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

HOLIDAY ALL STARS ON PARADE!

The 2003 All Stars and Senior All Stars were looking to the sky on Friday, December 6th, wondering if the San Luis Obispo Holiday Parade would be cancelled due to rain. We were ready to participate in the parade come rain or come shine! A few sprinkles were not going to stop us.

We were very happy that the San Luis Obispo Holiday Parade was to proceed as planned. The San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Stars and Senior All Stars decorated our float with a Christmas tree, lots of lights, presents, and

lots of 4-H memorabilia. We even had music on our float and, of course, our float turned out great! We were proud to represent 4-H in the Holiday Parade. We had so much fun, laughing and waving to the crowd.



Pictured here are: (Front row, left to right) Senior All Star Nakia Wheeler, All Star Keely Oswald, All Star Jeniece Cooper, and Senior All Star Katy Teixeira, (Back row, left to right) All Star

Sara Vieira, All Star Breana Dixon and All Star Brandon Emerson. All of us wish you, Happy Holidays Everyone!

In Giving Toys 4 Tots

It always means so much to a child in need to receive a present at Christmas. A heartfelt **thank you** to all the 4-H clubs for your generosity, time and effort that you put into the Toys 4 Tots program. The 4-H Office would like to thank the clubs who took the time to drop off their toys here at the 4-H Office. Huasna Valley, thanks to Kaitlin & Justin Trulock organizers; Valley of the Bears, Shanda & Katharine Gibbs organizers; Edna, the Kern Family organizers; El Camino; and Pozo. Thank you.

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Pass It On Info...

Want to start a Rabbit Project? Lynn Byford has everything that your rabbit(s) could ever want or need. Call 434-3245 for more information.

FREE WHITES! The following items were left behind at the 2002 Field Day and they are unclaimed so far. Unless you claim one of these items as yours, these items will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis. We have 3 white shirts (sizes 12, 14-1/2, 16), 3 white pants (sizes 7, 11 & 32x34) and 1 green felt hat. So, come by or call the 4-H Office (781-5943) if you want one of these items.

The Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Program is looking for a Superintendent for the 4-H Dog Show for the 2003 Santa Barbara County Fair. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2003, prior to the actual opening of the fair, and this is a paid position. If interested, please call Michael Marzollo, 4-H Youth Advisor at (805) 925-8824.

Help Get New Column Off The Ground

We're adding a new column to the newsletter, and it's all about YOU! The column will be called "4-H Steps Up". Send us a 250-word article (a photo would be nice too) about a memorable experience you've had with 4-H. It could be funny, sad, embarrassing—just as long as it's fit to print! Your story could be about something that happened recently, or it could be from decades ago (which means we're looking for anecdotes from members, leaders, parents, or grandparents).

Send story submissions to Jill via email at jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us or mail them to her at the 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. We're looking forward to hearing about your 4-H experiences!

Apologies Are In Order For...

Christy Forte, because she was overlooked at Achievement Night for her medal in the Poultry Project.
Jeniece Cooper & Breana Dixon, sorry that the newsletter printing cropped your articles from the newsletter. The last line for Jeniece should have read, "Also, I love dragons and enjoy collecting them." the last line for Breana should have read, "I like to spend my free time riding my horse, Ruby, horse polo, outings (like spelunking) with my family and reading, lots of it!"

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

Pioneer Day

by Teale Harden
Parkfield 4-H Reporter

On October 12, 2002, Parkfield 4-H participated in the Pioneer Day Parade at Paso Robles. We had a float and our theme was based on the California Gold Rush. On our float, we had a water wheel, miners and a store.

The float came unassembled and we had to put it together at the parade. After

we put it together, we had to wait, so we practiced what we were going to do on our float.

When the parade ended we took everything down and left. A few people stayed for a picnic in the park.

When the awards started they called up Parkfield



4-H, we were surprised as they handed us a big silver platter. The silver platter was the Sweepstakes Award! Parkfield 4-H won the whole parade!

4-H Steps Up with Johnathan Bullock

My name is Johnathan Bullock. I am 11 years old and I go to Hawthorne Elementary School. Also, I have been a member of the Canyon Country 4-H Club for four years. I'm really involved in 4-H, I enjoy poultry, shooting

sports, creative arts & crafts, sheep, foods & nutrition and food preservation. This year I participated in a Science Fair at my school. My project was on eggs. I did comparison studies on the prices and



freshness of store bought eggs and the eggs from my own chickens. The research part was a lot of fun and very interesting. But my reward was being able to present this information at the Science Fair. I was surprised at how many kids and adults were interested in my research! They thought it was cool! When asked how I got started, I smiled and said, "4-H."

