4-H FIELD DAY — SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009 8:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

The goal of 4-H FIELD DAY is to provide a “fair-style environment” in which 4-H members can practice and learn skills that will prove helpful during fair time. Any enrolled 4-H member from SLO County may participate in 4-H FIELD DAY being held at the Paso Robles Event Center. Entry forms are only available from your 4-H Community Club Leader. All entries are due in the 4-H office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th, 2009 by the 4-H Community Club Leader, so please submit your entry form to your Community Club Leader well before the May 29th Due Date.

For additional Animal Science and Still Exhibits Entry information and details about 4-H Field Day, please refer to the 4-H FIELD DAY HANDBOOK which can be obtained at the 4-H office or via the SLO County 4-H website at www.slocounty4h.org under Applications. If you have any questions, you can contact the 4-H office at 781-5943 or the Field Day Operations Chairperson Evelyn Rockwell at 466-4383.

This year there are no entry fees for 4-H FIELD DAY Animal Science and Still Exhibit entries. Still Project Exhibitors are encouraged to leave their project entries after Field Day so that the project can be entered into the Mid-State Fair. In order for your Still Exhibit Project to be entered at the Mid-State Fair, just mark an “X” in the Fair Entry Column of the Still Exhibits Entry Form. When you mark an “X” in the Fair Entry Column on the Still Exhibits Entry Form, your Still Exhibits Project will be kept at the Fairgrounds after Field Day, and it will automatically be entered into the Mid-State Fair. If you have any questions, contact Evelyn Rockwell, Operations Chair at 466-4383.

There will also be Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) activities for everyone to participate in starting at 11:00 a.m. in the Commercial Building (aka Exhibit Hall). HANDS-ON “SET” Activities and a Design Contest will be open to everyone. (Be sure to sign up for the Design Contest activity between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Commercial Bldg).

New Divisions have been added for Photography and Garden Marker entries. Large Animal Level Testing is being offered again this year, sign up with your Community Club Leader.

The Chicken-Q Chairperson has also asked for additional help from the 4-H community this year. Stan Van Beurden has asked for our help with the following: he needs people to donate oak firewood, a large BBQ pit, help with Chicken-Q Prep Work starting at 8:00 a.m. and help with Chicken-Q Clean-up starting at 1:00 p.m. He also needs people who like to BBQ! If you can help with any of the above items, please contact Evelyn Rockwell, Operations Chair at 466-4383.

The Silent Auction Chairperson, Ken Dewar, has requested that all 4-H clubs donate two Silent Auction baskets this year. The baskets are to be delivered to the 4-H office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th, 2009. For additional Silent Auction Rules/Guidelines, refer to page 8 of the Handbook.

4-H FIELD DAY is a fun and exciting event for everyone, we hope to see you there!
The State 4-H Plant Science Contest & State 4-H Presentation Day registration deadlines are May 24, 2009. Visit: http://www.ca4h.org/wrp/spd/ for more information. Contact Steven Worker, smworker@ucdavis.edu for any questions.

The 2009 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held August 6-9, 2009 at UC Merced! High school 4-H members, adult 4-H volunteer & staff are invited to attend the conference. Delegates will stay in the residence halls, eat in the dining commons, participate in educational tracks and workshops, be motivated by Joyce Ester, Keith Davis and Cary Trivanovich, and engage in evening recreation! Financial aid is available for youth delegates and due by May 15, 2009. Registration materials will be available by April 6 at http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/ and due by Friday, June 12, 2009.

Registration is now open for 2009 State 4-H Fashion Revue. Delegates who have been selected to represent their county need to register online at http://ucanr.org/sfr2009 by May 11. Each county may send one delegate for each age division and category, including the Apron Challenge. State Fashion Revue will be held on May 30 as part of State 4-H Field Day on the UC Davis campus. To volunteer to assist with the event or with questions, please contact Kylie Deal, Youth Chairperson at dmtrigers06@yahoo.com or Sue Moore, staff liaison, at samoore@ucdavis.edu or 209-5 33-6990.

Teddy Bear Challenge: Donate a teddy bear at the State 4-H Field Day on May 30, 2009! Help us reach our goal of 250 bears! The 2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador Team asks everyone to bring your new, handcrafted or gently used teddy bears and stuffed animals which will be donated. This will count in your 4-H Record Book as a Citizenship/Community Service credit! For more information, http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/.

