By Tyler Evangelista, Templeton 4-H

Jacy, A Guiding Light Through 4-H!

M y Guide Dog Puppy, Jacy will be 1 year old February 2nd. We have become best friends. She loves to lay by the fire and watch TV with me.

W hen Jacy and I are out in public; one of the most asked Questions is “Isn’t it hard to give her up, I couldn’t do it.” My response is “Yes, it will be hard but someone needs her so they can see.”

D uring Christmas break my Mom, Jacy and I were out shopping, and we met an older woman with a working Guide Dog. We stopped to chat with her. She said to us, “without my Guide Dog I would be Blind.”

T his has stuck with me every time someone asks me “how can you give her up?” I am doing this for someone to have his or her independence and freedom. Love is giving not always receiving. I have learned this valuable lesson having Jacy.

Guide Dog Project
By Susan King, Project Leader

I have watched and assisted Tyler and Jacy in their Guide Dog training and it’s teams like Jacy and Tyler that make my work so enjoyable. The Guide Dog program is always in need of more Guide Dog Puppy Raisers.

The 4-H Youth Development Program has a Service Dog Project and this project is open
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Resolution Will Star Us All!
By Cortney Tierney, All Star

H ey, Everyone! My name is Cortney Tierney and I am here to give you an update on what your SLO County 4-H All Stars have been up to lately.

J anuary has been a busy month for us. We are really excited about the plans and activities we have made for the year ahead! Let me take a minute to share some of them with you. At the beginning of the month we met to, well, make our “New Years Resolutions” (continued on page 3)
Pass It On…

Market, Dairy and Breeding Livestock Record Books! The Livestock Record Books are now available. You can request your record book(s) by calling the 4-H Office or emailing jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us. Yes, these forms can be emailed to you!

The ANR Risk Management Insurance Brochure is now available online. This brochure describes the basics of UCCE insurance coverage and answers some frequently asked questions. Please go to http://danr.ucop.edu/riskmanagement.

4-H Statewide Advisory Committees are currently seeking applicants. Youth, volunteers, and county staff are being sought for the 4-H Policy Advisory, 4-H Program Advisory, Incentives and Recognition Advisory, Curriculum Advisory Committees and the Citizenship/Service-Learning Advisory Council. Applications are due April 30, 2004. Applications are at http://ca4h.org/council/4-HYDPSStatewideCommittees(2004).pdf.

Livestock Insurance. Wine Country Insurance Services can insure your livestock. Call (805) 238-5212 for more information.

Scholarships. High school students pursuing careers in agriculture are invited to apply for scholarships sponsored by Agriliance. Application deadline is March 1, 2004. For more information go to http://www.agriliance.com/. California Farm Bureau Scholarship Foundation provides $75,000 in academic scholarships each year. For more information and application go to www.cfbf.com/programs/scholar/. Deadline March 1, 2004. There are many more scholarships available via www.ca4h.org or call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 for assistance.


For Youth: Action for Nature is seeking Young Eco-Heroes (ages 8-16) from around the world to honor. See http://actionfornature.org for more information. Deadline for application is February 29, 2004.

The Youth & Family Outreach department of the Points of Light Foundation and the National Family Volunteer Award recognizes outstanding family volunteering activities performed at any time during the previous year. Applications are due March 15, 2004. For more information, visit http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/nfva.cfm

No computer? Call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 and request any of the above website information to be mailed to you.
Resolution
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so to speak.

One of the things we discussed was a “motto.” As a team we decided that we wanted to have an All Star motto, one that we could use when planning 4-H activities like Achievement Night, for example. It took a bit of brainstorming for us to come up with one but when we finally did, we really liked it. We hope you do too! So, our motto for the year is “4-H Rounding Up Skills for Life.”

Now that we have our motto it is time to round up some dates and ideas for the county events that the All Stars will be helping out throughout the year.