EMERALD STAR PROGRAM

The Emerald Star Rank offer 4-H'ers the opportunity to develop leadership skills beyond the local unit level.

How do you apply? Well, you must be 14 years of age by January 1 and hold a Gold Star rank. You must submit a plan to JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director for approval prior to work being done and have the project evaluated at the completion of your work. You will need to be prepared to handle any financial costs required to complete your plan.

Emerald Star projects will be partially evaluated for its value to the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program, value to the com-

munity, and its practicality & feasibility.

You can apply for the Emerald Star Program at any time and the project completion time frame is up to you. However, if you are wishing to get your Emerald Star at Achievement Night 2003, you must complete the project before then.

These projects have been innovating and beneficial to the entire 4-H Program. This is an excellent way to promote personal growth and leadership skills.

The 4-H Office has applications. You can drop by and pick one up or you can call 781 - 5943 and request an Emerald Star Application to be mailed to you.



4-H, FFA, and Grange Agreement on Participation

The following is the text of a letter signed by the Directors of 4-H, FFA and Grange in 1993, which is still in effect.

We hope that all leaders, staff, teachers/advisors, fair and exposition officials, and members/exhibitors will observe these policies, so that the best interests of all organizations and the members/exhibitors is served.

The member and their parents should determine what projects should be undertaken in each organization or independently. The 4-H leader, the agricultural instructor, or the Grange leader should not discourage the member from following the choice agreed upon by the member and their parents.

It is agreed that when an individual belongs to more than one organization, or exhibits as an independent, he/she MUST carry a different project in each organization/independent. To further clarify this policy, when a member maintains projects in 4-H, FFA, Grange or independently; THE PROJECTS MAY NOT BE IN THE SAME KIND OF LIVESTOCK OR CROP. For example, an FFA beef project in vocational agriculture and a sheep project in 4-H would be acceptable; but a beef breeding project in FFA and a beef market project

in 4-H would not be acceptable – even if the animals were of different breeds. A member of an FFA chapter, Grange or 4-H Club or an independent exhibitor may transfer projects from one organization/independent to another only ONCE during a calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

To be able to show a project at an endorsed fair and exposition or other sponsored event, it must be owned and supervised according to the following requirements:

Poultry – must be owned for not less than 30 days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 days.

Rabbits – must be owned for not less than 30 days and be enrolled in the project for not less than 60 days.

All Feeder and Breeding Animals (except for rabbits and poultry) – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 days.

Market Sheep, Swine, Veal, and Goats – must be owned and supervised for not less than 60 days.

Market Beef – must be owned and supervised for not less than 120 days.

Horses – must be owned/leased and supervised for not less than 120 days.

We are in agreement that members are expected to care for, prepare for show, and exhibit their own animals while at the fair or livestock show. However, because of the educational nature of livestock shows, it is appropriate on occasion for parents, leaders, or other youth eligible to exhibit at that show to provide assistance. Assistance should always be given only when the exhibitor is present and actively engaged.

Shooting Sports Project Leader Training

When: January 11, 2003 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. AND Sunday, January 12, 2003 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Shasta County 4-H Office, 1851 Hartnell Avenue, Redding, Ca.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, with checks made out to: "Shasta County 4-H Council"
Registration: register via e-mail, pdweliver@ucdavis.edu, or phone (530) 224 - 4900 by Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

Volunteers must attend both days to receive certification. We will need full name, address, phone and county. Counties will receive verification of those who have completed the training. Feel free to contact the Shasta County 4-H Office at (530) 224 - 4900 if you have questions.

4-H Home Economics Program

In an ongoing attempt to improve the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program for it's members, the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Home Economics Program Development Committee has planned a change of events and schedule for the 2003 year.

The former Foods and Arts Celebration, in conjunction with Fashion Revue, will be held Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo. A name for the event and a schedule for the event's activities are currently in the planning stages. This will eliminate the Food and Arts Celebration event usually scheduled in February/March and move Fashion Revue to May, instead of holding it in conjunction with Field Day in June. Creative Arts & Crafts and Leathercraft projects will be judged at Field Day only.

