



NEWS & VIEWS

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

4-H Play at Children's Day at the Plaza

On Saturday, April 9th, 4-H All-Stars and SLO Scientist teamed up with side-by-side booths to offer the public hands-on...and faces-on... activities at the 27th Annual Children's Day at the Plaza in San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza! Children were offered colorful, creative face painting provided by the enthusiastic 4-H All-Stars as well as an assortment of games, including the ever-popular beanbag toss, while families could gain information about the 4-H program.

Next-door at the SLO Scientist booth, volunteer SLO Scientist facilitators Elita Chaffin, Gary Corsiglia and John McCabe and SLO Scientist Junior Leader Marianne Ortiz-Lytle, offered children and

families the opportunity to have fun with science, including a mini-creek bed where they could actually create a simulated creek environment. Also provided was a chance to "play" with slinkies, relating the movement to P and S wave movements felt in an earthquake. Another highlight was the "Where were You during the December

22, 2003 Earthquake?" San Luis Obispo County street map display board designed by the Los Osos SLO Scientist group in which everyone was invited to place the appropriate color "intensity" dot exactly on the location where he or she felt the quake. *(continued on page 4)*



1. SLO Scientist Facilitator Gary Corsiglia
 2. All Star Natori Coleman
 3. (Left) SLO Scientist Junior Leader Marianne Ortiz-Lytle

Jacy, A Big Girl Guide Dog!

By Tyler Evangelista, Templeton 4-H

I started my Guide Dog project April 8, 2003, when the Guide Dog of the Blind delivered a black female puppy to me. Her name was Jacy. She was just 8 weeks old. This was a huge learning experience to raise a puppy for someone else to use as his or her eyes. Jacy returned to the puppy truck in July 2004 (16 months old)

to start her formal 10-phase training with a professional trainer at Guide Dogs.

I crossed my fingers hoping that she would make it through each of the levels. The levels get harder and more challenging as she advances. Jacy made it all the way through and has been working with her blind *(continued page 4)*

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Pass It On...

SLO Co. Website: www.clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/

California 4-H Website: www.ca4h.org.

4-H USA website: www.4husa.org

National 4-H website: www.4-h.org.

State 4-H Web Server! 4-H Clubs may register for space on the State 4-H Web Server. Go to <http://clubs.ca4h.org>. for more information.

Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness Training, May 24, 2005, Templeton High School Ag. Dept. Building, 6:30—7:30 p.m. For more info or questions, call Bob Cummings at 239-2635.

Mid State Fair—just wants you to know that there will be no separate pigmy goat show at the fair. Pigmy's to be entered in the All other Breeds classes.

2005 California State Fair, the NEW DNA collection requirements and the deadline dates for requesting DNA testing kits has now been posted to the California State Fair website at www.bigfun.org. or call 916/263-3146 or email entryoffice@calexpo.com for more information. High school 4-H members are being sought to serve on a **Youth Task Force** at the **2005 California State Fair** being held on August 12-September 5. **Task Force applications are due June 1, 2005** and available at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/calexpo/index.asp> **4-H Presentations that receive a gold seal at a Sectional Presentation Day are eligible to present at the 2005 California State Fair.** Entries for the State Fair are **due June 1, 2005** and available at: <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/calexpo/index.asp>

Two students from every high school in the country are eligible to receive **\$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarships** in recognition of their outstanding service to the community, through the Learn and Serve America program. In addition to scholarship money, students receive a letter of recognition from President Bush and a President's Volunteer Service Award silver pin. Students who complete at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school or through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization, are eligible to receive the scholarship. **Deadline for application is July 1, 2005.** Information and certification forms are available at <http://www.nationalservice.gov/scholarships/>

2005 Japanese Exchange Summer Hosting Program needs Host Families. Needed in particular are host families with boys ages 13 and 14. Contact Pat English at 530/754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu. Info available at: <http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp>

If you have no computer, call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 for assistance in obtaining any of the above information.

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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.

FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q 2005

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2005—MID-STATE FAIRGROUNDS



First, let's talk about Chicken-Q. **Chicken-Q tickets are \$7.00 each.**

You get a mouth-watering piece of *Stan's BBQ Chicken*, a generous helping of *Ranch-Style Beans*, a side of crisp *salad* with your choice of *dressing*, savory *garlic bread*, and one free *soft drink!*
It's a great deal!