The first event that we had been working on was the Teen Involvement Conference (TIC) that was January 23-25, 2004. We put on a session called “Motion Potion” where we go over the basics of parliamentary procedure by making ice cream sundaes (or smoothies) to make our points. Yum!

Besides TIC, we are really excited about helping the county put on a 4-H Youth Leadership Camp. It is scheduled for April 30th through May 2nd. So, if you are in 4th through 8th grade be sure to mark your calendars because Youth Leadership Camp is going to be a blast!

As you can see, we are really excited about the year ahead and we hope that you are too!

Guide Dog Project
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open to all 4-H members, nine years old as of January 1st or older. Taking on a Service Dog (Guide Dog) project requires a lot of dedication and commitment from the family, not just the project participant. It is a lot of work but it is a lot of fun as you can see from the pictures of Tyler Evangelista and Jacy, his guide dog puppy.

The north county afternoon group meets on the first and third Wednesday afternoons at various locations and times. A new group, that we have dubbed the San Luis group, meets on the first and third Wednesday nights at various locations and times. Both groups meet on the 4th Wednesday night for a general meeting.

If you have questions about the Guide Dog Project please call me, Susan King at 239-3391.

Please note the next Guide Dog general meeting is Wednesday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE Auditorium (2156 Sierra Way, entrance faces the parking lot). Attending a meeting is a great way to meet other Guide Dog Puppy Raisers and you can ask questions and see for yourself what Guide Dogs is all about.

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Tyler and Jacy watching TV.

Tyler helps out in the building of a Guide Dog kennel.

Jacy awaits her next command.

Tyler and Jacy at Fun Day taking a short break from the activities.
Management Board Director, Ruth Sutherland

Ruth Sutherland started her 4-H career in 1956. She decided to become a sewing leader for Creston 4-H Club. As time progressed, Ruth could not help becoming more involved. Eventually, she took on the role of Community Club Leader and volunteered for committees at the county, regional/sectional and state levels. Today, Ruth is our Management Board Director and she is a sectional delegate for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program.

Ask Ruth what she likes about 4-H and she will tell you, “Oh, I just love to jump in and get my hands dirty.” It doesn’t matter what the event is or the task at hand, Ruth is someone that everyone can rely on to be there and get the job done. She is truly committed to 4-H.

When asked about her favorite memories of her 4-H experience, she had quite a few stories. One of her favorites, she says with a grin, “we (Creston 4-H) were planning a potluck for one of our meetings. Everyone (ten families at the time) showed up with spaghetti! My, my, the kids loved it. Of course, the parents chuckled too. Who would of thought. Didn’t think of a sign up sheet back then.

Ruth remembers, “It was always nice to get together. We always seemed to have some weekend project going on, working on the club house, picking up cans along the road for recycling (that was our big fundraiser), planting and landscaping the cemetery or another part of Creston, and after we finished working, the moms would show up with a nice lunch for everybody. Yeah, those were good times and it’s good to see that clubs still do that sort of thing today.”

A “Small” Challenge
For St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
By Julia Small, Adobe Nipomo

Hi, my name is Julia Small and I am the club reporter for Adobe Nipomo 4-H. The reason I am writing is that I want to be more involved in 4-H and really try to follow the 4-H pledge.

When I think of the pledge and what 4-H stands for I realize it is so much more than the projects, the fair, and fun events. 4-H is about being the best person you can be and helping anyone who needs help in your community, county, state, and world. I think one of the best ways that 4-H clubs in our area can show that 4-H is about community support would be to take part in the Sunny Country FM102.5 radio-thon to help raise money for St. Jude’s for Kids (St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital).

The St. Jude’s for Kids radio-thon will be held March 11th and 12th. I have started a fundraiser in our club and would like to challenge your club to do the same. You could do it a few different ways; one way would be to pass a can at your next general meeting. Another way would be to challenge your members to call the radio station and make an individual donation during the radio-thon.

