4-H Teens Get Involved at Conference

by Brandon Emerson, Keely Oswald & Katy Teixeira

The Teen Involvement Conference or TIC conference, as this event is commonly referred to as, is put on by the Southern Region State Ambassadors and the Southern Region Teen Council Officers. It is a conference that gets teens involved in 4-H at the regional, state and national levels. You can learn about being a county All-Star to becoming a State Ambassador. It is a fun and laid back conference to give our youth knowledge about the many different opportunities in 4-H.

This year the TIC conference was held at Pathfinder Ranch in Idyllwild, California from January 24th thru 26th. Sessions offered varied from topics about Community Service to Mock Trials to Self Esteem, as well as looking into the opportunities that 4-H has to offer our youth.

San Luis Obispo County 4-H was represented at the TIC conference by Brandon Emerson, Keely Oswald, Katy Teixeira, Sara Vieira and JT Oswald. Now, that the conference is over Brandon, Katy and Keely took some time out (cont. pg. 3)

St. Jude’s Ranch Cards
by The Whiting Family

Congratulations and Thank You to everyone, who participated in this years St. Jude’s Ranch Card Project. One thousand pounds of cards were collected and they filled 60 boxes. The truck was full! That fulfilled our goal for this year. A special thank you to Mid-State Bank and Rhonda Garris for their help. Rhonda was instrumental in Mid-State Bank agreeing to be a collection sight for the cards. However, when Rhonda, an employee of Mid-State bank, (continued on page 4)
Pass It On Info...

FREE WHITES! There are two shirts from the 2002 Field Day and that are still unclaimed. The shirt sizes are 14-1/2 & 16. Come by or call the 4-H Office (781-5943) if you would like one of the shirts.

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 Marzolla, 4-H Youth Development Advisor at (805) 925-8824.

The San Luis Obispo Co. Foundation for Agriculture Awareness and the California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation have $1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors & college students. Applications can be obtained from the 4-H Office or you can call and request one to be mailed to you. (781-5943)

2003 State Rules for California Fairs are currently available on the Department of Food and Agriculture website, www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe. Additional information or questions can be addressed to Tomme Jo Dale at 916/263-2948.

California State Fair Announces 2003 Scholarship Program. A total of 28 scholarships will be available, up to $5,000 each. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2003. Finalists will be required to participate in a formal interview on Friday, May 9, 2003 in Sacramento. Visit http://www.bigfun.org for eligibility requirements and an application packet.

2003 Puppy Raising Youth Scholarships sponsored by Guide Dogs for the Blind. Youth puppy raisers in their senior year of high school are eligible for $1,000 and $500 awards. Deadline is May 15, 2003. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/ under Section F.

General 4-H Statewide Scholarships and Awards have been updated and are available on the website at http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/. The deadline for most of these has been moved to May 30, 2003. Check the website for specific criteria and eligibility for each award.

No computer? Contact the 4-H Office at 781-5943 and you may request any of the above website information to be mailed to you.
4-H Teens Get Involved ...  
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to share their experiences with News & Views.  
**NV:** So, what session did you like the most at TIC?  
**Katy:** My favorite session was “Interviews are Easy” presented by the San Benito County All-Stars.  
**Keely:** My favorite session was one where they taught us to play the game Cricket. It was so much fun!  
**Katy:** I also enjoyed learning how to play Cricket.  It was in the sports session.  
**Brandon:** My favorite workshop of all was the Mock Trial workshop that Sara (Vieira) and I participated in. Sara and I got to be defense attorneys for Jack and defend him, since he chopped down the beanstalk and killed the giant.  
**NV:** What did you like the least at TIC?  
**Brandon:** My least favorite workshop was... none, I only signed up for ones that I knew I would enjoy.  
**Katy:** The food wasn’t the greatest, but we were able to stay full from the mountain of junk food at the Share Food Table.  
**NV:** Did any of you have a memorable moment at the TIC conference?  
**Katy:** By far the best part of the conference was meeting our keynote speaker Eddie Slowidowski. In his session he made each member realize that life is lived through the emotions you feel and at one time, he made us think about something that made us sad and we were so caught up in our thoughts that we actually started crying.  

**NV:** So, overall how did you like the conference?  
**Keely:** The Teen Involvement Conference was a great experience. It gives you a chance to meet new people from other counties and get to know the people from your own county as well.  
**Katy:** TIC was a blast. We all had a great time and met a lot of new people.  
**NV:** Would you say that the TIC conference influenced you and what you want to get out of 4-H?  
**Brandon:** Through this weekend, one of my 4-H career goals is to become a State Ambassador. Then once my term is up, I would like to join Collegiate 4-H and become a leader for a club.  
**NV:** What would you like to see for next year’s TIC conference?  
**Katy:** I was voted to be the new Southern Section Vice-President and next year I will be on the planning committee. I would like to see a lot more members going to TIC.  
**Keely & Brandon:** Yeah, we hope that we can get lots of people from SLO County to go to TIC next year.  

