Making the 4-H Connection

It is tradition for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program to “Make the 4-H Connection” (that was the 2005 National 4-H Week slogan), with the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors at the beginning of National 4-H Week.

On Tuesday, October 4, 2005, the 2005—2006 4-H All Stars presented before the Board of Supervisors a brief introduction of themselves and then each All Star took a turn to tell the Board a little about the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program. Each supervisor was presented with a “I Support 4-H” magnet. District 3 Board of Supervisor, Harry Ovitt stated, “It is so nice to see positive contributions from the youth in the 4-H. Thank you for all you have done.” In turn, the Board of Supervisors were thanked for their past and continued support of the 4-H program in San Luis Obispo County.

Pictured - top row, left to right: Board of Supervisors - District 3, Jerry Lenthall; District 4, Katcho Achadjian, Vice Chairperson; District 2, Shirley Bianchi, Chairperson; District 5, James R. Patterson; District 3, Harry Ovitt. Bottom row, left to right: 2005—2006 San Luis Obispo County 4-H All Stars - Reeanna Martinez, Cerro Alto 4-H; Amanda Clark, Santa Margarita 4-H; Erin Wessel, Templeton 4-H; Lauren Alvarado, El Camino 4-H; and Eryn Becker, Templeton 4-H. Not pictured is Erin Miller, Cerro Alto 4-H.

Kids Helping Kids

After Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana 4-H Foundation immediately put their efforts into doing what they could for the 4-H staff, adult volunteers, members and their families, who were affected by the disaster. Across the nation, other 4-H programs joined in to help the cause and the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program was no different.

Templeton 4-H Club had a Penny Drive in the Templeton Park on Saturday, October 10, 2005, during the Farmers Market to benefit the Louisiana 4-H Foundation. One hundred percent of the profits will go to 4-H members and their families in need. Templeton 4-H raised much more (continued on page 3)
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.

Wanted! 2005 Achievement Night Video. If anyone has videoed all or part of Achievement Night, of special interest is the intro of the All Stars walking down the aisle, please call the 4-H Office, 781-5943.

Cavies Project. Contact Ruth Metzler, Cavy Project Leader for Los Amigos 4-H in Orcutt (Santa Barbara County), if you are interested in starting a Cavy Project. Call 938-5738, email ruth@californiacavys.com, or website http://www.californiacavys.com/4hcavies.html.


State Leaders' Forum 2005 “4-H Connects”, sponsored this year by North Section 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Council, will be held at Asilomar Conference Center near Monterey on November 4 –6, 2005. Registrations are still being accepted. Forms and more information can be found at: http://www.csuchico.edu/~rmeade/slf2005/.

News & Views Online! Go to http://cesanluisobispo.ucdavis.edu/newsletterfiles/newsletter99.htm to view or download. Even better, you can subscribe to the newsletter online and have a notice waiting for you in your email box. Think of it, you can get News & Views before everyone else. In addition, you can help the 4-H Office save money by canceling your newsletter mailing, every little bit helps. Call the 4-H Office today, 781-5943, and say “I’m getting my News & Views Online!”

Record Book Workshop. The San Luis Obispo County 4-H 05-06 All Stars will be conducting a workshop on how to fill out and complete record books on Saturday March 4, 2006 at the UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. More information coming, keep an eye on News & Views.

2006 Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum. Registration is now available at www.utah4-H.org then click on “WRLF” to the left side of your screen. Early bird registration deadline is December 1, 2005. WRLF is in Salt Lake City on March 1-5, 2006.

No computer? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, for assistance.
Kids Helping Kids

(Continued from page 1) more money than expected and they were ecstatic.

Other 4-H clubs in San Luis Obispo County fundraised for Katrina Relief by having bake sales, car washes and donation jars outside of businesses. Great job everyone, your efforts are commended.

4-H members that participated in the Templeton 4-H penny drive were (pictured left to right): Ole Viborg, Jasen Friedle, Hannah Hutchings, Tyler Evangelista, Eryn Becker, Daniika Viborg, Savannah Hoagland, Liam Hoagland, and Kayla Whitson. Not pictured: Nichole Heschke, Paige Veillette, Kodie Hood, Everett Riley, Kelsey Corson, and Donovan Becker.

2006 SLO Co. 4-H Presentation Day!

For those of you who keep track of SLO County 4-H events, please update your calendars. 2006 Presentation Day will be on:

Saturday, February 11, 2006
tentatively scheduled to be held at Cal Poly. During these “quiet” months is a good time to make preparations for Presentation Day!

More info in future News & Views.

LEADER APPRECIATION & TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2005
CAL POLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

REGISTRATION: 8:30 A.M. — 9:00 A.M.

PROJECT LEADERS DON’T MISS OUT!