~ ANIMAL SCIENCE ENTRIES ~

NEW!

Jim "Big Jim" Vietheer of Jim's Cattle Service will be offering hoof trimming for Market/Dairy/Breeding cattle. "Big Jim" will be at Field Day, hours and where he will be to be announced at Field Day. Cost is \$20.00 per animal. Questions? Call Debbie Paver at 434-1577.

Large Animal Science Divisions

- 350—Beef
- 351—Dairy Goats
- 352—Meat Goats
- 353—Sheep
- 354—Swine



Small Animal Science Divisions

- 450—Dog Care & Training
- 451—Poultry
- 452—Rabbit

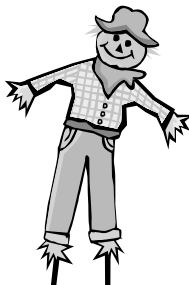
Reminder that entries must be turned in to the Club Leader.

~ STILL EXHIBIT ENTRIES ~

This year you may only enter *one* item in the Birdhouse and Cookie Jar Divisions. You may only enter up to *two* items in Creative Arts & Crafts, Leathercraft, and Plant Science Divisions.

NEW **SCARECROW CONTEST!**

This contest is where 4-H members of a club can get together and design a Scarecrow! Scarecrows can be large or small, creative or traditional, anything goes in the creation of your club scarecrow.



Still Exhibit Divisions

- 550—Birdhouse Decorating
- 551—Cookie Jar Decorating
- 552—Creative Arts & Crafts
- 553—Leathercraft
- 650—Plant Science
- 850—Scarecrow Contest

~ FIELD DAY HANDBOOK ~

Field Day Handbooks and Entry Forms will be mailed to Community Club Leaders ONLY.

If you wish to participate in Field Day, be sure to find out when entry forms are due to the Community Club Leader. The 4-H Office will not accept individual entries.

Community Club Leaders must turn in entry forms and fees to the 4-H Office by May 25, 2005 (postmarks accepted).

All Field Day rules and guidelines are in the handbook. The handbook will also contain a tentative schedule of events for Field Day.

If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us.

~ Silent Auction ~

Back by popular demand for the 2005 Field Day - Silent Auction!

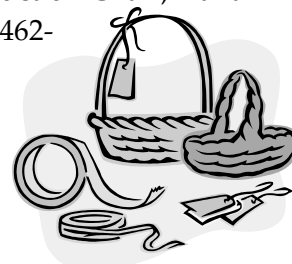
There is still a need for enthusiastic individuals, who would like to solicit items and/or donations from businesses throughout the county and help put together and decorate baskets.

There has been a great response from clubs rsvp'ing their baskets for the Silent Auction, but more baskets are needed! Reminder that baskets can be big or small, simple or fancy, fun or gourmet, anything is appreciated! If your club has extra items or baskets, please donate them to Silent Auction.

Silent Auction baskets, items and empty baskets are due in the 4-H Office by May 23, 2005.

If you have any questions please call Silent Auction Chair, Dana Azevedo at 462-1564, or the 4-H Office, 781-5943.

Call and join the fun!



Children's Day in the Park



All Star Lisa Roden helps out tying a balloon.

(continued from page 1) The SLO Scientist group plans to use this information for further follow-up to their "Beyond Duck, Cover and Hold" study.

All-in all, the day turned out to be fun for everyone in-

involved, with the opportunity to introduce the public to the many programs 4-H has to offer. If you'd like more information about joining a SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Program or becoming a volunteer facilitator to lead a group, please contact Heather Dauer, SLO Scientist project coordinator

at 781-5944.



John McCabe, SLO Scientist Facilitator seems intent on answering a question.



Left: All Star Kellan Candee (center) waits for the next bean bag toss.



Left and Right: Youths and adults get into a SLO Scientist activity.



