4-H Fun with Food & Arts / Fashion Revue

On Sat., May 5th, 2007, seventy 4-H members gathered with their families at Laguna Middle School for the Annual San Luis Obispo County 4-H Fun with Food and Arts and Fashion Revue. Members submitted a wide array of Food & Arts entries – from place settings to puppets, & textiles to turkey jerky. 4-Hers who earned a gold seal in two categories received special medals for their hats. In addition, Novice, Junior, Intermediate, & Senior class winners were selected from each of eight divisions: Arts & Crafts, Cake Decorating, Food/Food Preservation, Needle Arts, Photography, Place Settings, Poster/Collage, and Scrapbook. During the judging process, participants kept busy making quilted pot holders and trying out their culinary abilities with tasty new recipes.

This year’s Fashion Revue theme was “Fashion in Bloom”, which 4-Hers took to heart as they proudly modeled their own clothing creations. SLO County All Stars Johnathan Bullock & Jeremy Morning served as escorts for the event, while All Star JoAnna Hopkins and Los Osos 4-H member Sara Lukes were commentators. Entries were judged on both garment construction and modeling. Members wrote their own commentaries to be read as they glided across the stage. In addition to medals for individual excellence, winners were selected for the Novice, Jr., Intermediate, & Sr. Divisions in Traditional, Casual, & Costume categories. Katherine Sedley, a first year sewing project member from Rio Rancheros 4-H, took home top honors as the Overall Fashion Revue Winner.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Fun with Food & Arts and Fashion Revue! We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who made this event possible. Special thanks to Julia Stanfill, and Division Chairs Debbie Geaslen, Jani Kasfeldt, & Cindy Nason for so generously giving their time & talents.
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**Mini Lop Rabbits FREE to a GOOD HOME** - Call Rachel (805) 215-9598.

**FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!** - Selling Discounted Mid-State Fair CARNIVAL RIDES WRISTBAND coupons for Unlimited Carnival Rides at the fair for one day. Discount Price = $22.00 — Regular Price $30 (M-TH) & $35 on (Fri-Sun). Contact Merrie or Kim at (805) 239-0655

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The theme for the California State Fair display area this year will be centered on “the protection of California’s environment.” To incorporate the theme into our 4-H display booth, The State 4-H office needs **good action photos** from any project or community service that shows members and/or volunteers involved with protecting the environment - recycling, beach clean-up, stream restoration, etc. Please submit actual photos or high-resolution digital photos with a short description including the club name and county to: Tammie Erhard at tlerhard@ucdavis.edu or call 530-757-8504.

The California State 4-H Horse Classic information and entry forms are now on-line at: [http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp](http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/classic.asp). Sponsors are needed for the event and you can help by requesting donations. Please request a flyer that you can share with potential donors by contacting Jeanne George at jlg@ucdavis.edu or on the equine education web site at: [http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/2007ClassicEntryForms.asp](http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/2007ClassicEntryForms.asp). If you are successful, you will receive a 20% credit applied towards your entry fees for all donations received. The State 4-H Horse Classic is an open show and offers educational events and horse show classes in four disciplines - Gymkhana, Over Fences, English, and Western.

Junior Master Gardener curricula is here. Using Operation W.A.T.E.R.: Dr. Thistle Goes Underground, students in grades 6-8 investigate a new mystery while they learn important concepts about soil and water. Youth can also earn certification as a Junior Master Gardener in Soils and Water. Curriculum is available for $35.00 (including shipping). Call 979-845-8565 or visit [http://www.jmgkids.us/](http://www.jmgkids.us/). Orders can be placed at: 1-888-900-2577.

*No computer? Call the 4-H office 781-5943, for assistance.*
**IMPORTANT**
**RECORD BOOK UPDATE**

Per Steven Worker at UC Davis:

On the PDR form under “Total Years in 4-H” — 4-H members should include all of the years they have been enrolled in the 4-H Youth Development Program. This includes years as a primary member and/or years in another county or state. No points earned are carried over to the PDR - just the years enrolled in 4-H.”

Sorry for the previous misinformation, but we will just have to stay flexible as new clarifications come to us from the State 4-H Office.”

— JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director

REMINDER: Record Books DUE DATE is: Friday, 8/17/07 by 5:00 p.m. in the 4-H office.

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Facility Changes at the California Mid-State Fair (Livestock Department)

In an effort to address the never-ending overcrowding issues, and not to have to resort to a split show schedule, a compromise was reached that should please everyone.

