



# News & Views

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS & PARENTS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## NOTHING “BUGS” 4-H MEMBERS - *Not Even BUGS!*

*Question: What's Green & White and carries a stick? Answer: Austin Hayes, member of Estero/Morro Bay 4-H club holding an Australian Walking Stick.*



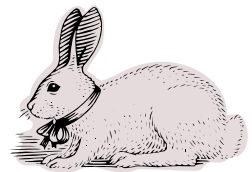
Austin Hayes, 10, of the Estero-Morro Bay 4-H holds an Australian walking stick at the Museum of Natural History on Thursday afternoon.

The Estero/Morro Bay 4-H club was featured in The Tribune on 12/31/06! As reported by *Sona Patel*, our 4-H members proudly shared their knowledge of insects to a group of visitors at the Morro Bay Museum of Natural History during its Week of Wildlife workshops. *Austin Hayes* enjoys raising insects while studying them along with his peers. “When you pull out their guts, it’s disgusting—which is really cool.” Austin told the local reporter.

Nine 4-H club members each studied different species of insects and relayed their knowledge to visitors at the museum. Several months ago, local entomologist Sherry Hayes decided to introduce the possibility of studying insects to her son’s 4-H group.

To gauge the group’s interest—and to test their nerves—Sherry Hayes brought one of the creatures they would study, an Australian Walking Stick, to their club meeting which immediately grabbed their attention. “When I saw it, I thought it was cool!” said 4-H club member *Anastasia Ruttschow*. “I liked learning about the different ways they protect themselves.” 4-H club members studied insect anatomy, reproduction and the creature’s survival mechanisms. Most of the insects studied were dried and pinned in display cases. The 4-H club members plan to showcase the insects at the fair.

### 4-H Youth Rabbit Show Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Mid State Fairgrounds



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# National & State 4-H News

## SLO County 4-H YDP website is:

<http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/>

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- **2007-2008 4-H State Ambassador** applications are now available online. 4-H State Ambassadors are selected to represent the California 4-H Youth Development Program, plan the State Leadership Conference, and complete a service project. Applications are due **March 31, 2007**. More information is available at: <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/>.
- The SLO County Community Foundation is pleased to announce a variety of **GRANT PROGRAMS for 2007!** The maximum grant award will be \$10,000 with average awards around \$5,000. To subscribe to this free service, go to [www.kcbx.net](http://www.kcbx.net) and click on "non-profit resources."
- The **California State 4-H Equine Education Advisory Committee** invites all 4-H horse leaders, members, and parents to the State 4-H Equine Field Day on **Saturday, March 17** at the Animal Science Pavilion at CSU, Fresno at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is due **March 1, 2007**. The cost is \$20/person or \$15/person for a group of 10 or more, At the door it will be \$25. More information at (<http://ca4h.org/council/horse/>). Contact is Jeanne George, State 4-H Equine Advisor at 530-527-3101
- U.C. Davis' Annual **Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day** on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, 2007. These high school students come to Davis to compete in 26 different agriculturally-based judging contests, ranging from livestock judging to agriculture computer applications. More information is available at <http://caes.ucdavis.edu/NewsEvents/Events/FieldDay.htm>. Entries are due on-line by **February 16, 2007**.
- Applications are being accepted for the **2007-08 National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team**. A state 4-H youth/adult delegation works to provide leadership on the development and implementation of GIS & GPS programs. Team members take on a leadership role in increasing the use of GPS and GIS in local, state, and national 4-H programs, including roles and responsibilities that may develop out of our design and implementation of the 2007-08 National GIS/GPS 4-H Action Plan. The deadline for applications is: **February 20, 2007**. Applications are available at: [http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/isgps/20072008GGLEAD07\\_app.pdf](http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/isgps/20072008GGLEAD07_app.pdf).
- From 4-H clubs to summer camps to athletic teams, every youth program has something that makes it special. **CYFERnet's Digital Media Show-and-Tell Contest**, lets the world know what makes your CYFAR & 4-H program special. Your mission: Use digital photography, video, audio or a mix of digital media to answer the question, "Why am I here?" "What do I enjoy most about my program?" Work independently or as a team to show off your art, communication and technology skills while telling your story. Submit your entry by Midnight PST, **February 28, 2007**. Visit <http://www.cyfernet.org/4htech/missions.html> for details.

*No computer? Call the 4-H Office 781-5943, for assistance.*

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Bianchi".