SCHEDULE:

9:00 A.M.
OPENING CEREMONY
SPECIAL MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
RON HAMILTON FROM TUOLUMNE COUNTY
10:30 A.M.
ETHICS SESSION
11:30—12:15 P.M.
FREE LUNCH
12:30—2:15 P.M.
SESSIONS (ATTEND ONE):
HOME ECONOMICS PROJECTS
SMALL ANIMAL SCIENCE
_LARGE ANIMAL SCIENCE
COMMUNITY CLUB LEADER
2:30 P.M.
CLOSING APPRECIATION CEREMONY

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1, 2005!
TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO CALL,
4-H OFFICE, 781 — 5943 OR
EVELYN ROCKWELL, ADULT LEADERSHIP KEY LEADER, 466-4383.
CALL NOW AND SAVE THE DATE!

More information will be sent to Community Club Leaders only. No registration forms will be mailed out, RSVP by phone or email (jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us).
Santa Barbara County Fair Updates

The Junior Livestock Sales Association (JLSA) met Wednesday, October 5, 2005, at the Santa Maria Fairpark. This was the first of three general meetings for the JLSA. To be members in good standing with the JLSA, every club that participates in the Santa Barbara County Fair needs to have a representative at the general meetings. This only affects the clubs in the Lucia Mar School District. The next general meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 7:00pm at the Santa Maria Fairpark in Santa Maria.

Minimum weights changes:

- Steers: 1,000 pounds
- Replacement Heifers: 950 pounds
- Goats: 75 pounds

Payable weights update:

- Sheep: 140 pounds (previously 130)
- Swine: 250 pounds (previously 245)

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The Salvation Army and Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader, are still working on selecting a day for 4-H members in San Luis Obispo County to go out in their local communities and ring those bells.

If your club does not want to miss out on this community service opportunity, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977 or email ksludwig@charter.net. Reminder that it is usually run in one hour shifts of 2 members and 1 adult, with replacements each hour.
WELCOME
SARAH PURSLEY
4-H Management Board Member

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Pursley on the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board as Visibility Director. She has had first-hand experience with the 4-H Program as a member from the age of 9 through 17 in the Lancaster area. Currently, Sarah handles publicity and marketing for the California Mid-State Fair, and is working on her Masters Degree in Agricultural Communications. We are fortunate to have someone with Sarah’s skills and experience on our team, and we look forward to working with her to further promote the 4-H Program within our county.

WELCOME
LESLIE REBIK
4-H Program Development Board Member

We are happy to announce that Leslie Rebik has joined the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program Development Board as Small Animal Science Key Leader. Many of you may know Leslie, since she has been active in the 4-H Program since the early 1980’s. Through the years, she has served as Large Animal Science Key Leader, Adult Leader in the Pozo 4-H Club, Project Leader for Pets and Small Animals in the Cerro Alto 4-H Club, and worked in the 4-H office as Program Representative. She has also participated in State and Western Region leaders forums, as well as volunteered in many County events. With her background and experience, Leslie has much to contribute in her new role.

WELCOME
SHERRY MARTINEZ
4-H Program Development Board Member

We are pleased Sherry Martinez has agreed to join the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program Development Board as Youth Leadership Key Leader. Sherry was Community Club Leader for the Mountain Valley 4-H Club for two years. Currently, she is the Project Leader for Dog Care in the Cerro Alto 4-H Club. She has also served as Project Leader for Rabbits for three years, and as Project Leader for Arts & Crafts for one year. Sherry has attended three leadership workshops within the county, and will be attending the Asilomar Leadership Conference this November. With her energy and enthusiasm, Sherry will be a positive role model in this position.

Please join us in welcoming Sarah, Leslie and Sherry in their new roles. If you would like to work with them in the areas of Visibility, Small Animal Science or Youth Leadership, please call the 4-H office, 781-5943.

Presenting the rest of the Management Board Adult Volunteers:

Shawn Callaway, Board Director
Carla Borchard, Asst. Board Dir.
Evelyn Rockwell, Budget Director
JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director
Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
Ruben Cavanillas, South Section Council Delegate

Presenting the rest of the Program Development Board Adult Volunteers:

Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership
Karen Ludwig, Community Service & Citizenship
Julia Stanfill, Home Economics
Suzi Kingsley, Science & Technology

San Luis Obispo County Youth Development Program
Management Board & Program Development Board

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2005
Young Achiever Program

Usually, at this time of year, information is published in News & Views about the Young Achiever Program. However, at this time, there is no photographer to support the program by taking pictures and hopefully producing a nice storyboard, like Karen McLain. The International Leadership Network and San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program are working together to find a photographer (see ad below).

The Young Achiever Program is delayed at this time. Meanwhile, you are encouraged to discuss with your Community Club Leader any hopeful Young Achiever nomination. Please note, that nominations can only be made once—so if a youth has been nominated before, they cannot be nominated again. Nominators, you cannot be related or a parent of the nominee for Young Achiever. Reminder, Community Club Leaders must approve of the nomination.