Thank you for your help and lets show the central coast how 4-H can make a difference in this world. If you have any questions please call me, Julia Small at 929-3614 or call Jay Turner at Sunny Country FM 102.5 at (805)925-5764 or email Jay at Cnjh@sunnycountry.com. For more info about St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital go to www.stjude.org/.

(next month - learn more about St. Jude Hospital and why Julia and Jay are supporting this fundraiser)
Radio News Broadcast  
By Oni Ludwig, Cerro Alto

Hey everyone, please don't forget if you have any 4-H news that you would like to have heard on the radio (KKJG, K-JUG) please call me, Oni Ludwig at 461-1977 or e-mail me at lamblower@charter.net.

Not only will San Luis Obispo County hear your news but you will be helping me work towards my Emerald Star. Also, if your club has an upcoming special event and would like to advertise it on the air, I can also arrange that. So, get your news together and give me a call!

Deadline date for your news is the 25th of each month. The broadcast will be the first Monday of each month at 8:45 a.m. And set your dial for KKJG/K-JUG, 98.1!

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP!

Yes, you are reading correctly! You asked for it and Youth Leadership Camp is happening!

Where?
RANCHO EL CHORRO

When?
APRIL 30 - MAY 2, 2004

There will be sessions about leadership, citizenship, club officer training, science and technology and more! Great camp activities are being planned! Stay tuned for more!

4-H State Ambassador

Applications for the 04-05 4-H State Ambassador program are available now. Candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2004, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2004. Please call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for an application or you can go to www.cal4h.org, click youth leadership and download the position description and application. Deadline is 3/31/04.

Asset Development Network of San Luis Obispo County
3rd Annual Youth Asset Summit 2004
“Embracing Our Differences”

Save the Date
Friday, March 26, 2004 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, March 27, 2004 4:00 p.m.
SLOCOE Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School

For information contact: Frank Warren, 788-2055, faxwarren@charter.net or Shannon White Bond, 782-7272, swbond@slocoe.org
You may have heard 4-H members or leaders talking about giving presentations at Presentation Day. Presentations are one of the most educational and rewarding activities you can do in 4-H. Presentations allow you to present information to an audience through demonstrations, illustrated talks, speeches, or oral interpretations.

Taking part in Presentation Day is excellent practice for learning public speaking and teaching skills. In fact, 4-H members who plan and present presentations are experiencing at least five important life skills: 1) Planning/Organizing, 2) Learning to Learn, 3) Critical Thinking, 4) Social Skills, and 5) Communication.

All presentations must be based on a project that the 4-H member is currently enrolled through the county 4-H Youth Development Program. This criteria alone can open up a whole new world to you and your project. Especially if you think about participating in the Science Presentations and wish to conduct a Super Sleuth or Factshound presentation.

This is your chance to shine as a "Super Sleuth" and ask a question and then use the Scientific Method to find answers. Science is a great way of finding out about the world around us. One of the great things about science is that anyone can do it! Opportunities for discovery are everywhere but you must be alert.

If you are not ready to jump into a "Super Sleuth" investigation, you might want to consider a "Factshound" presentation. Factshounds’ dig up information about a science topic of special interest.

If you’re interested in either a “Super Sleuth” or “Factshound” presentation, you should begin by reviewing the guidelines for each (call the 4-H Office 781-5943 for a copy). Then, you need to decide on your topic and develop a plan. Allow plenty of time to deal with the unexpected. Be a part of the 11th Annual 4-H Science Presentation Awards Program! Science is surprising! If you have questions and/or need extra help getting started, please contact Beverly Gingg at 549-9319 or bgingg@smcf.org.

If you are not interested in a presentation, but you are interested in being in front of an audience, how about a Share-the-Fun skit? You and a friend or group can be creative with costumes, music, drama and more! As long as the skit is in good taste and suitable for presentation to other groups.

San Luis Obispo County Presentation Day is Saturday, February 21, 2004, at CalPoly. Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 for an application packet. If you have questions call Karen Ludwig, Presentation Day Chair, 461-1977. Deadline for entry forms is February 6, 2004.

