contest rules.

- To access a computer or websites call the 4-H office 781-5943.
February 20, 2010

Would you like to learn about rocket propulsion and what makes a rocket trajectory stable? Then come join us at our first 4-H SET Camp!

For the first hour you will learn about rockets and assemble rocket models. For the second hour you will launch your rocket and see what kind of results you get.

The event is open to all ages, however, members 13 years old and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

There are two ways to participate:

1. Purchase and assemble a rocket kit before the event—there won’t be enough time to assemble a kit at the event (Estes-type rocket kits are available at local hobby stores for $10-$40); OR
2. Make a rocket at the event (materials will be available onsite for $5.00—enough for two rockets).

Date/Time: Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 3:00-5:15pm
Location: 8735 San Rafael Road, Atascadero
RSVP: By February 12, 2010 to ddericks@calpoly.edu or chansen@co.slo.ca.us (RSVPs are greatly appreciated, however, drop-ins will be welcomed)
Questions: Dennis Derickson at ddericks@calpoly.edu or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

We hope to see you there!

MAKE WIND TURBINES
Save the Date: March 27, 2010

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue
Look for Entry Guidelines and Forms online at slocounty4h.org in mid-February.
26th Annual Double Youth Rabbit Show  
*sponsored by Cerro Alto 4-H*  
Saturday, March 27, 2010  
Cal Poly Farm Shop - 9 am

There will be Breed Judging and Showmanship and the show is open to youth 18 years and under. The day will be fun and educational. It is also a great opportunity to see a variety of breeds, and buy your first rabbit or an additional furry friend to take home. Call the Cerro Alto 4-H leaders for more information.

Leslie Bryson - 466-2264 or Lois Williams - 461-0178

On January 12th the Cerro Alto 4-H Rabbit group met in the library at Santa Margarita School. Jenna Winslow gave an informative presentation on how to make rascal rabbit treats. Next, each person was given a piece of paper with the name of a rabbit body part. Together they pinned all the parts on a bulletin board with a picture of a large rabbit. Each member was given a rabbit handout with all the body parts label, so they can study for a quiz to be given at their February meeting. Lastly, the group is now preparing for their club sponsored rabbit show, to be held in March. Each member will be asking the community for individual and business sponsorships to be printed in the program. In the past, the group has enjoyed sharing their rabbits, learning about the different breeds and varieties, and learning the steps for showmanship. If you have any questions about the Rabbit Show, March 27th, call Leslie Bryson - 466-2264. Submitted by Carly Donk

The Cerro Alto 4-H Fishing Group met at Morro Rock to do some poke poleing on Sunday, Nov. 22. Poke poleing is done by putting a hook tied to line with squid, and putting it in very little cracks between rocks, and in very shallow water. We used squid to catch about five or six Monkey Faced Eels, and five or six Cabezon Rockfish, and one or two Gopher Cod. All the fish were too small to keep, but it was lots of fun. Jeremy Donk and Ryan Griffin gave a presentation on salt water and fresh water fish of the Central Coast. Leader Rodney Brock, and the members all had a fun morning in Morro Bay! Submitted by Jeremy Donk

ESTRELLA 4-H’s Wonderful Float  
This year Estrella 4-H participated in the Paso Robles Christmas Parade. Members, parents, and grandparents gathered behind Chase Bank on Saturday, December 5th to decorate our float. On the float, we had loads of exquisite designs such as; hay, lights, and much more. There were a lot of other people in the parade such as 4-H groups from all over the county and Heaven Can Wait—where Estrella 4-H volunteers frequently. We sang lots of Christmas carols as we rode on the float. In the end, we got 2nd place in our Division. “We had fun and hope to be in the parade next year and maybe move up a little. Even if we hadn’t placed, we would have had a lot of fun” said many of the members from Estrella 4-H. By Sydney Vinther
The 2009-10 4-H Youth Camp Project Presents…

“The Age of Discovery”

Youth Camp for SLO County 4-Hers in grades 4, 5 & 6
April 30 - May 2, 2010 at Rancho El Chorro (near Cuesta College)

We invite you to journey back with us to the time of da Vinci, Sir Isaac Newton and Shakespeare. Explore the science of catapults, learn leather craft, make your own coat of arms, and paint like Michelangelo. There will be hikes, games, campfire programs and our very own Quiz Jam!

REGISTRATION STARTS NOW!

The 1st 30 campers to register will receive the early registration cost of only $55! Regular registration is $65 and closes on April 1, 2010.

To reserve your spot, send the Pre-Registration form below along with a $25 deposit made payable to “SLO Co. 4-H YDP” to:

4-H office – Youth Camp Registration
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Child’s Name:_____________________________ Grade: 4 5 6
Parent’s Name:_____________________________________________
Address:__________________________________________________
Phone:______________________ Email:________________________
4-H Club:_________________________________________________

(Office Use) Date Received:___________ Reg. Packet Mailed:___________
IMPORTANT MID-STATE FAIR NEWS

Date: January 13, 2010

To: 4-H Community Leaders, 4-H Project Leaders, Sheep Exhibitors and Parents

From: Vivian Robertson
CEO, California Mid-State Fair

Due to blatant disregard of adhering to State Rules during the 2009 California Mid-State Fair, please be aware of new policy that has been put in place for the 2010 Fair.