Mary Bianchi,  
Acting County Director & UCCE Advisor

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No endorsement of named products and/or companies is intended, nor is criticism implied of similar products and/or companies which are not mentioned. 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.

# 2007 CALIFORNIA MID-STATE FAIR

## (TENTATIVE) LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHEDULE

### July 24 – August 5, 2007

#### Monday, July 23

#### Leaders Meeting

\*Schedule for accepting livestock will be presented

#### Tuesday, July 24

All Day Registered and Commercial Cattle Pens Accepted

#### Wednesday, July 25

8:00-8:30 am Poultry Entries Received  
 9:00 am 4-H and FFA Poultry Show  
*before 9:00 pm* Registered and Commercial Cattle Pens Accepted

#### Thursday, July 26

9:00 am Begin Cattlemen and Farmers' Day Activities  
 Registered and Commercial Cattle Pens Judging  
 8:00 pm—10:00 pm Release Registered and Commercial Cattle Pens  
 3:00 pm Industrial Arts Project Auction

#### Friday, July 27

6:00 am—7:30 am Release Registered and Cattle Pens  
 8:00 am—8:30 am Rabbit Entries Received  
 9:00 am 4H and FFA Rabbit Show  
 6:00 pm Dog Show

#### Saturday, July 28

6:00 am—10:00 pm Junior Livestock Accepted on Fair Grounds  
*(By Appointment only: See Schedule for details)*

#### Sunday, July 29

6:00 am—10:00 pm Junior Livestock Accepted on Fair Grounds  
*(By Appointment only: See Schedule for details)*  
 6:00 p.m. Farm Supply Junior Livestock Quiz Jan

#### Monday, July 30

7:00 am—Noon Weigh In for Junior Livestock (except Heifers)  
 9:00 am Dairy Goat Showmanship  
*FFA followed by 4-H*  
*Followed by* Dairy Goat Breeding Show  
 12:00 Noon 4-H and FFA Breeding Sheep Show  
 6:00 pm Ladies, Lads, Escort Lead Competition

#### Tuesday, July 31

9:00 am Weigh In & Pregnancy Testing for Replacement Heifers  
 8:00 am Market Hog Show 4H followed by FFA  
 8:00 am Market Lamb Show FFA followed by 4-H  
*Followed By* Meat Goat Show FFA followed by 4-H

#### Wednesday, August 1

8:00 am Beef Breeding Show FFA followed by 4-H  
*Followed By* Market Steer Show FFA followed by 4-H  
*Followed By* Dairy Cattle Showmanship FFA followed by 4-H  
*Followed By* Dairy Cattle Show FFA followed by 4-H  
 5:00 pm Replacement Heifer Show FFA followed by 4-H

#### Thursday, August 2

8:00 am Swine Showmanship 4-H followed by FFA  
 8:00 am Meat Goat Showmanship FFA followed by 4-H  
*Followed By* Sheep Showmanship FFA followed by 4-H

#### Friday, August 3

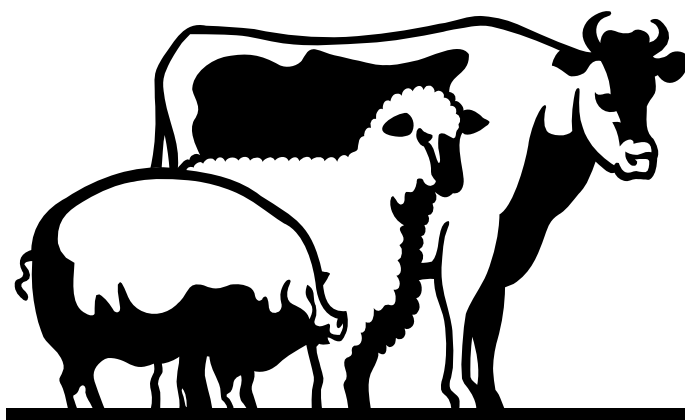
8:00 am Beef Showmanship FFA followed by 4-H  
 6:00 pm Replacement Heifer Sale

#### Saturday, August 4

8:00 am Junior Livestock Auction

#### Sunday, August 5

9:00 am Round Robin Showmanship  
 11:00 am Pee Wee Showmanship  
 1:00 pm 4-H and FFA Judging Contest  
**5:00 pm Livestock Release Begins!**



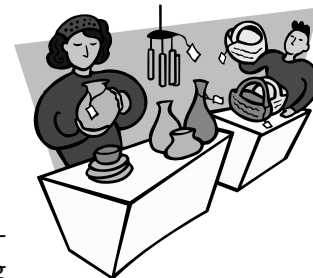
## ADVERTISING SPACE Still Available in Field Day HANDBOOK

This all day 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](mailto: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 printing on **February 16, 2007**. Call the 4-H office 781-5943.