Watershed Field Trip

By Kai Indvik, SLO Scientist

To mark the end of our study of "The Watershed," the SLO Scientists took a great field trip to Laguna Lake Park. We walked to the edge of the lake and talked about how it was filling up with sediment, and how it will need to be dredged or else it will turn into a seasonal lake. Then we hiked along the shore to the boat dock and we all had fun jumping on it! Also, we saw a culvert that had filled up with sediment, so the water runoff was flowing over it instead of through it. Last, we had cookies and drinks that Gary had brought for us. Thanks Gary! It was a very fun and educational field trip.



Left to right: Lauren Mattina, Madeline Mattina, Hunter Tasseff, Kai Indvik, and Rebecca Litteral (kneeling).

Jacy, A Big Girl Guide Dog!



Tyler and Jacy. Jacy's first day with Tyler Evangelista.

(continued from page 1) partner, Pat, for three months. Jacy takes her to and from work. They are a team! Pat loves Jacy.

The best part of this project was raising Jacy and getting to know her partner, Pat. We speak once a week on the telephone. I knew that one day she would grow up and be a Big Girl Guide Dog!



Pat and Jacy. Jacy is now a Big Girl Guide Dog!

Bye & Thanks Debbie!

By Randi Lee, Bishop's Peak 4-H

Bishop's Peak 4-H club would like to thank Debbie Arseneau for all of her great years of being our Community Club Leader. Debbie put in a lot of effort to make our club bigger, better and stronger. She has individually helped each and every one of us in the club by always being there as a helping hand with any projects we needed help on or helping out on the farm—she was always there.

As this program year comes to an end, we are sorry to lose a great leader, but we know that she has been preparing the way for our future Community Club Leaders. We have all worked hard to get this far and we know it will be another great year because Debbie paved the way!

THANKS!



Bishop's Peak 4-H Club. Debbie Arseneau is in a dark shirt and sunglasses on the left.

Science Presentation Day

Golden Snail Awards

February 19, 2005 — Cal Poly

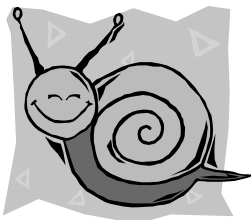
Best Senior Science Presentation
"The Whole Cow"

By **Katy Teixeira** of Adobe Nipomo

Best Junior Science Presentation
"Pasteurellosis in Rabbits"

By **Amber Warden** of Edna

Senior Science Merit Award
Keely Oswald, El Camino



Junior Science
Merit Award
Sean Hollister,
El Camino

Congratulations!

REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY

By Wyatt Birks, Estrella

My sister and I did a team presentation about how you should treat the American flag. We won a gold medal to put on our hats. We had to get up early to get there on time. When we were going through Nipomo we saw another 4-Her with an "I Support 4-H" magnet on their car. And sure enough, they were going to the same place. Regional Presentation Day was held March 19th at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara. There was also a cat show going on at the showgrounds. We didn't go see it.

There were four rooms to do your presentations. In the lunchroom there were tables set up with activities. If you did an activity, you got a star. At the end of the Awards Ceremony we got to go to a table in the lunch room and pick a prize. There were a lot of 4-Hers getting awards. We also got to see funny skits that the Santa Barbara County All Stars and other 4-H groups did.

It was fun because the 4-Her's had an opportunity to get another medal for their hat and learn new stuff from other presentations. Because we earned a gold medal at Regional Presentation Day, we are able to go to State Presentation Day at UC Davis on May 28, 2005. We're going to try to go for the gold one more time!



Wyatt & Brianna Birks of Estrella 4-H

REGIONAL PRESENTATION DAY GOLD MEDALISTS - Santina Olney, Amika & Christa Osumi, Anna & Julia Small, Katy & Melani Teixeira - Adobe Nipomo; Hannah & Olivia Andrade - Cerro Alto; Johnathan Bullock, Leslie Buckingham, & Jenna Ratkevich - Edna; Sean Hollister, & Amanda & Matthew Soucek - El Camino; Brianna & Wyatt Birks - Estrella; Danyelee Rampone & Kathrine St. Clair - Rio Rancheros; Lauren Beshears, Nate Furbee, & Samuel Goldeen - Valley of the Bears. Share the Fun Skit: Adobe Nipomo—Jenna Bennett, Katie Boehning, Brenna & Derek Buehler, Cassie Carlson, Alex & August Caruso, Robin & Shannon Gungloff, Lane Simmons, Jimmy, Katy & Melani Teixeira.