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**Jeniece Cooper takes a break from playing goalie in a broom hockey game.**

**Brandon Emerson claps to the beat at Saturday’s dance.**

**JT Oswald plans his next step.**

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**Keely Oswald leads the Bunny Hop.**

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**pictured left to right - Jeniece Cooper, Brandon Emerson, a friend, Sara Vieira, Katy Teixeira and Keely Oswald. See you at TIC next year, okay?**
St. Jude’s Ranch Cards
(continued from page 1) offered to have the cards sent to her at her branch, she had no idea what she was in for. Daily, Rhonda was greeted with numerous packages of cards that she re-packed into boxes for us to pick up. Thank you Rhonda Garris for all your hard work in making this the most successful year yet.

So, with a very full truck, we were off to St. Jude’s Ranch. At first glance, St Jude’s Ranch looks like a typical mission. As we entered the grounds we could see an office, gift shop, several large homes, a thrift store, a mailroom, and a few other buildings. Trees in bloom were scattered amongst the buildings, a few toys sat by various homes. The surrounding area is high dessert.

The Card Project

Upon arrival, our first stop was at the card shop where we saw a display of cards that the children had already made. Then we were directed to the mailroom, where the volunteers process all the cards. The mailroom director said that our donation was the largest they had ever received from an organization or individual. They go through every card, removing backs and looking for handwriting. The fronts are then sorted into various categories; for example: thank you, get well, birthday, etc. And they are sorted into categories by type of animal, flower, or scenery, etc. The prepared fronts are moved to another work-room where the youth residents’ hand cut the fronts. The fronts are then glued to new card backs and re-packaged with new envelopes.

St. Jude’s Ranch cards are available for purchase on-line at www.stjudesranch.org and click on The Gift Shop. Each youth resident who works on the cards is paid 15 cents per card. This is pocket money for them. The rest of the proceeds from the cards go into the general funds to help pay for the needs of the children.

About St. Jude’s Ranch

St. Jude’s Ranch currently serves 42 youth ranging in ages from 5 to 17 years old and has been in operation for 30 years. They provide children with a safe environment, free of the situations that they had been living previously. Some children who live at the ranch have been removed from abusive homes and some children have been abandoned. When a child arrives at St. Jude’s, they are assigned to a cottage home. There, they live with cottage parents, brothers and sisters in as much of a normal home environment as possible.

Whatever the reason these children are at St. Jude’s, it is obvious they found a safe haven surrounded by caring adults. At St. Jude’s they have a permanent home and many of the children who have grown up at St Jude’s come back and mentor youth residents.

Bridget (left) and Chris (right) Whiting & St. Jude’s volunteer (middle) unload the truck.

Bridget (left) and Amanda (right) Whiting in the St. Jude’s Gift Shop.
J eannine Stroud of Valley of the Bears received a Silver Award (50+ hours) for her community service efforts. Some of the activities Jeannine participated in was the St. Judes Ranch card program, walked in the Relay for Life Cancer Foundation fundraiser. Jeannine also participated in the Wiggle Waggle Walk A Thon for Woods Humane Shelter and made rest home visits with her dog.

K atie Tierney of Cerro Alto received a Gold award (100+ hours) for her community service activities. Katie, helped to set up a benefit car wash, she made a get well quilt for a youth in her community that was very ill. Katie also helped with cards for St. Judes, collected jackets, toys and food for Loaves and Fishes. She made up bags for Gifts from the Heart project and made wreathes for Meals on Wheels and took small animals to senior homes and grade schools.

C ongratulations girls on your awards!

T he Presidents Community Service Awards program is available to ALL currently enrolled 4-H members. For more information please contact Chris Whiting at 473-0737 or visit the 4-H Office for forms and information.

Avian Video Show!
by Debbie Bridgman

We are the Atascadero Rangers 4-H Poultry Project group, and like many of the other 4-H poultry groups, we have worked many long hours with our birds and studying showmanship questions at the fair. But Exotic Newcastle Disease has changed all that. All avian shows have been cancelled at the fairs we normally attend each year.

The Plan

So, instead of giving up, the Atascadero Rangers 4-H Poultry group has decided to work harder. We are going to host the first ever - Avian Video Show. It has been approved by the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program Development Board, Small Animal Science Committee. It will be run like a regular show except no live birds. The poultry and game birds will be judged by video. All 4-H poultry members who enter in the Avian Video Show will be required to video their birds following instructions to show their bird according to the standard and then their showmanship skills with their bird. This video will be viewed by the judges at the Avian Video Show and the member will be asked showmanship questions at that time.