Any leaders, older members or parents interested in the planning of this event may contact Jill Garcia at the 4-H Office at 781 - 5943 or you may e-mail her at jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us. There is a planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Office Conference Room in San Luis Obispo. Even if you are not enrolled in these projects but would like the experience of working on a county level give us a call.

National 4-H Council Community Service Campaign

Enter your 4-H Power of Youth Campaign Pledges to help reach the goal of 5,000,000 hours for the 4-H centennial year. The community service campaign has received 4,020,020 pledge hours so far. Please help us reach our goal, log your pledge hours at <http://www.4hcentennial.org/powerofyouth/pledge/page1.asp> by January 15, 2003.

4-Her is SLO Action Hero

Five years ago, Nicholas Kump became involved in organizing a Christmas Party for the Pasos de Vida home, a home for abused children and family in Nipomo. In 2001, Nicholas decided to go a step further with the Christmas Party and formulated his Emerald Star Project, which included the abused family as a whole and chairing the event. He wanted it to be special for everyone who attended the Christmas Party. The Emerald Star Project is over, but Nicholas continues to chair this event.

Nicholas' actions did not go unnoticed and he was nominated as a SLO Action Hero last November. The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County, who sponsor the annual SLO Action Heroes Youth Recognition Program, agreed.

The SLO Action Heroes Youth Recognition Program is meant to encourage young people between the ages of 10 and 22 years old to do public service and honors them for their contributions to their community.

A recognition luncheon will be held at the Madonna Inn on Saturday, January 25th to honor 8 young San Luis Obispo County residents. Nicholas Kump will be one of those eight SLO Action Heroes and will be recognized under the Humanitarian category by the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County.

You can find out more about what your local San Luis Obispo County 4-H clubs are doing by going to www.slo4h.org, click on Club Web Pages, and click on a club name to find out which clubs are on the move. If you wish to know more about the SLO Action Heroes Youth Recognition Program call 543-2220 and leave a message for the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County.

National 4-H Photography Contest

National 4-H needs winning photos from your state and county fairs from the years 1996 to 2003 to create the 2005 4-H calendar. Thirteen photographs will be selected. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September through November 2003. The photographs will be gallery mounted and framed and identified with a brass plate engraved with the title and photographer's name. The photos also will be displayed on the National 4-H Council Website. In fact, if you wish to view the winning photos for the 2003 calendar, go to www.4-hmall.com/photo_contest_rules.htm.

Submitted photographs will only be considered if they meet the following criteria:

- * Full name & age of person submitting photograph
- * 4-H affiliation
- * Complete return address (for UPS delivery, NO P.O. Box addresses)
- * Telephone number
- * List of awards that submitted photograph(s) have received (county, state, 4-H, or other)
- * The photographer's thoughts about the photograph in 25 words or less.
- * Photo submissions should be in color, 8 inches by 10 inches in size, and in a horizontal format. Vertical shots will only be accepted if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar.

Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2003. All submissions not selected will be returned in late August 2003. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2003. After final selection, National 4-H Council will notify winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2005 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and

parent/guardian must sign the release. Also, we will request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Council.

Please submit photos to:
2005 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

4-H State Ambassador and Advisor Program

The 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H YD program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors will be selected in order to:

Support the Mission and Direction of the California 4-H YD Program.

Support various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, leadership development opportunities and community service.

Assist in the introduction of innovation programming through a Service Project.

Provide leadership in the development of the Youth Leadership Summit and the 4-H State Leadership Conference.

To recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments within the area of leadership.

The term is July 11, 2003 to August 31, 2004. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2003 or no older than 18 as of December 31, 2003.

The application is posted on the web at <http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador> and the 4-H Office has applications. Call 781-5943 to request one. Applications are due in the 4-H Office on March 21, 2003.

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Presentation Day

February 15, 2003 at Cal Poly State University

Science . . . just do it!

The Science and Technology Program Development Committee invites and encourages your participation in the 10th Annual San Luis Obispo County 4-H Science Presentation Awards Program, to be held in conjunction with SLO County 4-H Presentation Day, February 15, 2003. The Science Presentation Awards Program was inaugurated in 1994 to support, encourage and reward the efforts of young scientists. If you have any questions about the guidelines offered here, please contact Beverly Gingg, Science Awards Coordinator, at 549-9319. Good Luck!