## FIELD DAY Silent Auction CHALLENGE



Ken Dewar, 4-H Management Board Fundraising Director's goal is to make **this year's SILENT AUCTION the biggest ever!** All 4-H Clubs are **required** to provide **TWO** Auction baskets and an Adult Volunteer to assist with this year's event. *The better the gift basket's theme/design—the more funds we can raise for our County 4-H events!* **VOLUNTEERS** (perhaps some Club Treasurer's) are also needed for this year's Silent Auction Committee—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 Silent Auction!

### Recruitment Opportunity



## Visibility Director

SLO County 4-H Management Board

The overall purpose of the Management Board is to oversee the management aspects of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program. The board is responsible for some specific areas, one of these areas is *Visibility*.

The **Visibility Director is responsible for providing leadership and managing the visibility and public relations efforts of the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program.**

Although experience in the areas of Public Relations, Visibility or Marketing would be helpful, it is not required for this volunteer position. *Program Visibility* may include newspaper articles, coordinating 4-H events public events throughout the county. This challenging position is a 2 year term, that takes about 4-6 hours a month, and this person would attend six Management Board meetings a year. Apply at 4-H office (805) 781-5943.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get in on the ground floor of planning the 4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q on **June 9, 2007!**



Every year we're fortunate to have so many of our members and adult volunteers step up and help out in whatever way they're needed--as this event couldn't happen without them!

This year, in addition to all the "regular work" and Division Chairs, **two new Division Chairs** are being added--for **Set Up and Tear Down**. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to wear one of these very important hats please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

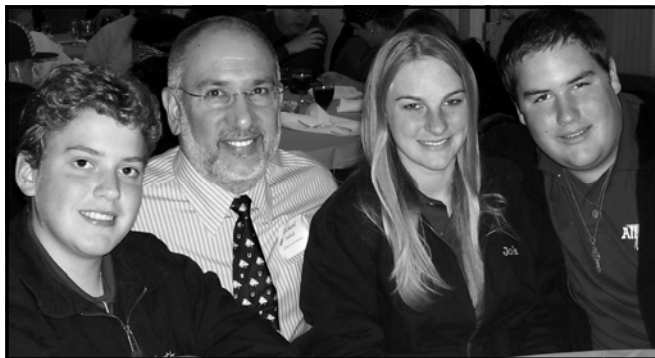
If you're new to the program, this is a great way to join in and meet new people. You won't be alone, Shawn Callaway & Evelyn Rockwell have graciously agreed to serve as Event Chair & Operations Manager, respectively, and are sure to teach you "everything you need to know." We hope to hear from you soon!

## YOUTH ASSET DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

*Do you know what Giraffes & Humans have in common?  
If not, read this article to find out—*

On Friday, January 12th, the **Youth Asset Development Conference** was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo. The theme for this year's seminar: **"Changing Our World—One Heart At A Time."** The conference was conducted by the *Asset Development Network of San Luis Obispo* and featured speakers from all aspects of youth involvement with the community. *Eth-Noh-Tec*, an interpretative dance troupe was featured along with keynote speakers Bonnie Bernard and Father Gregory J. Boyle.

Alex Britton, a Los Osos 7th grader, was honored for his efforts to implement a non-smoking environment on Los Osos beaches, and he was among many other recipients of the "Giraffe Awards." These awards were presented for "sticking your neck out" for the betterment of the community.



This event was attended by the San Luis Obispo County 4-H All-Stars, Johnathan Bullock, JoAnna Hopkins, Jeremy Moring, Pam Moring, Estrella 4-H Co-Community Leader, JoAnn Overbey, 4-H Awards Director, and Richard P. Enfield, 4-H Youth Development Advisor. All in all, the conference was a memorable experience and one that won't soon be forgotten! - *Jeremy Moring, All-Star—Estrella*

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## SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS



*Send us your 4-H Club's News by the 15th of each month!*

**TEMPLETON 4-H CLUB:** On Wed., Nov. 8, 2006, 16 members from the Templeton 4-H club served dinner to the Legionnaires at the Templeton Legion Hall. "It was really fun! We served them turkey, beets, bread, six different kinds of salads, and pumpkin pie!" said *Liam Hoagland*, one of the servers. The members served for 1 1/2 hours, talked with the Legionnaires, and had a good time! After dinner, some of the Legionnaire members spoke about Veterans Day and why we celebrate this holiday. They also spoke about Thanksgiving and why it is a special holiday. All the servers introduced themselves and every single server was acknowledged by the Legionnaires. The Templeton 4-H club holds their general 4-H meetings in the Legion Hall once a month, and in return, Templeton 4-H club members serve the Legionnaires in gratefulness for letting them use the hall. It was a fun night for all!