The building commonly referred to as “The Stockyard” and, for many years, home to commercial vendors during the annual Fair, will now become the Sheep & Goat Barn, and a new commercial exhibit building was constructed to accommodate those vendors.

Secondly, cattle will be housed in both the existing Beef Barn, and then extend on down to the old 4-H Sheep Barn. All of the barns on the north side of the “Livestock Street”, including the barn directly behind the Livestock Office, will facilitate the hogs. The wood bays are being removed to make the barn more spacious and the surface will be filled and leveled.

A new digital sheep and goat scale will replace the old beam scale, and two additional fans in the Livestock Pavilion will make the area cooler during the livestock shows and sales.

A “Fur & Feather Building” has been constructed to showcase champion rabbits and poultry.

The California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation has been instrumental in many of these changes, and for this, we should all be very grateful for their continued support of our youth programs.

— Vivian Robertson, CEO, Paso Robles Event Center

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President’s Volunteer Service Award —

Applications are due in the 4-H office by June 30th, 2007.

If you have any questions on how to fill out your application please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Chair, at 712-8217.

RUBEN CAVANI LLAS Receives Honoree Award at Southern Sectional 4-H Field Day

On Sat., May 19th, Ruben Cavanillas, SLO Co. 4H YD Management Board member was honored at the Southern Sectional 4-H Field Day by Travis Emerson, Amanda Clark, and Fern Vacca, President of the So. Section 4-H Leaders’ Council in Walnut, CA.

Ruben was recognized for his 28 years of service. He is regarded by fellow 4-H Leaders as “a Goodwill Ambassador for California 4-H,” “very dedicated and supportive of the 4-H members,” “a gentle person who cares deeply about the 4-H program, the young people, and fellow volunteers,” and “like the Energizer® Bunny, he never stops finding ways to assist and support the 4-H Program.” Congratulations Ruben on your special Honoree Award; our County 4-H Mgmt. Board Section Council Delegate!
4-H Horse Field Day

Our Horse Project members have been busy this year. In addition to Horse Level Testing, nearly 60 members participated in two Horse Field Days in May; one in north county at Work Ranch on May 6, and the second in south county at Osumi Ranch on May 19. Gymkhana events were held on May 6, with the added bonus of a team relay race. The May 19 event focused on Western Pleasure events, but also included an open reining event and a Horse Knowledge Bowl. Our many thanks go out to Kelly Osumi and Kelly Work for organizing and hosting Horse Field Days, and to the many volunteers and generous sponsors who made it possible.

Congratulations to everyone who participated & to the following High Point Champions!

**Gymkhana**

Champion High Point Senior: Amanda Alford on Lena/Canyon Country
Champion High Point Junior: Carley Williams on I’m Simply Sensational/Shandon
Champion High Point Pony: Alison Einolander on Breezy/Heritage Ranch

**Western-Pleasure**

Champion High Point Senior: Jessie McBean on Lady/Rio Rancheros
Champion High Point Junior: Christa Osumi on Pride of Montana/Adobe Nipomo
Champion High Point Pony: Kiana Worth on Freedom/Adobe Nipomo
Champion High Point Beg. Rider: McKenna Rose on Danny/Adobe Nipomo
Champion High Point Green Horse: Stephanie Crawford on Hot Shot/Rio Rancheros
Horse Level Testing

Horse Level Testing is comprised of both written and mounted tests based on information contained in the Certified Horsemanship Association’s Certified Horsemanship Manual. The tests, which advance from Level 1 to Level 4, provide an opportunity for all Horse Project Members to test their horse knowledge and skills. The written portion of the test was given on April 2, 2007, and for those who passed the written test, the mounted portion took place on April 28, 2007 at Osumi Ranch. Congratulations to the 25 Horse Project Members who participated in both written and mounted level tests this year.

A special congratulations goes out to the following Horse Project Members who earned a Horse Level Test Pin by successfully passing both the written and mounted portions of Horse Level Testing. This is quite an achievement and represents a lot of hard work on the part of both the members and project leaders.