General Information

- Junior (4th – 7th grade) and Senior (8th grade and up) participants will be evaluated separately
- Individuals and teams will be included within the same group for each division (Jr., Sr.)(if a Jr. teams up with a Sr. they will be judged Sr.)
- Primary members are not eligible to participate in the science awards program
- Science presentations will be recognized as Super Sleuths or Factshounds
- Both Super Sleuths and Factshounds will be eligible to receive Golden Snail Merit Awards, but only Super Sleuths will be eligible for the Best in Science Awards (Jr., Sr.)
- Golden Snail Merit Award winners will receive pins
- Best in Science Award winners will receive a plaque and a pin
- Science Awards are in addition to 4-H Presentation Day awards

Specific Information for Super Sleuths

Super Sleuths use the scientific method to find solutions to problems and to explain things that they don't understand. There are six basic steps in the scientific method used by Super Sleuths:

1. Ask "**What do I want to find out?**"
2. Gather information about the question. This is the **research** part. Written materials, experts,

conferences, lectures are all possible sources of information.

3. Use the information you've gathered and your observations to make a guess about the answer to your question. This is the **hypothesis**.
4. **Experiment!** Design a test to confirm or disprove your hypothesis. Identify variables, the things that can be changed or manipulated. Decide on a control. A control is a standard that you will apply to all parts of your experiment.
5. Ask "What happened?" **Organize and analyze the data** you've collected, note any errors made, and draw tentative conclusions.
6. Ask "**What did I find out?**" Make conclusions. Tell others what you have found out!

Your presentation should show that you understand and have followed these six steps.

Specific Information for Factshounds

Factshounds seek factual knowledge about a subject of particular interest. Much of the factual knowledge uncovered by factshounds was produced, at some time in history, by super sleuths. Your job as a factshound involves doing a thorough, in-depth, search of all information sources available to you.

Your presentation should show the results of such a search.

Expectations for Both Super Sleuths and Factshounds

- Use appropriate and effective visual aids.
- Show interest and enthusiasm for subject.
- Demonstrate understanding of subject.
- Use good public speaking skills.

Any science or science-related subject will be accepted. If in doubt, ask! Beverly Gingg, Science Presentation Awards Coordinator, 543-9319 or bgingg@smcf.org. Registration forms are due January 31, 2003.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H PRESENTATION DAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2003 – CAL POLY STATE UNIVERSITY

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Presentation Day is rapidly approaching. Volunteers are necessary to make Presentation Day a huge success. As a volunteer, your assistance might be needed in judging, tallying, set-up, clean-up, etc. If you are interested in volunteering your time and energy to assist at County Presentation Day, please contact Karen Ludwig, Presentation Day Chair, at 461-1977. Complete details about County 4-H Presentation Day, including additional entry forms, have been mailed to community club leaders. Packets should be available at January 2003 community club meetings or at the 4-H Office.

Public speaking is one of the most important life skills to acquire. 4-H Presentation Day is a great opportunity to practice speaking and/or performing before an audience of friends, family and peers. A 4-H presentation is a short (4-10 minute) "show and tell" about a topic that the 4-H member is familiar with – often something about a 4-H project or hobby that the member enjoys. The presentation should include a brief "introduction" of the topic, a "body" that shows and tells something about what the member has learned, and a "conclusion" which is made up of a few summary comments. Presentations may be done individually or as a team of 2 or 3 members. Grouping for team presentations is based on the oldest member's grade. Individual presentations will be classified into Primary, Junior (grades 4-7), and Senior (grades 8th grade and up) divisions. Members – start thinking about and planning NOW for your presentation on February 15, 2003!

Science-based presentations are also eligible to be entered into the Factshound or Super Sleuth categories (see details on the previous page). Science presentations will also be judged for the regular 4-H Presentation Day awards. Primary members are not eligible to participate in the Science presentations.

Share-the-Fun is an opportunity for clubs to present skits on any 4-H-related topic. Get your creative thoughts flowing for a fun club skit!

Medals, ribbons and certificates are awarded to presenters, based on the Danish system of evaluation. Primary members will only be eligible to receive participation certificates and ribbons. Science awards will be given to presenters who have submitted their presentation as a Factshound or Super Sleuth. Certificates and ribbons will be awarded to Share-the-Fun participants. Gold award recipients from the February 15, 2003 County 4-H Presentation Day will be invited to participate in the Regional 4-H Presentation Day on March 15, 2003 in Santa Barbara County. More information on Regional Presentation Day will be distributed at County Presentation Day.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SLO COUNTY PRESENTATION DAY ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Primary Member? Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ Primary Member? Yes _____ No _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Description of Presentation: _____

Using a live animal? Yes _____ No _____ Type of animal? _____ Length of Presentation? _____

Science Presentations: Super Sleuth _____ Factshound _____

Entries must be postmarked, and mailed or faxed to the 4-H Office by January 31, 2003.