Bring your County Banner to the State 4-H Field Day on May 30, 2009! Each county is being asked to create a banner to be presented at the 2009 State 4-H Field Day! The banner will be presented by two members from your county during the opening assembly at the 2009 State 4-H Field Day. For banner specifications and guidelines, visit http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/ For more information, contact: Austyn Smith, Merced Co., avsmith09@yahoo.com.

Nominate a 4-H member, volunteer, group or staff for a 2009 4-H Golden Clover Award! Awards recognize outstanding 4-H achievement! Recipients receive $500, a medallion, pin, and statewide recognition. Applications are due by May 31, 2009. Information is available at http://www.ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/goldenclover/.
~ UPCOMING 4-H ACTIVITIES ~

One Day, One Dollar: Hunger Awareness Day Is June 2nd

In this land of plenty we’re fortunate to call home, about 12% of the population is “food insecure.” That’s right. Among thousands of acres of lush grapevines, hillsides dotted with grazing cattle and field after field of fat, red strawberries, more than 30,000 of our neighbors are hungry.

What can you do about it? Join the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County as we present our third annual Hunger Awareness Day on June 2nd. The theme, “One Day, One Dollar,” challenges everyone who can spare a dollar or more to give on this one day. The ultimate goal is to raise the equivalent of a dollar for every resident of the county, or about $260,000. In our first two years we’ve made it about halfway there.

You can donate online at [www.slofoodbank.org](http://www.slofoodbank.org) Better yet, look for one of our live donation sites on June 2nd and share what’s in your pocket. We’ll have volunteers stationed at sites from Paso Robles to Nipomo. (You’ll find the list on the Food Bank’s Web site and in The Tribune.) Want to help even more? Volunteer to staff one of our donation sites, or pass the hat where you study, work or worship. **Call Wendy at 805-235-0919 for information.**

Large and Small Animal Level Testing!

**When:** May 9th from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
**Where:** UC AUDITORIUM
2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**Which tests:** Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit

**What to Bring:** For those who are doing rabbit level testing be sure to bring any documents or materials needed to complete the test. Study guides for poultry and rabbit are online at the 4-H county website. All large animal level testing study materials are in the 4-H Source Books visit [www.4-hmall.org/curriculum](http://www.4-hmall.org/curriculum)

Please R.S.V.P. **by Monday, May 4th** and tell us which Level you will be testing on. Call the County 4-H Office at 781-5943. Any questions contact Amanda Clark at 466-7214 or wheelsnumber6@hotmail.com.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop Archery Discipline Bakersfield, CA

Saturday, May 30, 2009 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Sunday, May 31, 2009 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

A 4-H shooting sports workshop for the archery discipline will be held at the UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Bakersfield. Participants must attend both days of training to receive certification. Upon successful completion of the course, the participant will be certified as an archery volunteer and can lead an archery project at the club level or at summer camp. The cost for the course is $20 and includes Saturday lunch, snacks, and course materials. For more information contact Robert Claffy at 661-829-1658. If you need receive certification as an (archery) leader trainer, please let Mr. Claffy know at the time you are registering.
PDR #7 — Honors and Recognition

As 4-H members are nearing the end of this 4H year and starting to work on their Record Books, I thought we should go over some ideas that you can enter under #7 on the Personal Development Form - Honors and Recognition.

You would not list under this category any ribbons or certificates you might have received at various events. These would be listed on your Annual Project Report Form for the project.

What you would list here is: A Star rank you received at the end of last year, a County Winner Record Book Medal or a County Record Book medalist. A 100% Attendance at the club level, a County, Sectional or State Presentation Day Gold Seal/Medal, Fun with Food & Fashion Gold Seal/Medal. Or a 1st Place in a Share the Fun skit, 1st Place Feature Booth at the fair or County All Star, Emerald Star.

Where the 4-H competition was criterion-based (Danish system) you would take credit for the highest honor you could receive which is a blue or gold award. Maybe you entered a plant, a table setting and an Arts & Crafts item at Food & Arts Celebration. And if you received Gold on each of those then you could take credit for 3 different items because they are from 3 different projects you are enrolled in. If you received a Judges Award at the fair on your decorated cake – that would go here. And don’t forget if your project group received a Clean Stall medal that would go here.

