



4-H is True to Red, White & Blue

The Mid-State Fair theme for this year was "Red, White and Blue for 2002."

Many of the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Clubs were buzzing with ideas of patriotism and history. This theme extended into displays and projects by 4-H members throughout the Fair. One example is pictured to the right. Welcome to the Shandon 4-H display. Shandon is very proud of the Red, White and Blue of America's flag and it appears that they bring that patriotism into their activities and projects. Anna Palmer, Kellee Rendon, Jenny Kinsel, Richard Kinsel, Amanda Avila, Sara Avila, Sarah Arielle, Andrew Cook, Veronica Floyd,



Megan Toler and Serina Lewis participated in this display project for the Fair, and as you can see, they really got into it. The 4-H'ers incorporated their projects with patriotic colors to show their enthusiasm. This is Shandon 4-H's fourth year putting together a display. These 4-H'ers love participating in this Fair activity and constantly amaze their leaders with their ideas and teamwork.

While browsing through the animal barns, you could not help but notice the colorful boards and signs announcing various 4-H Clubs. It was a grand site and truthfully, it really brightened up the area and the mood. *continued page 4*

State Leadership Conference

by Jeniece Cooper

I am pleased to announce that this year's 2002 State Leadership Conference, held August 9-11, 2002 at UC Davis, California, was a blast! Those of you who did not go do not know what you missed out on. The theme for 2002 was "The Big Picture." At several of our assemblies we listened to some fabulous and inspirational speakers, who had the audience of about 450 delegates either roaring (*continued page 3*)

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How Old Do You Have To Be, In Order to Join 4-H?

First of all, let me explain that the 4-H Program Year is from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Anyone within the age requirement may join 4-H at any time of the year.

If you are 5 years old or in kindergarten as of January 1 of the program year, you may enroll as a primary member.

If you are 9 years old or in the 4th grade by January 1 of the program year, you can

enroll as a regular member.

Please note that if you are home schooled, the grade criterion does not apply.

You remain eligible for membership until December 31 of the calendar year in which you turn 19 years old.



Passing It On Info...

Jennifer Robertson found a male mini-rex behind PetSmart in Santa Maria. "Max" has been fixed and needs a good home. "Max" does not want to go to a shelter. If you are interested in adopting "Max", please call 928-2866. Also, Jennifer is interested in locating a breeder of show quality Netherland Dwarfs, if you know of a breeder, please call her at the above number.

Free! Brown, male rabbit with hutch. Call Jackie 528-4999.

If you are in the market for a weiner pig, please call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for information.

There is a new instructional video out titled "The Rules Are Black and White and They Apply To All Breeds." This video addresses dairy show ethics. To order or get additional information, call (979) 845-6601.

California 4-H WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is having a Training Weekend on October 18-20, 2002 at Camp Lodestar near Wilseyville, California. Call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for more information.

Shooting sports, please contact Leslie Marques at 781-5943, regarding 4-H Policy Committee Risk Management issues on new acquisition of project supplies.

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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.

Cavies, Anyone?

by Capi Glines

Since the new 4-H year is off to a roaring start, I wanted to remind everyone about the Cavies Project. What is a Cavy, you ask? Well, you might recognize the name "guinea pig", and yes, that is a cavy! There is an active 4-H Project for Cavies. If your club does not offer a Cavies Project, you are more than welcome to join my group. All you need to do to sign up is to add Cavies Project when you complete your club's registration form.



The Cavies Project generally meets on a monthly basis to learn more about guinea pigs and how to successfully raise and show them. We welcome primary members and regular members. For the last 3 years, the Cavies Project has been able to participate in Field Day with showmanship judging for Cavies and we are looking forward to expanding as the interest in this project continues.

I (Capi) am now in Atascadero and I hold the meetings at my house. For those of you in South County, who are interested but unable to travel the distance to Atascadero, there is a new project group starting up in Santa Maria. The leader would welcome your participation with her Cavies Project.

Please contact me, Capi Glines at 466-4613 for more information, or you can e-mail me at SeabreezeECS@juno.com.

State Leadership Conference *continued...*

with laughter or doing the sprinkler dance. We were allowed to pick 6 different classes to attend at the conference. I attended *Pond Mapping, Impromptu Speaking, the Air Force, Icebreakers and Recreation, and Firefighters - Much More than Firefighting*. They were all very interesting classes and I would highly recommend them again. We participated in some great activities. The first night we went to a really fun pool party. The second night we were able to exercise our theme a little bit more. The conference held one of the best dances I have ever attended. The theme of the dance was to dress up as a famous movie star! In addition to the dance that night, there were free arcades, free bowling, and free pool games! Now, tell me that isn't cool?