For your information, Regional Presentation Day is Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Cal Poly (info to be distributed at County Presentation Day). 4-H members who Gold Medal in the 2004 Sectional/Regional Competition will be eligible to compete at State Presentation Day, which will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2004, at UC Davis.

Good luck, have fun and we look forward to seeing you there!
RABBIT ROADTRIP!

By: Maria Saucedo, Los Alegres 4-H Club Reporter

Howdy ya’ll! Last November, I attended a weeklong National American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) Convention and Competition in Wichita, Kansas. We drove from California, through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. We did go to Arkansas for a shopping trip in Fort Smith. I got so bored I started counting the number of cars on the freight trains; I had one that was 119 cars! There were really weird names of rivers throughout the trip, such as Crazy Creek and Dead River. It was amazing traveling through so many different places, everyone acts differently and you know they are all thinking, “WHAT TOURISTS!”

There were over 25,000 rabbits and breeders from all over the United States and even one from Japan! Did you know there are more rabbit shows than there are dog and cat shows combined! I took my Jersey Woolies (Dumbo, Cookies & Cream, Milan, Deegan, and Grumpy) and my Blue Dutch, Beau, with me. My precious Tort Dutch went with us too. But he had a different agenda. He was going back to visit his roots. He was born in Gardner, Kansas!

The National ARBA Convention is a blast. Not only do you get a chance to show your rabbits but there are some exciting youth events to attend. One event I attended was an ice skating party with a live DJ and music. This was so much fun, we skated, listened to music, won prizes and had a blast. Even though I sprained my wrist I still had the time of my life with my friend, Anna Wooden, from Wisconsin.

My friend, Anna and I met at a National Jersey Wooly Show in April 2003. Since then we talk to each other on line and planned to meet at this national convention. We found that for having only met in person for two days, we knew almost too much about each other. We were so much alike that even though we live thousands of miles away from each other we picked out almost exactly the same dress for the youth banquet. I really enjoyed seeing her again and hanging out with her, eating pizza in my hotel room, meeting new people from all over; and doing fun events like ice skating and dances!

Anna and I attended the A.R.B.A. Youth Banquet and Dance. They announced the youth awards including the winners of the royalty contest! Just like at school, they have Kings, Queens, Princes, Princess’, Dukes and Duchess’! Then after the dinner and awards all the kids got together for their last night of the convention and a whole lot of dancing. The live DJ was great because he played a lot of country songs and I taught Anna some line dances (my favorite kind of dancing).

Overall my trip was awesome. I don’t plan to go next year because it’s in Rhode Island. The following year it’s in Indiana. My Dad and I are planning ahead for that trip. Plus, I look forward to seeing my buddy, Anna!

Maria Saucedo (left) with Anna Wooden (right) at the ARBA Conference in Kansas.

The ARBA Conference.
4-H Members  
7th Grade and up  
Part 1: 4-H Technology Trainings  
4-H “Bringing Technology Home”  
Conducted by the 4-H Computer Corps  
Contact: Steven Worker, 530-754-8519 or smworker@ucdavis.edu  
Sponsored by a gift from SBC Excelerator  
Targeted towards Junior and Teen Leaders (7th grade and up) and adult 4-H volunteer leaders.  
Participants should be willing to engage in utilizing their new knowledge after the trainings. (e.g. creating a website for their 4-H Club, leading a computer project in their 4-H Club) Trainings will consist of  
- Using computers and the internet to increase efficiency and save costs  
- Using the Internet to improve communication  
- Use of email and email lists in 4-H Clubs and projects  
- Creation of 4-H Websites using FrontPage  
- Photo editing for the Internet  
Trainings limited to 40 participants.  
First-come, first-served.  
This training is free!  
Lunch is on us!  
Save the Date!  