We are creating a program for this event and we will be asking the community and businesses to advertise in the program for a nominal cost and/or donate an item for the Silent Auction we plan to have at the show. There will also be room or ads and picture spaces for the individual “Good Luck from Grandma and Grandpa” or friends. This will help fund awards and ribbons for the winners and there will be an opportunity for sponsors to present Champion and Reserve Champion awards and ribbons.

When? Where?

Avian Video Show
Santa Margarita Community Hall
April 14, 2003
10:00 a.m.
Admission is FREE!
Spaghetti Lunch with soda - $3.00

Entry forms are available at the 4-H Office and you may call (781-5943) to have an entry form mailed to you. Entry forms to participate are due: March 7, 2003. Videos are due: March 31, 2003. Ads for the program or Silent Auction items should be submitted as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call Debbie or Mike Bridgman at 238-4331.
San Luis Obispo County 4-H  
2003 Presentation Day Results

As you can see from the Presentation and Demonstration Gold Medalists listed below, the 2003 Presentation Day was well attended. 4-H applauds all of you and all participants.

Primary Member Participants
Matthew Kendrick, Cambria
Lindsey Ward, Cambria

4-H was very proud to have you participate at the 2003 Presentation Day!

Gold Medal Share-the-Fun Skits
Adobe Nipomo:
Chelsey Barkley, Katie Bohnning, Tanya Carter, Megan Diggins, Shannon Gangloff, Melanie Hess, Brittany Kasson, Brittany LaSalle, Amika Osumi, Keiko Osumi, Aimee Soares, Katy Teixeira, and Evelyn Vences

Estrella:
Misha Bodeau, Moshe Bodeau, Kellan Candee, and Mirela King

Huasna Valley:
Jo Anna Hopkins, Elizabeth Hurd, Marissa Mankins, Miles Mankins, Monica Mankins, Sheridan Trost, Justin Trulock, Kaitlin Trulock, Evan Vaughan, Michelle Vaughan, Nathan Vaughan, Tiffany Vaughan, Emily Zimmerman, and Joseph Zimmerman

Congratulations to all of the 2003 Presentation Day participants. Thank you judges & helpers for a great and fun-filled day.
“Neigh!” It’s HORSE FIELD DAY!

San Luis Obispo County 4-H Annual Horse Field Day will be held on:

Saturday
May 31, 2003
at
Mack Ranch
in Nipomo

Entry forms will be mailed out to all Horse Project Leaders.

Classes to start at 8:00 am. Class List and entry forms will be available at the 4-H Office after April 1, 2003.

Entries will be due in the 4-H Office no later than Wednesday, May 21, 2003 or post-marked May 20th.

For more information, or if you have questions, or if you would like to lend a hand on Horse Field Day, please contact Karen Flemion at (805) 927-0280 or e-mail at kflemion@cablerocket.com.

Thank you!
We look forward to seeing you at Horse Field Day!

Take a Look at What’s on the Way!

Field Day & Chicken Q 2003
Saturday, June 14th

Mark your calendar!
You don’t want to miss Field Day and Chicken Q this year!

The Pig & Lamb Camp is Back!

The 2nd Annual Pig & Lamb Camp will take place on:

Saturday, April 5th
and
Sunday, April 6th
at the Cal Poly Beef Pavilion

Each one-day camp will cover:
Selection and Evaluation
Fitting and Showing
Feed and Management

A flyer will be sent to 4-H members sometime this month. If you have any questions please feel free to call Sue Traglia or Cara Crye at the San Luis Obispo Farm Supply at 543-3751.

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Serving You More at...
Fun with Food and Fashion
May 3, 2003

What is Fun with Food and Fashion? It is the combined event for both food and clothing related projects, this includes the sheep, swine, rabbit, marine biology, beef and poultry projects also. Attend both and get credit for 2 county events in your record book.

All primary members enrolled in projects related to this event are welcome to enter but they will not be judged. They will be awarded Participation certificates.

Only the first 150 entries for 4-H members will be accepted. Please mail entries postmarked by April 16, 2003 to:

Rhonda Garris
PO Box 298
Santa Margarita, CA  93453-0298.

Entry forms may be obtained from the 4-H Office or you may call 781-5943 and request that an entry form be mailed to you.

For more information on Fun with Foods call: Rhonda Garris at 438-5513.

For more information on Fun with Fashion call: Barbara Dixon at 461-9026 or Denise Emerson at 528-7620.

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.

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 an application to be mailed to you. Applications are due in the 4-H Office on March 21, 2003.

4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee

The CA 4-H Youth Development Office is seeking new members for the 2003-2004 4-H Incentives and Recognition Committee.

This committee meets to review, formulate, and evaluate statewide incentives and recognition programs and activities including the state competition, scholarships, awards, and more!