When the 4-H competition is in a peer-to-peer competition you would only be able to take credit for the 1st place of a division and also if you won 1st place overall. In a showmanship competition you may take credit for a 1st place in your age or grade class and also a credit if you win the overall Best Showman. This would also be the same for a breed competition. You may take a credit for a Best of Breed and then for a Best in Show. A Grand Champion or a Reserve Grand Champion would also count.

If you have any questions while working on your record book please call me at 528-8232 in the evenings.
JoAnn Overbey – Awards Director

THE PRESIDENT’S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Reminder: The President’s Volunteer Service Award applications are due in the 4-H office by June 30th, 2009.

If you have questions on how to fill out your application contact Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader, at 712-8217. If you have misplaced your application you may download one from www.slocounty4h.org under Applications.
ATTENTION 4-H FAMILIES: The delivery method of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Newsletter NEWS & VIEWS will be changing as of July 1, 2009.

Starting in July 2009 (4-H Program Year 2009-2010), the 4-H office will be sending the NEWS & VIEWS newsletter out via an email message link only. For those families who don't have email, they will still receive the newsletter via traditional U.S. Mail; this currently equates to about 250 subscribers according to our database enrollments. For those of you on the email distribution list, you can expect to get an online email message in addition to a hard copy of the newsletter in May and June 2009.

In order to receive the monthly newsletter online, please remember to “whitelist” the sender provided below so that the monthly newsletter will not be recognized as “email SPAM” in your Email Inbox. The sender’s email address for the monthly newsletter is: dharris@co.slo.ca.us Please look for the newsletter to arrive during the first week of each month. If you don't receive an email message notification, please let the 4-H office know by calling (805) 781-5943.

The online link to the newsletter is available in three ways:

1) VIA the link sent to you in an email message from dharris@co.slo.ca.us
2) VIA the SLO County 4-H website www.slocounty4h.org and click the News & Views link underneath the rolling photos -OR-
3) VIA this direct URL for the monthly newsletter:

Community Club Leaders and Club Officers: Please remember to mention at your monthly 4-H meetings that everyone can access the monthly newsletter from the San Luis Obispo County 4-H website at www.slocounty4h.org We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding as we transition into this new delivery method of the monthly 4-H newsletter as it will help the SLO County 4-H Program save money, trees and perhaps even make 4-H truly “green.”

SLO County to be Represented at National Equine Event - On March 28th, Lorine, Christine and Mary Allen from Edna 4-H traveled to Reedley, CA to participate in the State 4-H Horse Classic. Their curiosity led them to this equine educational event to learn more about State Level Competition. This event was attended by fourteen counties with a total of about 160 contestants. Five different events were offered: Horse Judging, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking and Demonstration. Forty contestants competed in Horse Judging, in which the participant judged six classes, four halter and two performance and gave reasons for three. Hippology is a team event of three or four that includes four phases: Written Examination, Identification of Horse Related Items, Horse Judging and Team Problem Solving. Public Speaking and Demonstration are events similar to Presentation Day format, however everything must relate to the horse industry. Throughout the day they learned more about horses and experienced the fun of competition.

Lorine Allen, 17, who entered in Horse Judging for the first time was announced the second place overall winner in Horse Judging after placing high in the three judging categories. Her sister Christine Allen, 15, took first place in the Senior Demonstration division with her speech on natural hoof care for horses. Mary Allen, 13, gave a speech on how to do stretch exercises with your horse and placed fourth in the Junior Demonstration division. Lorine and Christine qualified with their high placing to attend the National 4-H Horse Classic! They will be representing SLO County at the National 4-H Horse Classic competition held in Denver, Colorado next January. They hope to encourage more participants from our county to compete in this very educational equine event and maybe organize a competitive horse team. Submitted by: Christine Allen

(Pictured from left: Lorine, Christine, Mary)
SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board
Open Position – Section Council Delegate

We are currently recruiting for the position of **Section Council Delegate** on the 4-H Youth Development Program Management Board. The **Section Council Delegate** is a volunteer position representing San Luis Obispo County on the South Sectional 4-H Leaders’ Council and serves as the link between the council and the SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board. The Sectional Leaders’ Council is responsible for coordinating all Sectional events that are leader planned, such as TIC and Field Days. In addition, every four years the South Section assists in planning the annual State Leaders’ Forum held at Asilomar. The Leaders’ Council meets four times a year at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut (the 2nd Saturday in Jan, Apr, Jun, and Sept). This is an interesting position and provides many opportunities to meet and work with representatives of the 4-H Program throughout California.