Late entries will not be accepted – No exceptions.



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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

**4-H Management Board Meeting
October 30, 2002**

Present: Cathy Ahearn, Michelle Buck, Shawn Callaway, Ruben Cavanillas, Jeniece Cooper, Jack Crane, Breana Dixon, Richard Enfield, Leslie Marques, JoAnn Overbey, Evelyn Rockwell, Dawn Stemper, Ruth Sutherland, Sara Vieira

Absent: Brandon Emerson, Keely Oswald, Katy Teixeira, Nakia Wheeler

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by 4-H Management Board Director, Ruth Sutherland.

I. OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS AND LEADERS: No reports.

II. TREASURER'S REPORTS:

- A. **Quarterly Report:** Michelle distributed the final "Year End Report" for June 25 - 30, 2002. Also distributed was a report for the first quarter of the 2002/2003 Program Year. Balance on hand as of September 30, 2002, was \$31,639.71 in the checking account and \$8,335.89 in the CD account.
- B. **Internal "Audit" Committee for 2001/2002 Treasurer's Books:** Richard reported that the books are still being put together. Ruben and Shawn will perform the internal audit.
- C. **Tax Preparation for 2001/2002 Financial Records:** We now have a 3-month extension to submit the records (by February 15, 2003).

III. 2003 FIELD DAY:

- A. **Preliminary Discussion/Planning:** Date is set for June 14, 2003.
- B. **Discussion regarding Fashion Revue:** Dawn reported that the Home Economics Committee has been looking at the various events as they benefit members. The Food & Arts Celebration may drop Arts & Crafts from the event. Discussion was held regarding combination of Fashion Revue with the Food & Arts Celebration. Results from a recent survey indicated a variety of reasons not to participate in Fashion Revue. Ratings on the Field Day facilities ranged from poor to excellent. No consensus was reached on keeping Fashion Revue with Field Day or making it a separate event. There is a possibility that garment judging could take place on a separate day, with class winners modeling their projects at Field Day. Discussion ensued on Regional Fashion Revue being held in May, which prevents our Field Day winners from participating in the Regional event.

Action: Motion by JoAnn, seconded by Shawn, to allow Fashion Revue to be held in conjunction with the Foods event, for a two-year trial period. Discussion ensued. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to leaders and members of the Clothing Project to announce this decision.

Further discussion was lead by JoAnn, who reported that Chris Whiting would like to see the Birdhouse division combined with the Arts & Crafts division. This item was referred back to the Home Economics committee for discussion. Shawn suggested that the Home Economics committee come up with a list of suggestions and bring them back to the January Management Board Meeting.

- C. **Judges' Gifts:** JoAnn tabled this discussion until the January Management Board Meeting.

IV. ALL STAR REPORT:

Breana reported that all five of the 2003 All Stars attended the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2002. The Senior All Stars were unable to attend. The All Stars asked the Supervisors to declare the week of October 6-12 as 4-H Week, and to fly the 4-H Flag at the San Luis Obispo County Government Center. A resolution was passed and read by the Supervisors, and the All Stars responded by giving plaques and pins to the Supervisors.

Sara and Jeniece reported that they and Brandon Emerson attended the Red Ribbon Week event in Mission Plaza on Saturday, October 26, 2002. 4-H literature, balloons, suckers, and Red Ribbon stickers were distributed.

V. AWARDS REPORT:

- A. **2002 Achievement Night Report:** JoAnn reported that the event was a success. The Centennial Celebration made it the longest Achievement Night in recent history. Carole MacNeil attended the event and was honored with a special presentation for her leadership of the Statewide 4-H Program. JoAnn gave an explanation of the expenditures related to Achievement Night. Ruth thanked JoAnn on behalf of the Board. Discussion was held on appropriateness of special recognition of selected County Winners. Further discussion was tabled until the January Management Board Meeting.
- B. **Letter to Record Book Winners:** JoAnn recommended that, in the future, a letter be sent directly to the members who will be recipients of a record book medal at Achievement Night.
- C. **Re-evaluation of Livestock Record Book Forms:** San Luis Obispo County record book forms were created with a 2 to 3-year trial period in mind. Concerns were voiced about the different requirements for 1st and 2nd year members, inventory sheets, and overall complexity.