ALL STAR What It Takes...



04-05 SLO Co. 4-H All Stars (left to right)
Oni Ludwig, Lisa Roden, Natori Coleman,
Maria Saucedo, & Kellan Candee.

The All Star rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the county level. Being an All Star provides an opportunity for older members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as ambassadors for the SLO County 4-H YD 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 All Star rank, a 4-H member must:

- *Be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2005 but not 19 years of age prior to January 1.*
- *Have been in 4-H for three years or more.*
- *Have attained a Gold Star rank by May 13, 2005.*
- *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 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us.

Applications Due: May 13, 2005—4-H Office

Community Club Leader Roundtable

Mark your calendar! Community Club Leader Roundtable is sponsored by the SLO Co. 4-H Adult Leadership Committee and will be held:

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, SLO

6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting.

Please RSVP! Evelyn Rockwell—466-4383.

“I Support 4-H” Magnets!



Have you seen this magnet?

Thanks to Dana Azevedo, Visibility Director—these magnets are now available at the 4-H Office. Magnets are 6-3/4 inches high and 5-3/4 inches wide. The magnets cost \$5.00 each. (Sorry, no bulk rate.)

You can come by the 4-H Office (2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo) to purchase your own magnet(s), Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Magnets will be available for sale at the Information Booth at Field Day, June 11, 2005.)

Support 4-H by sporting a “I Support 4-H” magnet on your car, refrigerator or on whatever you wish. It’s a great gift to put in that “buyers basket” too. All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit SLO County 4-H Youth Development Programs.

If you have questions or would like to make payment/mailling arrangements, please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.

Western Region Leaders’ Forum February 23—27, 2005

In “Making the Best Better” our SLO Co. 4-H Adult Volunteers attend trainings and forums.



As you can see there is some fun in the work they do.

Left: center—Karen Ludwig of Cerro Alto and right—Jody Birks of Estrella enjoy a good laugh during the forum.

Right: left to right, Jody Birks of Estrella; Gloria Watson, Karen Ludwig, and Evelyn Rockwell of Cerro Alto at the Glitter and Glitz Gala banquet.



4-H Management Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2005

Board Members Present: Evelyn Rockwell, Dana Azevedo, Ruben Cavanillas, Carla Borchard, JoAnn Overbey, Shawn Callaway, Ruth Sutherland, Deanna Teixeira, Kelly Bishop, Natori Coleman, Oni Ludwig, Lisa Roden, Maria Saucedo, Richard Enfield. **Absent:** Ken Dewar. **Others Present:** Cindy Hansen, Vincent Saucedo. **Introductions:** Richard introduced Cindy Hansen, the new 4-H Office Administrative Assistant. **4-H All Star Report:** Maria gave an update on the Primary Member Field Day. They are planning to make bird-houses and asked for \$42.99 towards supplies. JoAnn requested a \$200 fund so they do not have to ask every time they needed money. **Motion:** by Carla to use funds up to \$100 from the Go Seek money and Ruben seconded the motion. In addition, Children's Day in the Plaza, which the All Stars and SLO Scientists will have a booth at this event, was given \$50 from Visibility. Supplies for the Children's Day in the Plaza Booth have been ordered. **Motion:** Teen Involvement Conference, sighting an overall poor rating for 2005, JoAnn motioned that SLO County not participate in the 2006 conference, seconded by Natori. **Treasurer Report:** Evelyn reported the balance to be \$13,800.42. Further, in regard to TIC checks written and deadlines, Evelyn will try to come up with a way to alleviate the problem of several checks being written for one event by possibly consolidating fees into one check. Discussion was tabled until next meeting. **Secretary Report:** Correspondence was read; thank you notes from Ruben Cavanillas and Gloria Watson for their scholarships to attend Western Region Leaders' Forum. Katy Teixeira for her Citizenship/Community Service scholarship. Kelly Johnson for her 4-H State Leaders' Forum scholarship. **Awards Report:** JoAnn reported that the All Stars want to man their food booth at Field day. She informed us about the **4-H year-pin proposal**. Pins with the actual year of achievement will be State subsidized. They are also more multipurpose. In an update on the **Senior All Star program**, which started 4 years ago as a two year trial, it was noted that the original idea was for the Seniors to mentor the new All Stars, not "take over." Rather than ending the program, some ideas were: 1) Put off demise of the program for one more year, ending Senior All Stars in 06-07. 2) Allow this year's team to be the last Senior All Stars. 3) Give Senior All Stars specific projects and guidelines. 4) Have them operate entirely separate from All Stars. Carla suggested that there be 2 advisors, one for each team. Evelyn suggested that we come up with a more specific job descrip-