If you would like to apply for the position of **Section Council Delegate**, or if you have any questions about that position or the role of the 4-H Management Board, we look forward to talking with you. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program
**New FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!**

Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director, is recruiting now for adults and 4-H members to form a new Management Board Fundraising Committee! The mission of the committee will be to develop fundraising ideas and efforts on behalf of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

If you like to organize and plan events, reach out to people, have a creative streak or just enjoy volunteering behind the scenes, please give us a call. Previous 4-H experience is not necessary for these committee positions. There will be lots of energy and fun, so please join us by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943.

SLO COUNTY 4-H VISIBILITY COMMITTEE
Looking for Volunteers

Evelyn Ruscki, our 4-H Visibility Director is looking for a few more members from our 4-H clubs to join the SLO County 4-H Visibility Committee!

This group would help plan and represent San Luis Obispo County’s 4-H Program in media and planning outreach events. All are Welcome to join—No Experience Necessary. If you would like to grow your knowledge of 4-H and contribute to the exposure of 4-H in the county — then this is the committee for you.

Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 if you are interested in joining this fun group!
State 4-H Field Day (including State 4-H Presentation Day)  
May 30, 2009

State 4-H Field Day is an event for the entire family! 4-H members, siblings and parents can participate in numerous activities that take place during the event, held at U C Davis each year. The event is open to all California 4-H members (any age), siblings, 4-H volunteers, and parents! There will be so many activities offered at State 4-H Field Day we can't list them all in this article. Therefore, for complete information please go to the state website at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/index.asp

Contests to be held at State 4-H Field Day include:
- State 4-H Presentation Day* (pre-registration due by May 24)
- State 4-H Fashion Revue* (pre-registration due by May 11)
- Plant Science Contest (pre-registration due by May 24)
- Interview Contest (pre-registration due by May 24)
- Judging Contest
- 2010 Logo Design Contest
- SET Activities – Science Demonstration, Textiles Challenge, Geo-caching, and Photography Trainings
- Teddy Bear Challenge
- Exhibits and Displays

*These activities require qualification and pre-registration (see details below):

4-H members (4th grade and above) who earned a gold medal at Sectional Presentation Day are eligible to present the same presentation at State 4-H Presentation Day. Registration materials are available online at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/index.asp (NOTE: Senior 4-H members may present a “Problem Solving Presentation” at State 4-H Presentation Day regardless of previous participation in a County or Sectional 4-H Presentation Day. This format provides senior speakers the opportunity to use a prepared fact pattern as the basis for developing an action plan. Read more about this presentation opportunity online at the address listed below.)

Entries to State 4-H Fashion Revue must be processed by the 4-H office because each county can send only three delegates to State 4-H Fashion Revue. Eligibility is limited to 4-H members who receive Special Construction awards in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior categories at our county Fashion Revue event.

http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/index.asp
Morro Bay 4-H Entomology Group attended the Baywood Elementary Science Fair on Saturday the 21 of March. Austin Hayes, Eric Hendrickson, Dustin Limon, Lacey Haas and Naomi Wilson volunteered their time sharing insects and reptiles for many children and their families. We had a stage FILLED with excited people sharing in the experience of handling these fascinating creatures. This entomology group brought a thrill to these children and adults that would not usually have such an opportunity to handle such exotic animals. They volunteered hours, assisting and answering questions. Our entomology Group brought great pleasure to many, as I was told, "Thank you" over and over throughout the day. This event was an enormous success, thanks for participating, you made a lot of smiles.

Creston 4H Cleans up a Piece of History
By Ben Clark
On Sunday, April 5, 2009, 20 members of the Creston 4H Club went to the Creston Cemetery to do some clean up work: trimming the grass, shoveling dirt back onto the graves and just general tidying up. For the past four years, the club has made it a community service project every year since nobody else has volunteered to maintain it. The cemetery dates back to the mid-1800s and is an authentic piece of Creston history.