Action: Motion by Shawn and seconded by Michelle to refer the forms back to the Large Animal Science Committee for re-evaluation. Discussion. Motion passed.

- D. **Decide on 2004 Achievement Night Date:** JoAnn reported that next year's event will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2003. The 2004 event date is still in question. JoAnn would like to see the event held at the end of National 4-H Week. The date needs to be decided upon by July 1, 2003.

VI. VISIBILITY REPORT: Cathy had no report.

VII. REGIONAL/STATE 4-H COUNCIL'S REPORT:

Ruben reported that Mary Engebretth has been elected as the new State 4-H Council President, and Bernadine Marquez was elected as Secretary. New information will be coming out regarding Incentives and Recognition program. New members will be added to the committee. State Presentation Day 2002 was reported as a success. However, additional funding is being solicited from the 4-H Sections and Counties. Carole MacNeil was present and asked everyone to complete the 4-H Identity Mark survey on the web. Informational handouts were distributed on 2003 Study Travel Adventures for Teens and Adults, 4-H/Japanese Exchange Program, 2003 California 4-H Technology Conference, 2003 State Leadership Conference, and the Western Regional Leader's Forum. Dr. Mignonne Pollard was introduced as the new State 4-H Assistant Director for Staff and Volunteer Development.

VIII. OTHER DIRECTOR REPORTS AS NECESSARY:

Shawn reported that an Ad Hoc committee had been formed to deal with the 2002 Field Day incidents. However, both 4-H members involved in the incidents have decided to leave 4-H, so further committee follow-up was unnecessary. Shawn did speak to the parents of the 4-H members involved in the incidents.

IX. COLLEGIATE 4-H REPORT:

Jack Crane and Emily Morris were introduced as representatives of the Collegiate 4-H Club from Cal Poly. Tom Ruehr is their Club Advisor. They plan to attend the conferences at Asilomar, TIC and YLS/SLC. Collegiate 4-H Bylaws were presented to the Management Board to review and comment on. Collegiate 4-H would like to help the 4-H All Stars set up a Hi 4-H in this county. Collegiate 4-H has been invited to the next All Star meeting on November 18.

X. EXPANSION AND REVIEW/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REPORT:

Richard reported that the San Luis Obispo County 4-H clubs were only 2 persons shy of being in total parity for the 2001-2002 Program Year. Most 4-H Clubs are doing an excellent job conducting All Reasonable Efforts.

XI. 4-H OFFICE REPORT:

- A. **Correspondence:** Richard read a letter of thanks from All Star Keely Oswald, a letter of thanks from Carl & Barbara Grieb, and a letter of concern from Denise Bennett.
- B. **Announcement:** Asset Development Conference on January 30, 2003

XII. OTHER: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Ruth.

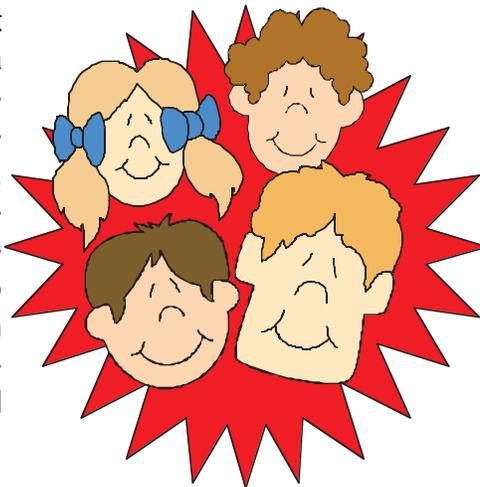
XIII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 5:30 p.m.

In partnership with the USDA, the State 4-H Coordinator's Office, and International Leadership Network headquartered in St. Louis, we are happy to once again announce the **4-H Young Achievers Program**.

This is a win-win situation for the 4-H Program and for the 4-H members. As you read on about the 4-H Young Achiever Program, think about 4-H members who excel in a variety of areas such as academics, special interest projects, individual studies, art, dance, music, sports and theater. Outstanding 4-H members who exhibit leadership and have a positive interest in their schools, places of worship, youth organizations and communities.

Any 4-H Leader may nominate a member. Nomination forms can be obtained from the 4-H Office and must be turned in to the 4-H Office by **Friday, January 31, 2003** in order to allow immediate follow-up by staff at International Leadership Network with the parents/guardians of the nominated individuals. However, once a 4-H member has been recognized as a 4-H Young Achiever, they cannot be nominated again. Reminder that every nomination form must be signed by the parent/guardian of the member.