Most specifically, the violation of the State Rule that was not discovered until too late pertained to market lambs and tail docks. Please be aware that the existing State Rule regarding sheep tail docking will be monitored very closely and strictly enforced upon arrival at the 2010 Fair. The State Rule specifically mandates the following rule: to qualify to exhibit, market lambs and breeding sheep must be docked such that the tail (dock) is healed and can be lifted from the exterior. Lambs that have no dock will not be eligible. Breeding animals born before January 1, 2000 are exempt. This rule will be strictly enforced in 2010 and the official veterinarian designated by the 16th DAA shall make the final determination. All lambs will be checked; market lambs will be examined prior to weighing on the scale, and breeding sheep will be checked in the pens. If a sheep (market lamb or breeding sheep) does not meet the State Rule standards, it will be sent home immediately and disqualified from show competition.

Additionally, the following is a new rule adopted as policy for the 2010 Fair: All lambs must have no more than a 3-day fleece and be fully shorn prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds. No wool will be allowed to be left on any areas of the sheep. Lambs will pass through a “check station” for inspection of the tail and examined for any fungus, prior to being allowed on the scale. The official Fair Veterinarian designated by the 16th DAA shall make the final decision. Any lambs showing evidence of fungus shall be immediately rejected and sent off of the Fairgrounds.

Please ensure that all leaders, parents, exhibitors, and breeders are informed of these new rules prior to purchasing your 2010 Fair animals.
Horse Project Level Tests (Written and Mounted)

**Written Level Tests** will be offered on Wednesday, **February 24, 2010** at 6:00 p.m., at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo. Please allow two hours for completion of the test and results. All levels will be offered. All test questions and answers are taken from the Certified Horsemanship Association’s *Certified Horsemanship Manual, Levels 1-4* and will be the final authority.

**Mounted Level Tests** will be offered the following Saturday, **February 27, 2010** at 10:00 a.m., at the Work Ranch in San Miguel (rain date March 13). To be eligible to participate in mounted level testing, each member must have successfully passed the corresponding written level test. New this year, the day will begin with a brief Mounted Level Testing Clinic presented by the official judge, with testing to follow.

**Registration Information:** Register to take the written level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. **Registration forms** for the mounted portion of level testing will be available at written level testing. *(Note: If you have already passed the written portion of level testing and need to take only the mounted portion this year, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 and request a registration form be sent, faxed or emailed to you.)* If you have any questions about written or mounted level testing, please call Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.
On November 6th, the Santa Margarita 4-H Gardening Group took a tour of the San Luis Obispo Botanical Gardens. Anthony, Alexis, David, Genevieve, and Bernadette Aguirre and Mikaela, Kerri-gan and Annika Jensen all participated in the docent-led tour. We learned about the Mediterranean climate, plant types and how plants adapt. We all learned a lot about our unique area.

Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter

On December 5th, Santa Margarita 4-H celebrated our Christmas Party. We invited Pozo 4-H and Rolling Hills 4-H clubs to join us. We went roller skating at Skate-Mor in Paso Robles. Everyone brought a dessert to share and we had a gift exchange. It was a wonderful time for all three of these 4-H clubs to get together and have some fun.

Submitted by: Mikaela Jensen, Reporter

4-H FIELD DAY
Silent Auction Baskets

Ken Dewar, our 4-H Management Board Assistant Director will be organizing another successful SILENT AUCTION this year with your help!

Each 4-H Club is asked to provide a minimum of TWO Auction baskets (and you can submit more items for the auction too) plus an Adult Volunteer to assist during this year’s event. The better the gift basket’s theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our County 4-H events!

For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 543-0180 or 441-0531, or the 4-H office at 781-5943. Let’s meet this year’s challenge and create some gift baskets with great themes for the 2010 Silent Auction at 4-H FIELD DAY on June 12, 2010!

The SILENT AUCTION BASKETS will be due into the 4-H office on June 1, 2010.

ADVERTISING SPACE
Available in 2010 Field Day HANDBOOK

This event will have animal showmanship, level testing in some areas, arts & crafts contests and much more! Attendance is usually 500 or more! Prices this year are:

| Quarter page | $ 25.00 |
| Half page    | $ 50.00 |
| Whole page   | $ 100.00 |

To place your ad, just submit complete artwork and text or your business card to the 4-H office. You can also send your ad via email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us Please have your ad formatted in a .pdf, .jpg, or MS Word document format. ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Cash, check or money order accepted only. Please have checks or money orders payable to: “SLO County 4-H YDP”. ADS DUE for booklet on March 1, 2010. 4-H office number is 781-5943.