4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders  
4-H Spring Series  
Conducted by the State 4-H Office  
Contact: Mignonne Pollard, 530-754-8517 or mypollard@ucdavis.edu  
The spring training series focuses on understanding different aspects of positive youth development, how to improve outreach efforts, child safety guidelines, and creative methods of conflict resolution. These sessions are designed as train-the-trainer models and are appropriate for community club leaders, YDP staff, and open to any 4-H volunteer leader. There will also be informal roundtable discussions based on current 4-H YDP topics.  
BOTH TRAININGS WILL BE HELD:  
Saturday, March 27, 2004  
San Luis Obispo County  
10:00 – 3:00pm  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo  
Bldg 03, Business  
San Luis Obispo, CA  93410  
http://www.calpoly.edu/  
You can obtain registration forms from http://ca4h.org/compcorps/server/ or call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 and request the forms.  
Registration is due:  
March 5, 2004  
We look forward to seeing you there!
Hi there, Bruce Courter from Chaparral 4-H here and I am looking forward to bringing Hi 4-H to San Luis Obispo County. At this time, the tentative plan is to divide the county into three districts:

1) North County (Cuesta grade north and Parkfield)
2) Central County (San Luis Obispo to the coast to Cambria),
3) South County (Shell Beach south to Nipomo).

I have volunteered to be the North County District Adult Supervisor and I would like to see a “go-getter” volunteer (can be one or more) from each of the tentatively planned districts to be a District Adult Supervisor for their respective areas. Oh, and if you are interested in joining me in North County, you would be most welcome.

Members have to be 13 years old and older or in the 8th grade as of July 1st in order to be a part of Hi 4-H. The goal is to plan fun activities for Hi 4-H members.

If you have any questions about Hi 4-H, please call me, Bruce Courter at 238-0608. I look forward to working with all of you!

**Hi 4-H Presents...**

**Snow Camp!**

Snow Camp
February 14 - 16, 2004
at Camp Sierra

(near Shaver Lake above Fresno)

Cost is $130.00 per person for 3 days of Snow FUN!

Cost includes transportation, lodging and meals at the campsite.

Only 44 members (13 years old and older) will be able to go, so sign up now to save your seat.

Checks should be made out and mailed to:

“Chaparral 4-H Club”
PO Box 3978
Paso Robles, CA 93447

Please include with your sign up, a card with your name, address, phone number, age, names of parent(s)/guardian(s) and club.

**Schedule:** Saturday, February 14th, Silverado will pick up campers at San Luis High School front parking lot, leaving at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Second pick up spot will be Paso Robles High School, leaving at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Lunch stop at or near Fresno. Monday, February 16th, the return home. We leave Camp Sierra at 4:00 p.m. Dinner stop at or near Kettleman City at 6:00 p.m. Arrive at Paso Robles High School at 8:00 p.m., then San Luis High School at 9:00 p.m.

You will need to bring: toiletries, sleeping bag, warm clothes, flashlight, wash rag and towel and snow toys! However, please do not bring skis, as we will not be going to the ski slopes.

Lots of activities have been planned. If you have any questions about Hi 4-H or this activity, please call me, Bruce Courter at 238-0608.

**4-H Logo Pins!**

These pins are available for order now! Only $2.75 each with a minimum order of 10!

Send all orders to:

4-H Pin Broker, Nancy Mahon
225 Valley Road, Oak View, CA 93022

Make checks payable to: South Section 4-H Leaders’ Council Pin Fund. Questions? Call (805) 649-5584.
The Salvation Army Salutes San Luis Obispo County 4-H!

By Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader

On behalf of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program, I would like to thank the following clubs for participating as Salvation Army Bell Ringers on Saturday, December 6, 2003. Thanks to Cerro Alto, County Line, Creston, El Camino, El Paso De Robles, Templeton and Valley of the Bears.