Edna 4-H’s Annual Cake Raffle very successful
During Edna 4-H ‘s general meeting in March they had their annual Cake Raffle Contest. Many members brought cakes to be raffled and purchased tickets at $0.25 each or five for $1. After purchasing tickets, member went about the tables depositing their tickets in hopes of winning their favorite cake. All together thirty creative cakes were raffled! The club gathered $254 from selling tickets to donate to a local charity. Everyone had fun and most went home with a tasty cake to enjoy! Submitted by: Edna 4-H Reporters

In March the El Camino 4-H club held its monthly meeting. During the meeting Gillian Robasciotti did a presentation on Irish dancing. She talked about history, outfits, and performed two dances. The El Camino members found it very interesting and captivating to see her perform. Submitted by: Graceanne Garza
2009 SLO County 4-H Young Achievers

The 2009 Young Achievers program promotes community, national, and international recognition for the positive accomplishments of young people in grades 5-10. This early recognition encourages youth to achieve and helps them recognize their potential to be positive role models, leaders, and mentors.

Congratulations to the following San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program YOUNG ACHIEVERS for 2009!

Grades 5-6: Trevor Autry, Sophie Johnston, Sydney Vinther
Grades 7-8: Olivia Andrade, Elizabeth Bradberry, Candace Johnston, Juno Laing, Calvin Levisay, Kallia Linsteadt, Chase Manske, Riley Nilsen, Rachel Nowak
Grades 9-10: Alexis Aguirre, Anthony Aguirre, Christine Allen, Hannah Andrade, Denise Carigo, Christy Forte, Teale Harden, Brittney Imhoof, Lindsey Milstead, Leah O’Reilly, Exiquio Rubio, Brayden Ryan, Chandler Scott

Each Young Achiever will receive a portraiture sitting and one free 5x7 color portrait courtesy of Leslie Bryson of Focus Point Images. The portraits will be displayed throughout the county recognizing the excellent achievements of each award recipient. In addition, a committee will select outstanding individuals within each category (grades 5-6, 7-8, and 9-10) to receive a Young Achiever Medallion. An announcement and presentation of medallions will be made at the 2009 4-H Achievement Night. To learn more about the Young Achievers program, visit www.youngachievers.us

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 2009 Leader Recognition Award. The award is $249.50, which includes the conference fee, meals, and lodging for the State 4-H Leaders’ Forum at Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove on November 6-8, 2009. 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 reenrolled 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 online at slocounty4h.org. Nominations are due June 26, 2009 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/ Conference registrations are due by September 6, 2009.
**4-H MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program
Adult Volunteer Opportunity:

**4-H Youth Camp Director**

Do you love working with youth to plan fun and educational activities? Do you have fond memories of camp from your childhood? Are you still a kid at heart? We are currently looking for one enthusiastic, dedicated individual to serve as **4-H Youth Camp Director**. The **4-H Youth Camp Director** is responsible for working together with teens and adults on an ongoing basis to plan and execute 4-H Youth Camp. 4-H Youth Camp is generally held in the spring and runs Friday through Sunday. There will not be camp in 2009, so the new Director will begin planning for 2010.

If you would like to apply for the position of **4-H Youth Camp Director**, or if you have any questions about the position, please contact Julie Maggiore at the 4-H office: 781-5941, or email imaggiore@co.slo.ca.us. Previous camp or 4-H experience is preferable, but not required to apply.

"Volunteers are the heart of 4-H."

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**Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship to attend the 2009 California 4-H State Leadership Conference**

**Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship**: The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is the grateful beneficiary of donations received in memory of Walter Christensen, an early and long-time leader of Edna 4-H Club. His family has asked that the monies be used for scholarships for 4-H members to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference. As a result, we are happy to be able to offer **five scholarships** to 4-H members this year.

**Details about the Conference**: The California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held at UC Merced from August 6 – 9, 2009. The conference "**SLC: It's a Big DEAL**" brings together high school 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. More information about the conference is available online at [http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/](http://www.ca4h.org/conference/slc/)

**Eligibility/Application Process**: 4-H members 14-18 years of age as of 8/2/09 are eligible to apply. **Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship Applications** are available online at [slocounty4h.org](http://slocounty4h.org) and in the 4-H office. The 4-H Youth Development Management Board will designate a committee to select five scholarship recipients.