My companions at the conference included: Leslie Marques, Eileen Oswald, Breana Dixon, Jesecca Kaul, Ashley McCollum, Keely Oswald, Ashley Radamacher, Katy Teixeira, Katy Trumbull, Nakia Wheeler and Amanda Willems. We are all from SLO County and proud of it! I know that I am going to go to next year's 4-H State Leadership Conference 2003 in UC Davis. I hope to see you there!!

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Pictured below is Santa Margarita 4-H's rendition of pig patriotism. Members had a "swine" time putting it together.

Even in the arts & crafts area, you found cakes, garments and pictures dedicated to Red, White and Blue. Another eye catcher was a



woodworking project done by Anthony Macera of Chaparral 4-H. Anthony made a skim board and painted it to represent our flag.

Passing through the plants and landscapes, there were hints of stars and stripes as well. It felt like the 4th of July was extended to the Fair and had found a place to stay.



Anthony Macera of Chaparral 4-H made this skim board for the fair. "I like the Monster Truck shows."

A Very BIG Thank You to:

by Beverly Gingg

Erika Bradbury, Bishop Peak
Nick Rademacher, Cerro Alto
Sara Rademacher, Cerro Alto
Kelly Oringer, Valley of the Bears
Lacey O'Connor, Valley of the Bears
Kaylee Walker, Valley of the Bears
Jessica Pena, Valley of the Bears

These community-service minded 4-H members did a terrific job helping behind the scenes during the July 26th, "Evening with Michael Hingson and Roselle" SLO CoAccess fundraiser held at the San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall. Roselle is the very special guidedog, who helped her human friend, Michael Hingson, escape from the World Trade Center on September 11. Roselle led Michael to safety from the 78th floor of the WTC. Michael Hingson highlighted the importance of trust during his engaging talk. We trust that 4-H members will continue to be involved in important community service efforts!

ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS! NEW ENROLLEMENTS DUE!

Due date is Tuesday, October 2, 2002 in the 4-H Office before 5:00 pm.

New project leaders must complete the yellow enrollment form, fingerprinting and orientation. The yellow enrollment form contains a lilac waiver and green confidential survey. The yellow, lilac and green must be signed by the new leader.

New members must complete the green enrollment form. The green form and lilac waiver must be signed by both the member and the parent.

Inurance fees, please submit one Club check.

Regular **member** fee is \$6.00, horse member fee is \$8.50.

Regular **leader** fee is \$3.50, horse leader fee is \$6.00.

You will be sent new enrollment information in October. Clubs who have turned in their re-enrollment rosters, should have their new enrollment paperwork already.

If you have questions about new enrollments or require forms, call the 4-H Office (781-5943).

Fair Favorites!



Cody Maddux (left), Santa Margarita 4-H, "eating pizza and sno cones."
PD McKinney (right), Santa Margarita 4-H, "riding the zipper!"

While enjoying the fair, we wondered, "Hey, aside from the 4-Her's projects and duties at the fair, what do you like about the fair or what do you like to do? Here were some of the responses..."



Justin King, Estrella 4-H, "the Gravitron is the coolest!"



Bailey Riedel, Canyon Country 4-H, "I get to show for real next year."



Whitney Harden, Parkfield 4-H, "banana splits at Mrs. Joe's, it's really big."



Brandon Emerson, Valley of the Bears 4-H, "I like being apart of the Junior Fair Board, because you are able to participate in alot of fair activities, that normally you would not be able to do."



Molly Kern, Edna 4-H, "being away from home for a week and Chaos is a great ride."



Andrea Debrish, Templeton 4-H, "being with Tasha."



Phoebe Kern, Edna 4-H, "I like being around all the animals."



Lauren Boswell, Pleasant Valley 4-H, "walking around and looking at other displays."



Shelby Kain (right), Santa Lucia 4-H, "visit with my sister Brittaney (left), walking around and shopping."

SLO 4-H ALUMNI

Where are you?