- *Savannah Hoagland, Templeton*



**4-H is FUN!**



**ESTRELLA 4-H CLUB:** On Sat., Dec. 2, 2006, Estrella 4-H held its annual door-decorating and caroling at Vineyard Hills Health Center in Templeton. 50 Doors were decorated and nearly 100 residents were treated to the company of caroling kids and adult volunteers. On hand to help were *Tori and Taylor Smeltzer, Rosie and Charlie Atkins, Wyatt and Brianna Birks and Jeremy and Jesse-Ray Moring*. These 4-H'ers and many other friends and family did a wonderful job of bringing joy and cheer to the fine men and women of V.H.H.C. Estrella 4-H officially adopted Vineyard Hills Health Center as a regular community service project two years ago and continue to make monthly visits to make sure that the residents don't go without some tasty goodies and a large side of smiles!

- *Jeremy Moring, Estrella*



## Record Book Workshop

The SLO County 4-H ALL STARS invite all 4-H members to join them on:

**Saturday, March 3, 2007**

**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the **UCCE Auditorium** located at 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo



for a **County Record Book Training Workshop** They will be demonstrating how to successfully complete record books for ALL projects. The All Stars will also explain opportunities available through record books & they will be available to answer all of your questions. **This year's workshop is designed to help all of you with your record book goals!** If you have questions, or to RSVP, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

### MORE PDR UPDATES

#### from JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director

**The Record Book Check Sheet has been updated - REV 01/07 is the current version!**

This form will be posted on the 4-H website soon. Please remove and recycle prior copies.

**The important updates are:**

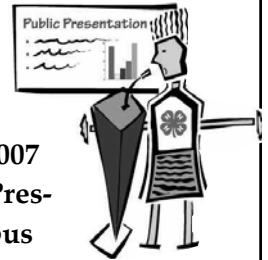
- A 4-H Story is now mandatory and the check sheet includes the "My 4-H Story" guidelines.
- 4-H Story Page length guidelines are:  
Junior (or 1st year member): 1- 2 pages  
Intermediate: 2 - 4 pages  
Senior: 3 - 6 pages
- Second Year Applications will not be offered this program year 2006 - 2007.
- Current Star Rank and Points are to be "grandfathered" into the new PDR form.

To ensure that you have all of the new PDR updates, attend one of the **Record Book Trainings** scheduled for: **Monday, April 23** at the Grange Hall in Paso Robles at 7:00 p.m., or in SLO on **Thursday, April 26** at the UCCE Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The UCCE Auditorium is located at 2156 Sierra Way (enter on the parking lot level).

## PRESENTATION DAY

**February 10, 2007**

Presentation Day is just around the corner and we encourage 4-H and SLO Scientist members to participate in the **2007 San Luis Obispo County 4-H Presentation on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering building!**



Entries must be mailed/postmarked and/or faxed to the 4-H office at (805) 781-4316 **no later than Friday, February 2, 2007.** \* *Late entries will not be accepted – No Exceptions.\**

#### The day's schedule is listed below:

8:00	Registration	Ag Eng Foyer (Bldg. 8)
8:30	Judges' Orientation	Ag Eng 123
9:00	Opening Ceremonies	Ag Eng 123
9:30	Judging Begins	Erhart Ag (Bldg. 10)
12:30	Share-the Fun Awards, Closing	Ag Eng 123

Judges, Room Monitors & Runners are also needed. Please call Karen Ludwig at (805) 712-8217 if you can help! South Section Presentation Day is March 24th in Santa Barbara this year!