Young Achiever Program



The next step will be the scheduling of portraits of the 4-H Young Achievers with a professional photographer in SLO. Photography for the program is a donated service to the Young Achievers Program by members of the International Professional Photographers Guild (IPPG). The photography is free. There is no cost or obligation to parents, students, or nominators. Each Young Achiever receives a gift of a desk-size color portrait from the photographer. The photographer will be Karen McLain of McLain

Photography.

Another Showcase of 4-H Young Achievers will be prepared this year and will be displayed in various locations (such as the Mid-State Fair, County Government Center, libraries, and community centers) throughout the county. The actual exhibit will consist of a storyboard of each Young Achiever made by McLain Photography. These storyboards will have pictures and brief bibliography of the Young Achiever. The last exhibit of the showcase will be at 4-H Achievement Night.

To date the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program has recognized 131 4-H Young Achievers.

Please don't let this opportunity pass by; let worthy 4-H'ers receive recognition for their leadership. Last year we recognized twenty-two 4-H'ers and this year we would like to recognize one-hundred. Nominate as many 4-H'ers as you would like; we hope that each 4-H club will nominate at least five members. Please do your part to help reach this goal.

Have a 4-H member in mind? Don't wait, call 781-5943 or drop by the 4-H Office and fill out the Young Achiever Nomination Form.

A Summer Internship Opportunity

Are you a college-age young adult who is a leader and is interested in planning an educational program for teens? Are you enthusiastic, positive, and self-motivated, and enjoy working with teenagers and adults? Then you need to be on the California Focus Staff.

California Focus provides teens in 9th through 12th grade an opportunity to use Sacramento as their classroom as they learn about the history of California and study the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the government.

The 4-H Office has applications, you may call 781-5943 and request one. The conference runs from June 20 - 24, 2003. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by January 31, 2003. Come join this action-packed program and use those skills you have developed with the 4-H Program.

Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum February 26 - March 2, 2003

At Portland Marriott Downtown, Portland, OR. Regular registration is due January 10, 2003. Late registration is due February 3, 2003.

This Forum has a lot to offer the 4-H leader, whether you are just starting as a 4-H leader or if you have been a 4-H leader for a long time. If interested, call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for more information.

St. Judes Ranch Cards!

Reminder that the last chance to drop off cards at the 4-H Office for St. Judes Ranch is **Friday, January 31, 2003**. Fronts of cards only with no writing on the back. If you have questions about the St. Judes Ranch Card Project call Chris Whiting, 473 - 0737.



WANTED!

Board Member & Key Leaders



The 4-H Management Board, the policy and decision making body of the 4-H Program, is currently recruiting the following volunteer position:

Fundraising/Gift-Giving Director - responsible for providing leadership to the fundraising efforts of the Board. Applicants should be interested in assisting in the ongoing development of the 4-H Program.

Would you like to help shape the scope of the SLO County 4-H Program? The 4-H Program Development Board meets four times a year and currently has two volunteer positions available for 4-H Key Leaders:

Science and Technology - works with Science & Technology Program Development

Committee and event/activity chairpersons, and is responsible for program development and delivery in the area of science and technology.

Youth Leadership - serves as a critical link between youth leadership event/activity committees, the Youth Leadership Program Development Committee and the 4-H Advisor. Activities include Club Officer Training, Junior/Teen Leader Training, Presentation Day, and other leadership experiences.

If you are interested in any of the above positions or have any questions about any of these positions, call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.

Need Quilts For Premies and At-Risk Newborns

As my Emerald Star project, I am asking for the donation of baby quilts to aid premature and at-risk babies in our area. The quilts will be given to the Premature Infant Facility at Sierra Vista Hospital. They have a shortage of quilts and these quilts are used to swaddle the babies and cover incubators. The quilts can be anything from a fabric panel to an intricate quilt design. Quilts must be at least 2 feet by 2 feet, and not exceed 3 feet by 3 feet, 100% cotton, backed and bound. Please donate your quilts by **July 1, 2003**. For more info, call Katharine Gibbs at 528-8131. I hope you or your club can help this special project by donating at least one quilt.

Edna 4-H Kudos

The Edna 4-H participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this past June 28, 2002. Edna raised more than \$2,800 in donations and pledges by walking around the San Luis Obispo High School Track for 24 hours. Way to go Edna!