Youth members (ages 14 and up), adult volunteers, and county staff are encourage to apply. Applications due by April 11, 2003. For applications or for more information contact: Steven Worker, State 4-H Program Rep. at (530) 754- 85129 or you can email your request to smworker@ucdavis.edu.
Do you think that Agriculture can tie into Space? If so then...

We Need YOU!

Project Details

With the evolution of time, the space industry has become more prominent in everything we have and do. Cell phones, computers and many other everyday items revolve around the use of satellites and airwaves. Today, more advancements are being made to improve crops and agriculture farms. How do you think that agriculture ties into Space? This is your chance to show your intelligence and creativity. Create a project to showcase at this year’s Santa Maria Strawberry Festival and Space Fair April 25-27, 2003 at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

More information will be sent to contestants describing categories and project guidelines.

Let your imagination soar. Anything goes... as long as it ties Agriculture into Space.

Entry Form

Please Send Entry Form to:
Katy Teixeira
PO Box 670
Nipomo CA
93444

Name
Club
County
Phone Number Age
Proposed Title of Project

Deadline has been extended to March 25, 2003
Please have your entries postmarked before the new deadline date.

questions or Concerns Call Katy Teixeira (805) 929-5389
The 4-H Management Board, the policy and decision making body of the 4-H Program, is currently recruiting the following volunteer positions:

**Fundraising/Gift-Giving Director** - responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the Board.

**Board Treasurer/Budget Committee Director** - responsible for receiving, depositing, disbursing and keeping a complete and accurate accounting of all monies received by the 4-H Program. Present an up-to-date financial report at each meeting of the Board. She/he shall be responsible for compliance with all financial regulations of the University of California, Internal Revenue Service, State Franchise Tax Board and the State Compensation Insurance Fund. This position starts July 1, 2003.

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.

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**Board Members and Key Leaders**

**A Volunteer Challenge!**

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**2003 Regional 4-H Presentation Day**
**March 15, 2003, Santa Barbara**

This event is open to 4-H members who have received a gold medal at their County level Competition or their Regional Competition. Registration forms were passed out to gold medal winners at Presentation Day, but if you need another, contact the 4-H Office (781-5943).

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**2003 State 4-H Presentation Day - May 24, 2003 UC Davis**

This event is open to 4-H members who have received a gold at their Sectional Competition or their Regional Competition. Registration forms will be available February 2003. More info is available at http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/.

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**Cal Expo Cancels All Avian Exhibits & Competitions**

*Sacramento* - In a move to prevent the further spread of the Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) affecting the state’s commercial poultry industry, the California Exposition and State Fair announced on January 27, 2003 that it has cancelled all avian exhibits and competitions in 2003. “This is a very serious problem for the poultry industry,” stated Cal Expo official Mike Bradley, “and, while we have not had an outbreak in Northern California, we intend to do our part to make sure that doesn’t happen.”
2003 Market Lamb Registration Collection Sites

The California State Fair is pleased to announce the continuation of the use of DNA technology in the sheep showring. The 2003 Market Lamb Show will again incorporate the DNA matching technique for positive animal identification. DNA collection sites:

**Kern County Fairgrounds**  
Bakersfield, CA  
Saturday, June 7, 2003  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Santa Maria Fairgrounds**,  
Fields Bradley Pavilion  
Santa Maria, CA  
Sunday, June 15, 2003  
9 a.m. -11 a.m.

Any and all samples must have been collected from one of the State Fair approved sites, no other samples collected from any other location will be accepted - NO EXCEPTIONS.


For complete information on Market Lamb Registration Requirements you may call or write to: California State Fair - Livestock Department, PO Box 15649, Sacramento, CA 95852. Telephone: (916) 263 - 3149 or e-mail: ccooley@calexpo.com. The 4-H Office has some information, call 781-5943.

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**Poultry Groups Be Aware!**  
by Susan King of Central Coast Feather Fanciers

Exotic Newcastle Disease is a contagious avian disease and it has brought a temporary halt to poultry activities in California. The Central Coast Feather Fanciers wish to invite you to join them Wednesday, March 19, 2003 in the UC Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. A Dept. of Ag. Representative will explain the disease. Come and learn more about what you can do to help prevent the spread of this deadly disease. Knowledge is power! For directions, call the 4-H Office (781-5943).

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**Game Corner**

**Wow!** There are a lot of 4-H events and activities for 4-Hers to participate in that are coming up, can you remember what dates these events and activities are? Match up the events with their date.

1. Horse Field Day  
a. April 5th & 6th
2. Pig and Lamb camp  
b. May 3rd
3. Field Day & Chicken Q  
c. April 14th
4. Fun with Food & Fashion  
d. May 31st
5. Avian Video Show  
e. April 19th
6. Cerro Alto Rabbit Show  
f. June 14th

Answers on last page, under the Calendar of Events

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**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.
## Calendar of Events 2003

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