Completed applications must be received by the 4-H office by **May 29, 2009**. Please note, scholarships cover registration costs only, and transportation will be the responsibility of the member. However, depending on availability, chaperoned transportation may be offered.
Morro Bay 4-H News

In February Morro Bay 4-H officers, Riley and Lacey Haas, organized a club wide community service project benefiting the SLO County Prado Day Center. Club members donated boxes of instant oatmeal and nail clippers. Thank you to the members who participated. In March officer, Dustin Limon, planned another community service project contributing to the Woods Humane Society. Members donated old towels/blankets and cat/dog toys. We were given a great tour of the facility and were impressed with all the amazing volunteers. In April club officers, Brooke Borchart and Sarah Sandoval organized a canned food drive for the local Salvation Army. There were drop boxes at Morro Bay High School and Del Mar Elementary School. Your local Salvation Army is always in need of nonperishable foods. Congratulations to Devon Kramer for winning first place in novice showmanship at the Cerro Alto Rabbit Show. Also to Justine Mengore and her rabbit Toby for winning Best of Breed. Haley Borchart organized a community service project. Club members decorated Easter Cards for Casa De Flores senior care facility. Thank you Morro Bay 4-H members!

The photo is of Ryan Sandoval. Bill Walters (Prado Day Center Volunteer) Riley Haas, Emme Lou Haas & Lacey Haas of Morro Bay 4-H @ the Prado Day Center

Children’s Day at the Plaza: An All-Out Effort from 4-H All-Stars and SLO Scientist!

By Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist Project Coordinator

This year’s Children’s Day at the Plaza, held on April 11 at San Luis Obispo’s Mission Plaza, kicked off Easter weekend and spring break for many local youths with fabulous booths, great food and terrific entertainment. The weather was lovely - clear and on the cool side...and local and out-of-town children and families alike who stopped by the amazing 4-H booths were warmly greeted by several 4-H members and adult volunteers who offered an array of fun and fascinating activities.

Many thanks to 4-H All-stars Dagmar Dericksen, Claire Edmonds, Daniika Viborg and Templeton 4-H member Caitlyn Ruscki who enthusiastically related information about our San Luis Obispo County 4-H program to visitors. They also offered some really fun activities including the challenging 4-H clover bean bag toss game and face painting. Their featured artistic design was...you guessed it...the ever-popular 4-H clover!

A huge thank you goes to 4-H SLO Scientist facilitator, Gary Corsiglia; 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Key Leader, Brian Aunger; and 4-H volunteer Dave Dauer who were on hand throughout the entire event to offer a wide variety of hands-on science activities from our SLO Scientist studies. Excited children had the chance to build bridges and test their weight from colorful tooth picks connected by “dots” candies, participate in a chemical reaction experiment from our balloon/bottle activity and even learn about our local environment and the effects of water run-off and erosion by having fun with our mini creek bed and standing watershed model.

Thank you to Evelyn Ruscki who coordinated the All-star effort and a special thanks to Denise Harris, Cindy Hansen and Julie Maggiore from the 4-H office who were a huge help with behind-the-scenes efforts. FYI: SLO Scientist is a 4-H Club(s) offered throughout San Luis Obispo County. These youth-adult science clubs, geared primarily toward children in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, are led by adult 4-H volunteer facilitators. The child attends their local SLO Scientist group with a parent or other favorite adult usually twice a month to make up one of several science teams; these teams participate together in specific hands-on science activities related to a particular science study. A SLO Scientist group may also be started as a project within your individual club.

For more information about joining a SLO Scientist group or becoming an adult volunteer facilitator, please contact Heather Dauer, 4-H SLO Scientist project coordinator at 781-5944.
SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2009

**MAY 2009**
- **2** Food & Arts Celebration & Fashion Revue
  Laguna Middle School, SLO
- **2** Canyon Country Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park
- **9** Lg & Sm Animal Level Testing
  UC Auditorium
- **16** Horse Field Day-Gymkhana
  Wranglerette Arena, Atascadero
- **29** Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship Due
- **29** Field Day Entry Forms Due, Chicken-Q Monies Due, Silent Auction Baskets Due in 4-H office
- **30** STATE 4-H FIELD DAY

**JUNE 2009**
- **13** 4-H FIELD Day and Chicken-Q
  Paso Robles Event Center
- **17** 4-H Management Board Meeting,
  UC Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
- **26** Leader Recognition Award Nominations Due
- **30** President’s Volunteer Service Award Apps Due

**JULY 2009**
- **1** News & Views Online www.slocounty4h.org
- **15-19** Santa Barbara County Fair at Santa Maria Fairpark
- **22 - 8/2** CA Mid State Fair at Paso Robles Event Center

**AUGUST 2009**
- **6-9** State Leadership Conference (SLC)
  UC Merced