Achievement Night is right around the corner. If you know of or are a former SLO County 4-Her, the 4-H Office would like to know about them and you. We would like to have several former 4-Hers from each decade, beginning with the 1920's through the 1990's! They will be recognized as Centennial Alumni at Achievement Night. Please call the 4-H Office (781-5943), with the name of the former alumni, phone number and the years that they participated in SLO County 4-H.

4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day

Saturday, November 2, 2002

The 4-H Adult Leadership Program Development Committee will be holding an appreciation, orientation, and training day for all leaders in San Luis Obispo County 4-H Program at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

We will be hosting lunch for all and sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., with many sessions to choose from during the day. We strongly urge all leaders in SLO County 4-H to attend. Please put this date, Saturday, November 2nd, on your calendar and plan to attend. More information will be forthcoming.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 6 - 12, 2002

Show that you care about 4-H by joining the 120,000 members and 20,000 leaders in California and all the members nationwide in telling the public what we have to offer.

Appoint a 4-H Week Committee:

- **Prepare displays on your club projects, or 4-H in general, to put up in your school, library, store or shopping center.
- **Have a 4-H flag flown in subordinate position on the flagpole at school, city hall, fire department, etc.
- **Wear your 4-H uniform at school or church.
- **Submit articles and pictures about your club to local newspapers.
- **Thank a group that has helped your club by writing a special letter, presenting a plaque, etc.

And be sure to let the 4-H Office (781-5943) know of your efforts and special activities during National 4-H Week.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERS & PARENTS

And earn your club some **extra funds**. How? If you are a registered voter, you may participate as a **Precinct Worker** on election day, Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

The county election office is looking for courteous, efficient people to serve at polling places throughout SLO. Each person can earn up to \$65 for helping out on Election Day and this can be directly donated to your 4-H Club.

For more information, please call Pam Weaver at 781-5236.



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Wants More Webs!

By Jason Kump

Have you checked out www.slo4h.org? SLO 4H is an official internet website and it is available to everyone who surfs the net. The webmaster is constantly looking for improvements to the website. One way to improve is to include SLO 4H Club webpages on the site. Three clubs have already submitted their club webpage to us, **DON'T LET YOUR CLUB BE LEFT OUT!** E-mail your completed webpage to our webmaster at webdesk@slo4h.org.

Any suggestions for improvements are appreciated and welcomed, please send to above e-mail address.

Submissions of webpages may be as informal as text or as advanced with graphics and other items. It is a great way to promote your club interests and activities, and to show those browsers and surfers your accomplishments!



WANTED!

Board Member & Key Leaders

The 4-H Management Board, the policy and decision making body of the 4-H Program, is currently recruiting the following volunteer position: **Fundraising/Gift-Giving Director** - responsible for providing leadership to the fundraising efforts of the Board. 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 three volunteer positions available for 4-H Key Leaders: **Community Service** - is the "key" to the Community Service/Citizenship Committee. This position is responsible for program development and delivery in the area of community service and civic involvement projects.

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, call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.*

Calendar of Events

2002

SEPTEMBER 2002

- 7 County 4-H Record Book Judging
4-H Office, 8:30am
Club Officers List DUE
Club Awards Order DUE
- 14 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, Mt. Sac, 9:00am Youth, 10:00am Leaders
- 26 Club Treasurer's Meeting
4-H Office, 7pm

OCTOBER 2002

- 1 Insurance/Curriculum Fees Due
New Enrollment Information Due
Club Budgets for 2002-2003 Due
Club Goals & Objectives for 2002-2003 Due
(4-H Office by 5:00pm)
- 1 4-H Presentation at SLO County Board of Supervisors, 9:00am
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 19 Achievement Night, SLO Vets Hall, 7 p.m.

- 26 State 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting
State 4-H Office, Davis, 10am-3pm

NOVEMBER 2002

- 2 4-H Leader Appreciation and Training Day, Cal Poly, 9:00am to 3:00pm
- 8-10 California 4-H Leaders Forum - Asilomar

DECEMBER 2002

- 3 UC Cooperative Extension's 80th anniversary in SLO County celebration at SLO County Board of Supervisor's, 9:00am

JANUARY 2003

- 11 Southern Section 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, Mt. Sac, 9:00am Youth, 10:00am Leaders
- 24-26 Teen Involvement Conference - Pathfinder Ranch, Riverside County

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*Participate in a 4-H event this year and receive a CENTENNIAL lanyard!
If you've already received a lanyard, be sure to bring it with you to 4-H events to show your support of 4-H's 100th birthday!*