"It is easier to build a child, than to repair an adult"

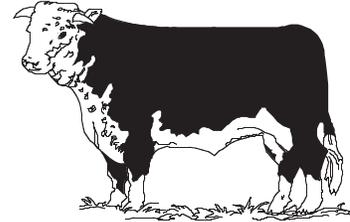
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"Kids don't need more to do; they need an adult to do it with."

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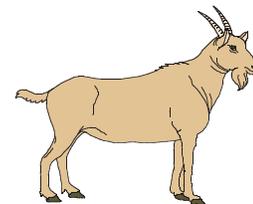
Heifer/Steer Camp & Meat Goat Camp

Sponsored by Farm Supply, Nutrena and Cal Poly.



Heifer/Steer Camp will be Saturday, January 25, 2003 at Cal Poly's Beef Pavillion. This one day camp will cover:

- ~ Fitting
- ~ Evaluation & Selection
- ~ Halter Breaking
- ~ Nutrition & Condition
- ~ Showmanship



Meat Goat Camp will be Sunday, January 26, 2003 at Cal Poly's Beef Pavillion. This one-day camp will cover:

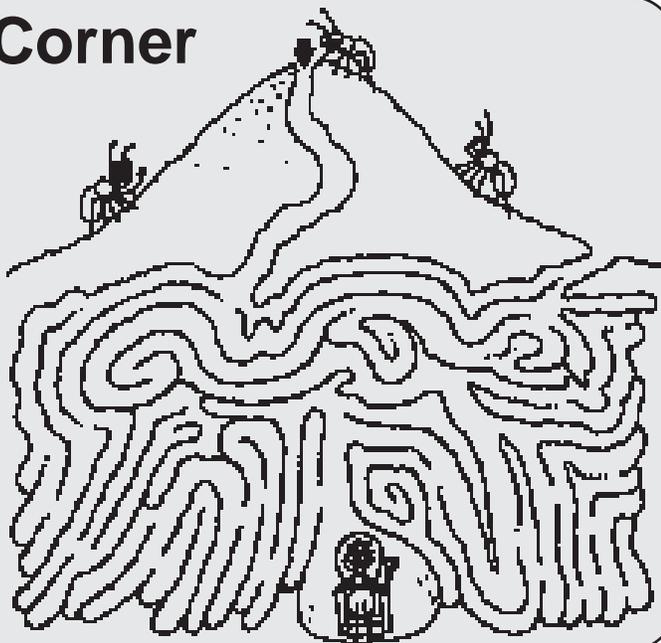
- ~ Fitting
- ~ Evaluation & Selection
- ~ Nutrition & Condition
- ~ Showmanship.

Contact/RSVP or if you have any questions call: Cara Crye and Sue Traglia at 543-3751 or Susan Hayes and Suzy Hop at 238-1177.

See you there!

Game Corner

It's been raining and the Ant Hill has new tunnels since this ant has been away. Help the ant find it's way to the Queen Ant's Throne Room!



Calendar of Events

2003

JANUARY 2003

- 7 4-H Home Economics Program Development Committee, planning meeting, 4-H Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 **DUE** - regular registration for Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum, Portland, OR
- 11 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, Mt. Sac, 9:00am Youth, 10:00am Leaders
- 18 Dairy Goat Day, UC Davis
- 22 Management Board Meeting, 4-H Office, 5:30 p.m.
- 24-26 Teen Involvement Conference - Pathfinder Ranch, Riverside County
- 25 Heifer/Steer Camp, Cal Poly
- 26 Meat Goat Camp, Cal Poly
- 30 Asset Development Conference, Embassy Suites, San Luis Obispo, 4-H is a co-sponsor of the conference
- 31 **DUE** - Young Achiever Nominations
- 31 **DUE** - Last day to drop off "fronts" only-

of Holiday cards at the 4-H Office for the St. Judes Ranch project

- 31 **DUE** - registration for Presentation Day

FEBRUARY 2003

- 1 Avian Science day, UC Davis
- 3 **DUE** - Late registration for Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum, Portland, OR
- 15 SLO County 4-H Presentation Day & Share the Fun, Cal Poly
- 26 - Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum, Portland, OR
- 3/2

MARCH

- 1 **DUE** - National 4-H Photography Contest, entries and photo submissions
- 1 Ag Sciences Field Day, UC Davis
- 5 California State Livestock Judging Contest, California State University, Fresno

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