Level 3
JoAnna Hopkins, Huasna Valley

Level 2
Christine Alley, Edna

Level 1
Lorine Allen, Edna
Mary Allen, Edna
Michelle Barker, Adobe Nipomo
Brooke Carroll, Rio Rancheros
Alexandra Danell, Adobe Nipomo
Ashley Danell, Adobe Nipomo
Kylie Garcia, Adobe Nipomo
Alison Einolander, Heritage Ranch
Madeline Ferrante, Edna
Christina Gamarra, Edna
Krista Osumi, Adobe Nipomo
Sheridan Riolo, Edna
McKenna Rose, Nipomo
Emily Thomas, Pozo
Mary Thomas, Pozo
Amber Warden, Edna

PRIMARY 4-H MEMBERS
FIELD DAY 4/21/07

Field day was great fun for our 4-H Primary Members. There were over 20 primary members attending on a warm, sunny Saturday morning. A lady bug box was made by each 4-H primary member. The All-Stars, Jeremy, Johnathan and JoAnna helped with mixing the cement for the stepping stones that each member decorated with colorful marbles and stones. The day ended with treats and games.
CERRO ALTO 4-H Takes To the Trail
By Hannah Firchow, Primary Member
On Sunday, April 15th, the Cerro Alto 4-H Outdoor Adventure and Plant Science groups went on a three mile hike in the Montana de Oro State Park. The purpose of the hike was to see the different kinds of wildflowers and plants.

We saw miner’s lettuce, five fingered ferns, Sticky monkey flowers, wild strawberry blossoms, and Indian paintbrushes.

Our leaders, Karen Ludwig and Simone Smith lead us through the rocky and twisty trail. We had to watch out for poison oak, stinging nettle, and deer ticks. We crossed two bridges and peeked into a small cave. We even spotted a spider eating a bee and opened a spittlebug’s spit and saw the bug.

It was a fun and beautiful hike!
California 4-H
State Leadership Conference
August 2-5, 2007 at UC Davis.

The conference brings together high school age youth from across California in a four day leadership training, networking, and learning experience, and has as its goal helping youth to reach their full leadership potential. It also provides an excellent opportunity for youth to give input into statewide 4-H activities. All high school age 4-H members may attend the conference.

To learn more, or to obtain a Registration Packet, go to www.ca4h.org/conference/slc. Completed packets along with the $380 registration fee are due in the 4-H office no later than June 22, 2007.

Leader Recognition Award / State 4-H Leaders’ Forum

The SLO Co. 4-H Adult Leadership Committee is seeking nominations of outstanding adult volunteers to receive the 2007 Leader Recognition Award. The award is $215, which includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging for the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 16—18, 2007. The Leaders’ Forum offers volunteers an opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of other 4-H volunteers, share ideas, and learn new skills in their choice of fun workshops—all in a beautiful ocean side setting.

This year five nominees from San Luis Obispo county will be selected to receive the award.

Nomination Criteria:

1) has been a leader for two years and has re-enrolled for the new program year;
2) evidence of outstanding teaching/leadership skills;
3) has not been nominated for this award in the last three years.

Clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H members may all nominate leaders for this wonderful award. Leaders may even elect to nominate themselves. If you are nominating someone, please check with them to make sure they will be able to attend the Forum! Leader Recognition Award Nomination Forms are available through your Community Club Leader and at the 4-H Office (781-5943). Nominations are due June 29, 2007 in the 4-H Office. If you have questions, please call Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383.

Leaders need not be recipients of the Leader Recognition Award to attend the State Leaders’ Forum. All 4-H leaders are eligible and encouraged to attend. More information about the forum is available online at http://ca4h.org/conference/slf/. To receive a discounted rate on the conference fee, meals, and lodging, be sure to register by August 1st, 2007.

Community Service Award

The Community Service Committee wants your nomination(s) of an outstanding 4-H youth, adult or family to receive a 2007 Community Service Award. Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member or volunteer. If you know an individual or family who continuously gives of themselves, now is your chance to help them receive the recognition they deserve! The nominations will be reviewed, and then one award will be presented in the Youth, Adult, and Family categories at Achievement Night in October.

How to nominate someone:

Please write a half-page to one page letter explaining why you think your nominee deserves the award. In order to maintain fairness in the selection process, do not include your nominee's name in the letter. Then, on a separate piece of paper, write your name, address, and phone number, along with the name of the person or family you are nominating.

Please feel free to nominate as many individuals or families you feel deserve this award. Nominations are due in the 4-H office Attn: Julie Maggiore by July 15, 2007 or email them to jmaggiore@co.slo.ca.us. Alternatively, you can fax your nomination to 781-4316.

If you have any questions about the Community Service Award, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Committee Chair, at 461-1977.
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