tion for Senior All Stars. Dana suggested that we use them for Visibility. Carla will chair a committee to work on the issues and report back to the board in May. JoAnn reported that **Small Animal Science** Program Development Committee has approved record book forms for all small animal science projects. **Visibility:** Dana reported that the 4-H magnets are selling very well. The cost of the magnets was \$1,526 and the potential sales are \$7,630, bringing a profit of \$6,104. The All Stars will be selling them at Field Day in their booth & magnets will be available at the information booth. **Fundraising Report:** Ken not present to report. **Other Director Reports:** Collegiate 4-H Rep., Kelly Bishop reported that they enjoyed being judges at the County Presentation Day & they offered to help next year. Dana requested help from the Collegiate 4-H with the Silent Auction at Field Day. **Regional/State 4-H Council Report:** Rueben, no report, but he did thank the board for his Western Regional Leaders' Forum scholarship. **Disbanded Club Equipment Committee Report:** Carla presented guidelines. Richard presented the following state requirements: 1) All assets shall be transferred to County Volunteer Management organization to be held in escrow 3 years before distributing to other clubs and programs in the county. Equipment can be sold (Silent Auction?) with money to be kept in escrow 3 years. **Motion:** Evelyn moved that we should accept the committee's proposal & Ruben seconded it. **Field Day Report:** Dana has no volunteers for Silent Auction as of yet. She gave out packets of letters of solicitation. Reminder – no wine or alcohol can be in the baskets. Carla reported that her son will be the EMT for the First Aid Booth. Shawn reported that the Mid-State Fairgrounds contract increased \$100 in fees which include someone to maintain the restrooms. Friday, no guards needed, however two guards needed for Saturday. The booklets are finished and there are changes that include advertising. It was suggested that more posters should be put up for advertisers at the event. **Tents:** Two Easy-Up shade tents will be purchased with funds from the Visibility account. Shawn found green topped ones for \$69.00 each. They will be silk screened with the 4-H Logo. **Director's Terms of Office:** Evelyn's term will end July 1, 2005. She is eligible for renewal. Ken's term will end October 2005 & Dana's term will end October 2005. Dana has requested to rotate out. **Other Items:** There will be a Field Day Committee meeting prior to packets coming out, the date & time to be announced. **Next Meeting:** Next board meetings will be Wednesday, May 28, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. & Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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SLO Co. 4-H Program Calendar

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May 2005

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| 7 | SLO Co. 4-H Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue, "Healthy Lives in 2005", Laguna Middle School | 18 | Joint SLO Co. 4-H Management Board & Program development Board Meeting, UCCE Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. |
| 7 | Work Saturday for SB Co. 4-H Exhibit Day, Nojoqui Falls, Solvang | 21 | Six County Field Day, Mt. Sac |
| 7-8 | SLO Co. 4-H Horse Field Day, Wranglerette Arena, Atascadero | 24 | Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness Training, May 24, 2005, Templeton High School Ag. Dept. Building, 6:30—7:30 p.m |
| 13 | DUE: All Star Applications | 25 | DUE: Field Day Animal Science & Still Exhibit Entries, 4-H Office, by 5:00 p.m. |
| 13-15 | SLO Co. 4-H Youth Leadership Camp, Camp Rancho el Chorro, SLO | 28 | CA State 4-H Presentation Day, UC Davis |
| 14 | SB Co. 4-H Exhibit Day, Nojoqui Falls, Solvang | | |
| 12-15 | Salinas Valley Fair, King City | | |
| 17 | SLO Co. 4-H Community Club Leader Roundtable, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. Meeting, UCCE Auditorium | | |

June 2005

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| 11 | SLO Co. 4-H Field Day, Mid-State Fairgrounds |
| 11 | South Section 4-H Leaders' Council |