In addition, I would like to share with you some of the letters I received from the Salvation Army. Don Charles, Chairman of the 2003 Salvation Army Bell Ring Campaign in the Paso Robles area writes, “The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Fund Campaign for 2003 is now history, but the $22,000 that was raised here in Paso Robles will go on helping people of this area all through the coming year.” “The recent earthquake has increased the number of people needing help. It will be great to have these funds that you helped to raise, to extend a helping hand.” “In behalf of the local Salvation Army Board..., I want to thank all of you that helped with the bell ringing for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 6th here in Paso Robles.”

Lynnette Kelley, Social Service Aide, Office Manager wrote, “We certainly couldn’t serve a fraction of those in need without the help of the community. It’s good to know there are people in San Luis Obispo County who are ready to reach out to others. It especially warms our hearts to see children give their time in service to those who need it.”

Richard Scheider, Salvation Army Bell Ringing Chairman of the Atascadero Area went on to say, “The Salvation Army and I wish to thank you for the time you devoted to the 2003 Bell Ringing campaign. It was successful because of you and others like you who are concerned about those who will need help during the year of 2004. Our Bell Ringing goal was $35,000, but we surpassed it... Again, I want to thank you for your part in the 2003 campaign as well as the campaigns of the years past.”

If I have overlooked a club in this thank you, please notify me, Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977 or email - ksludwig@charter.net.

Game Corner

Maria is so excited because February 14th is Valentine’s Day!
Maria is making her own cards this year and is practicing how to draw hearts. To the right are some of the hearts Maria drew.
Can you pick the matching hearts?
Answer is below right.

Matching hearts are number 2 and 3.
Community Service

Adults, do you have some time on your hands? Would you like to be involved in something that makes you feel good while doing something for the community?

Then come and join the Community Service Program Development Committee. This committee works toward providing opportunities in various ways of community service for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H clubs and their members.

Please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977 or ksludwig@charter.net.

Livestock Judging

Animal Science Program Development Committee is seeking a project leader to be in charge of the Livestock Judging. This volunteer position instructs members on the fine art of livestock judging, coordinates and chairs local livestock judging events and assists members who wish to compete at higher levels of livestock judging beyond the county level.

Are you a member who is interested in Livestock Judging? Do you want to know more about what makes the difference between a grand champion and second place? If yes, Animal Science Program Development Committee wants to hear from you.

Please call Sue Traglia, Animal Science PDC Key Leader at 460-9804 for more information about these Livestock Judging opportunities.

Fun with Food & Fashion

Mark Saturday, May 8, 2004 on your calendar now!
Plan on attending this year’s Fun with Food & Fashion.
Last year was a huge success.

Don’t miss this great and fun event!

Attention Quilters!

Exciting changes are taking place for quilters this year. The quilt show will be moved from Field Day to Fun with Food & Fashion on Saturday, May 8, 2004! There will be new categories from unfinished to completed projects.

Wanted: 4-H member for special Quilt Project.

We have been asked by Pleasant Valley 4-H of Carver County, Minnesota to participate in their special quilt project. They are making a quilt that will have squares from all 50 states and they asked us if we would provide a square representing us and California.

If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer (a little or a lot) with Fun with Food & Fashion or help create the Quilt event, please contact Rhonda Garris, Fun with Food & Fashion Event Chair, at 438-5513 for meeting date and information!

Please contact Rhonda for more information about the Carver County Special Quilt Project!

Horse Project

Animal Science Program Development Committee is seeking a project leader to be in charge of the Horse Project. This volunteer position instructs members and leaders on horsemanship, coordinates and chairs local horsemanship events, coordinates with Project Leaders in administering the horsemanship level testing for 4-H members, and assists 4-H members who wish to compete at higher levels of horsemanship beyond the county level.

At this time, the 2004 San Luis Obispo County 4-H Horse Field Day has been cancelled. Horse Project Leaders are needed to chair and put on this event. Please we need you to keep this event going!

Please call Sue Traglia, Animal Science PDC Key Leader at 460-9804, for more information about this Horse Project opportunity.
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