For more INFORMATION about S.E.T. UPDATES visit http://ca4h.org/ SET/ updates/ index.asp
The 4-H SET Activity Guide is now available for download. Want to increase interest and enthusiasm for 4-H SET? Need an activity for a 4-H Club or Project meeting? The guide provides fast and fun science and engineering activities prepared to be SET-Ready. The activities allow youth to have hands-on experiences with a variety of science and engineering topics. Download the guide at http://www.ca4h.org/SET/curriculum/index.asp?ID=30

Statewide: The California 4-H Technology Leadership Team increases the use and awareness of technology in the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program. Previously the CA 4-H Computer Corps, the Team has revised its mission and purpose to align with the 4-H SET Initiative. The Team supports the 4-H SET Initiative, conducts professional development workshops, provides IT support at 4-H events, and provides resources to 4-H Clubs in using technology to enhance communication. The team is recruiting 4-H members (age 16 and up), volunteers and staff to apply by April 30, 2010. For more information, please visit http://www.ca4h.org/compcorps/ or contact Steven Worker at smworker@ucdavis.edu

The California State Parks and Pacific Leadership Institute collaboration provides ongoing opportunities for structured, powerful introductions to outdoor experiences for California's youth. Leadership trainings are being offered for youth ages 14-17 in outdoor activities, team building and leadership skills while camping at a California State Park. All of the necessary food and camping equipment for the training trip are provided at no cost! Programs are offered in the spring and summer 2010. For more information, please visit http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24511

The 2010 State 4-H Field Day will be held on May 29, 2010 at UC Davis. The State 4-H Field Day is the largest California statewide 4-H event, open to 4-H members, siblings, parents, 4-H volunteers and staff. In 2010, 4-H SET will be featured with many hands-on science, engineering and technology activities and challenges! Your 4-H Club or project can help! Educational displays constitute a unique aspect of the State 4-H Field Day. These exhibits are a great opportunity to share knowledge, interact with youth and adults, and engage people in new activities. Possibilities for displays include hands-on activities, community service, informative booths, etc. Applications are due April 2, 2010 and the form is available at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/SFD-App-Form2010.pdf. More information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/
This winter **Morro Bay 4-H** has been busy. In November, Emme Haas and Amanda Weddle planted trees at Lila Keiser Park for Morro Bay’s Arbor Day Celebration. They represented 4-H by wearing their whites. In December, our club served dinner at the Maxine Lewis Homeless Shelter. We provided meals two different nights and also served baked goods. Thank you to all the members who helped out and Carla’s Country Kitchen for providing and preparing the food. I would like to thank those who did bell ringing for the Salvation Army. There were some cold evenings but it was successful. Morro Bay 4-H also had a holiday potluck where we sang songs, listened to music, had a gift exchange, had a great meeting, and ate a delicious meal. During this meeting members brought toys for Toys 4 Tots and brought in jam/jelly for our local Salvation Army. Thank you to our club members for their generous donations!

Submitted by: Riley Haas, Reporter, Morro Bay 4H

The new **Cerro Alto 4H Baking and Bread Making group** met on Thursday, December 10th. We met in our leader, Tracy Johnston’s ‘home kitchen’. Before the baking began, we made holiday placemats for the residents of the Country Care Convalescent Hospital in Atascadero. The place mats were given to them to be used throughout the holiday season.

The members learned the ingredients and directions to make "Tracy's Potato Buns." There were some basic ingredients that most people have in their kitchen, but you do need buttermilk and russet potatoes too. The real challenge was learning how to properly knead the dough, but after a little practice, we all got it! After making them we all enjoyed eating the delicious buns. Kali Denison made a presentation to the group about how to make her favorite chocolate chip cookies. Not only did we learn how to make something new, we always learn more basics about cooking and clean up. The group looks forward to more baking fun in January. Submitted by Jeremy Donk

4-H placemats - on left, Karen Hilliard, Activities Director on right, Polly Rauch, resident Cerro Alto's 4H Breadmaking and Baking Group: 7th - 12 graders - holding their placemats
Volunteers Needed

4-H Field Day/Chicken-Q Event Committee Members

We’re on the lookout for volunteers to serve on a new planning committee to help organize 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q this year. As you know, it's a big event and lots of volunteers are needed to make it a success. How can you help? Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 to get started!

SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board

We are currently recruiting for two positions on the 4-H Youth Development Management Board: Fundraising Director and Section Council Delegate.

The Fundraising Director is responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the board on behalf of the 4-H program. The Director also chairs the Fundraising Committee, which is responsible for short and long range goal setting, planning, and program implementation related to fundraising.

The Section Council Delegate represents San Luis Obispo County on the South Sectional 4-H Leaders’ Council and serves as the link between the council and the SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board. The Leaders’ Council meets four times a year and assists in coordinating Sectional events that are leader planned; such as TIC, Field Days and the State Leaders’ Forum.

SLO County 4-H Program Development Board

We are currently recruiting for the position of Youth Leadership Key Leader. This position serves as a member of the 4-H Program Development Board and is responsible for developing and delivering educational programs to 4-H members such as Officer and Jr/Teen Leader Training as well as other leadership development events and activities. The 4-H Program Development Board is responsible for overall program planning for SLO County and for many countywide events. The board meets twice a year and members participate in a joint meeting with the 4-H Management Board once a year.

If you are interested in applying for one of these positions or if you have any questions, we hope to hear from you soon! Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

For more information from the STATE 4-H OFFICE, visit http://ca4h.org/4hresource/updates/
# SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2010

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