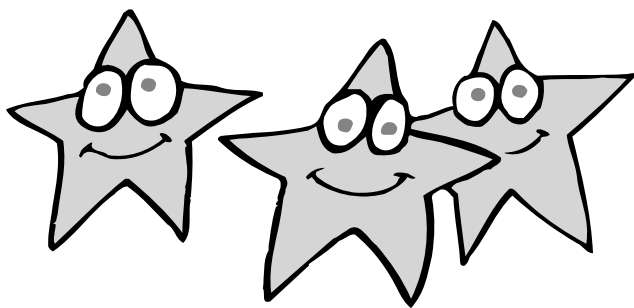


### San Luis Obispo BOTANICAL

#### G A R D E N

The SLO Botanical Garden's mission is "Connecting People and Plants." They need a team of volunteers who want to be Children or Adult Docents to lead tours in their garden. Training is a six-week session offered on Saturday mornings 9AM to Noon. The cost is \$20 for the training manual and membership. If you would like to become a docent or want more information contact Teresa Lees, Education Coordinator at [education@slobg.org](mailto:education@slobg.org) or 546-3501. The Garden is on Hwy 1 at El Chorro Regional Park.

## SLO Co. 4-H All Star!



### REACHING OUT FOR 4-H ALL STARS!

The All Star rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as Ambassadors for the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at County, Regional, and State activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth and adults!

**To be eligible for the County All Star rank, a 4-H member must:**

- Be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2007, but not 19 years of age prior to 1/1/07*
- Been a Participant in 4-H for 3 years or more*
- Have attained a Gold Star rank by 4/13/07*
- Demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment*

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview.

All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, call 781-5943 for your application.

**Due Date: April 20, 2007**

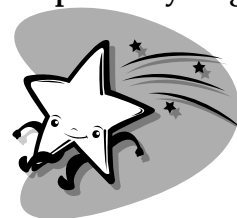
## Emerald Star Program

The Emerald Star Program offers 4-H members the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the club level. *It is not a pre-requisite to apply for the All Star rank.* To apply for an Emerald Star, you must:

- ◆ *Be 14 years of age or older by January 1 of the current project year*
- ◆ *Hold the rank of Gold Star*

An Emerald Star project plan must be submitted for approval prior to starting the project and must be evaluated at the completion of the project. You must also be prepared to handle any financial costs required to complete the project.

You can submit an Emerald Star project plan anytime during the project year (July 1 through June 30). Keep in mind that if you wish obtain your Emerald Star by SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night Saturday, October 13, 2007, **the project must be completed by August 31, 2007.**



Emerald Star projects will be evaluated for its value to the SLO Co. 4-H Youth Development Program, to the community, its practicality and feasibility. Project plan examples may include: an event or activity involving three or more clubs, a community activity involving a group to serve the need of an individual or an educational purpose, or a major expansion/revision of a currently existing event/activity. Emerald Star Project Forms are available at the 4-H office at 781-5943 or via email contact [धारिस@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:धारिस@co.slo.ca.us). If you have questions, please contact JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director at 528-8232.



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FEBRUARY 2007

- 1\* Nat'l 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Application Due Date
- 2 **PRESENTATION DAY APPLICATIONS DUE!**
- 10 **SLO Co. 4-H Presentation Day, Cal Poly AG Engineering Building –See CCL for maps**
- 16\* Field Day Handbook Ads Deadline
- 15-18 Nat'l Collegiate 4-H Conference, LA
- 20\* GPS Leaders Application Deadline
- 24-30\* Nat'l 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
- 28\* CYFER Media Contest Deadline

MARCH 2007

- 3\* ALL STARS RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP UCCE AUDITORIUM
- 17 State 4-H Equine Field Day, CSU Fresno
- 20\* Program Development Board Mtg, 4-H Ofc
- 21 Management Board Mtg, 4-H Ofc
- 24\* **So. Section Presentation Day, S. Barbara**
- 24-25\* 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop, Bak. CA
- 31\* 4-H State Ambassador Applications Due

APRIL 2007

- 14\* **Cerro Alto 4-H Youth Rabbit Show, Mid-State Fairgrounds**
- 18 Joint Mgmt.Bd/Program Dev.Bd. Mtg, 4-H Ofc
- 21 Primary Members Field Day, UCCE Aud.
- 21 State 4-H Livestock Judging, CSU Fresno
- 23\* **Record Book Training/Updates**  
7pm The Grange Hall, Paso Robles
- 26\* **Record Book Training/Updates**  
7pm UCCE Auditorium
- 28 State 4-H Leaders' Council, So. Calif.

*~ Hear Ye Hear Ye ~*

**Please Note Date Changes for:**

**So. Section Presentation Day is March 24th in Santa Barbara**

**Cerro Alto Youth Rabbit Show is April 14th at Mid-State Fairgrounds**