As soon as a photographer agrees to be a part of the Young Achiever Program, a letter and Young Achiever applications will be mailed to the Community Club Leaders. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call the 4-H Office, 781-5943 and please spread the word...

Photographer Needed

Karen McLain, of Karen McLain Photography, has given a great deal of her time and talents to the 4-H Youth Development Program through our Young Achiever Program. For seven years she has created beautiful storyboards for our Young Achievers, which are displayed in our county libraries, and the New County Government Center during National 4-H Week, October 2-8, 2005. However, Karen has decided she will no longer participate in the program. Therefore, if you know, or are aware of a photographer who may be interested, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943

2006 SLO County Beef Ambassador Program

The purpose of the San Luis Obispo County CattleWomen’s Beef Ambassador Program is to assist young adults in developing the communication skills necessary to become productive and successful members of our community. The 2006 San Luis Obispo County Beef Ambassador contest is open to all county youth and will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Luis Obispo.

The contest will include:

· 5-8 minute prepared speech on beef or the beef industry
· Three impromptu questions from judges
· A possible brief interview by the judges

Eligibility:

· Be 17-20 years of age to participate
· Maintain at least a 2.0 GPA or better
· Desire to improve his/her leadership skills

Prizes:

· First Place - $500 scholarship
· Second Place - $200 scholarship

The winner of the contest will go on to represent San Luis Obispo County at the state level and become eligible for even more cash prizes and scholarships. The winner at the state level will go on to represent California at the national level.

Further information about the program, (i.e. national rules, Cattle and Beef Handbook), are available at www.nationalbeefambassador.org. The impromptu questions from the judges are derived from the handbook, and it offers contestants a good source of factual information about the beef industry.

There is no due date to apply for Beef Ambassador Program. Please contact Lindsey Gibson, (805) 681-0674 or gibson.lindsey@att.net, before February 22, 2006, if you want further information.
Wanted!
Field Day Event Chair!

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Field Day is our biggest event for our County 4-H members. In order for this event to be successful, an Event Chair is urgently needed, so that planning for the 2006 SLO Co. 4-H Field Day can begin. Event planning experience is helpful but not required. If you are interested or want more information, please contact the 4-H Office, 781—5943 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us.

Horse Project—Heads Up!

Morgan Dewar, Huasna Valley 4-H, is organizing a Horse Level Testing, (written exam and riding evaluation), for her Emerald Star project. Tentatively, the written exam part is scheduled for January. If interested call the 4-H Office, 781—5943, to be put on a mailing list, so that you do not miss this event.

Horse Project Meeting & Horse Field Day Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2005
6:30 to 7:30 pm
UCCE Auditorium, SLO (4-H Office)

All Horse Project Leaders, parents, project members and interested friends are encouraged to attend! Your participation will determine the success of the SLO County 4-H Horse Project.

Topics to be discussed:
What is the California 4-H Horse Classic?
How does my child/project member qualify to attend Horse Classic?
What 4-H horse events can my project members compete in?

As well as discussion about Horse Level Testing, project meeting ideas, safety planning and SLO County Horse Handbook discussion and distribution. This meeting will serve to guide the Horse Project activities for the year!

Season of Giving

There will be a Toys for Tots “barrel” set up at the 4-H Office in San Luis Obispo and ready to receive toy donations by Monday, November 21, 2005. The United States Marine Corps Reserve ask that toys be new and unwrapped when dropped off at the barrels.

Each year gets more and more exciting as more and more toys are placed in the barrel. (Another lucky boy or girl!) The Marine Corps Reserve representative comes by and empties the barrel once every two weeks. You should see how quickly the barrel fills up each week! Their last pick up will be Friday, December 16, 2005.

If you have any questions about the Toys for Tots program, please call Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977.

The SLO County 4-H Horse Field Day event needs motivated individuals to chair, plan, organize, solicit sponsors, and make this event happen for 2006!

For information, questions or suggestions, please call Karen Flemion, Horse Project Leader at 927-0280 or 909-8230.
SLO Co. 4-H Program Calendar 2005

NOVEMBER 2005
4-6 California 4-H Leaders Forum, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove
8 Countywide Horse Project Meeting, UCCE Auditorium, (4-H Office), 6:30 p.m.
12 SLO Co. 4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Day, Cal Poly, SLO
21 Toys for Tots Barrel arrives, 4-H Office

DECEMBER 2005
15 Toys for Tots—Last Day, 4-H Office

JANUARY 2006
7-8 CA 4-H Computer Corps Orientation, UC Davis
14 South Section Leaders’ Council Meeting, Mt. Sac

FEBRUARY 2006
4 Avian Science Day, UC Davis
11-12 CA 4-H Horse Leadership Conference, UC Davis
11 SLO Co. 4-H Presentation Day, Cal Poly
18 Western Bonanza, Mid-State Fairgrounds
23-26 National Collegiate 4-H Conference, OH