



# NEWS & VIEWS

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

## My Most Significant Lesson This Year

By Joshua Burkett

This year I have learned so many things that it would be hard to pick a favorite. For instance, the Imagineering class, the play "The Little Engine That Could", and the Battle of the Books. There are many others but these are the ones I would like to talk about.

The Imagineering class with Mr. McCabe was fun. I learned how to take a pile of different types of materials and make them into really cool projects. Imagine taking just clay, toothpicks and straws and we had to come up with something that would support the weight of 100 nails. To my amazement we actually came up with a really good idea that worked. Our project held up the most weight. It was also fun to see the other ideas and how they worked.

I also had fun at the Battle of the Books. I had to read all those books and remember the facts, to

compete to win. I learned that for me reading is exciting and I enjoyed the different stories. The pizza wasn't bad either.

The last lesson would be the time we went to Cal Poly to see the play "The Little Engine That Could". I learned to believe in myself no matter what others think. Sometimes people say and do things that makes believing in yourself seem hard to do. But when you do believe in yourself and your gifts, I have found that it makes a world of difference.



Joshua Burkett and his Dad, David, work together on a SLO Scientist project for Imagineering.

So, the lessons I have learned this year are many and important. But the lessons of knowing who I am and how I learn has become the most important lessons to me. I am grateful to my Mom and Dad, Mrs. Lutz and the Home Schooling Program for providing these opportunities to help me in my personal development.

### More Horse Field Day Results!

Horse Field Day was held  
June 6, 2004.

#### CHAMPION

- Senior English  
**Melissa Clay, Rio Rancheros**
- Junior English  
**Kaitlin Sally, Huasna Valley**
- Pony English  
**Sheridan Trost, Huasna Valley**

- Walk/Trot English  
**Elizabeth Hurd, Huasna Valley**
- Senior Western  
**Heather Shawcross, Templeton**
- Junior Western  
**Addie Fears, Estero/Morro Bay**
- Pony Western  
**Hailey Jackson, Parkfield**

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# Pass It On...

**NEW:** SLO Co. Website: [www.clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/](http://www.clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/).  
California 4-H Website: [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org).

**State 4-H Web Server!** 4-H Clubs may register for space on the State 4-H Web Server. Check out <http://clubs.ca4h.org> to view current web sites. Click on the links to find out how your group can benefit from having a safe, free alternative to commercial web servers.

**The Grand National Foundation and Ucelli Foundation Scholarships** for those planning to pursue a career in agriculture.

**Application deadline is September 22, 2004.** One eligibility requirement is to participate in the 2004 Grand National Stock Show. Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943 for an application.

**2005 National 4-H Conference** will be **March 21—April 5, 2005** at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD. 4-H members (age 15 and above), volunteers, and staff are encouraged to apply. Applications are **DUE September 30, 2004** and are available at <http://ca4h.org/conference/n4hc>.

**California 4-H Citizenship Program** continues to recruit staff or volunteer 4-H leaders who are interested in applying for the Intern position for the Citizenship Washington Focus Program. Applications are **DUE September 13, 2004**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/citizenship/dcfocus> or contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520.

**South Section Teen Involvement Conference (TIC)**, workshop proposals are being sought for this conference which is scheduled for January 21—23, 2005 at Pathfinder Ranch. The conference is designed for high-school aged 4-H members learning citizenship, leadership and life skills. Proposals may be obtained at <http://ca4h.org/conference/secconf/>.

**Bob & Pat Dean Memorial 4-H Legacy Fund** provides 4-H clubs/groups an opportunity to ask for funds up to \$2,500 to expand the reach of 4-H, increase public awareness, and develop new and innovative projects. Applications are **due October 31, 2004**. More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>.

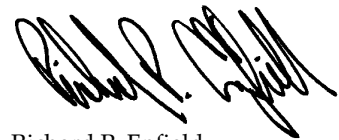
**2005 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest** rules and guidelines are now available at <http://ca4h.org/4hresource/ir/>. The contest is conducted by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honeybees, Inc. and provides monetary rewards for 4-H members. Essays are **due February 11, 2005**.

**Lost!** Italian charm bracelet at the Cerro Alto Rabbit Show. If you found a bracelet with charms on it please turn it into the 4-H Office or call, 781-5943.

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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4-H Youth Development Advisor

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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.

# More Horse Field Day.

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Walk/Trot Western  
**Hailey Jackson, Parkfield**

Senior Gymkhana  
**Colleen Lampman,  
 Rio Rancheros**

Junior Gymkhana  
**Aalia Staley, Canyon Country**

Pony Gymkhana  
**Candice Takhvar, Pozo**

## RESERVE CHAMPION

Senior English  
**Joanna Hopkins, Huasna Valley**

Junior English  
**Addie Fears, Estero/Morro Bay**

Pony English  
**Hailey Jackson, Parkfield**

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**Sophie Flemion, Cambria**

Senior Western  
**Melissa Clay, Rio Rancheros**

Junior Western  
**Amika Osumi, Adobe Nipomo**

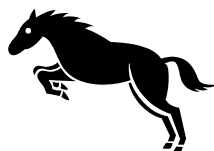
Pony Western  
**Sheridan Trost, Huasna Valley**

Walk/Trot Western  
**Katelyn Brady, Huasna Valley**

Senior Gymkhana  
**Jessica Prian, Cambria**

Junior Gymkhana  
**Arielle Cook, Shandon**

Pony Gymkhana



**Amanda  
 Alford,  
 Canyon  
 Country**



above: The classic Dairy portrait.



below: Can you tell me where the dance hall is?



right: The lady bugs were a nice touch to this colorful plant.



below: Come on over and sit a spell.



# Good Times

right: A place setting fit for royalty.



below: Do I slice it by the cookie?



below: No, you should hold a bunny this way.

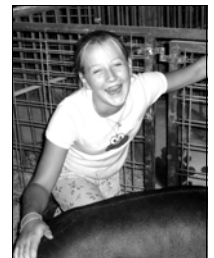


# Galore for 2004!

left: All for one and one for all.



right: "My only 'gilt' is having a good time all the time!"



# Mid-State Fair, Paso Robles



above: A very "colorful world" of a cookie jar.



above: An educational poster about art adventure.

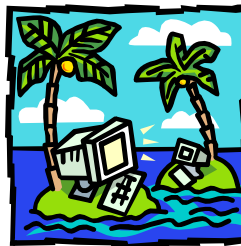
## Check Out Our New Look!

As you may or may not know the SLO Co. 4-H website changed to the [www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org) web server awhile back. New webmasters, Sonia Slavinski (Chaparral 4-H) and Garrett Smith (Cerro Alto 4-H) have been steadily working on creating a "new look" for the website.

It has useful resources such as downloadable record book forms, SLO Co. 4-H event calendar, and clubs listed by area of the county, just to name a few items on the website.

The webmasters have ideas about improving the website but they would like to hear your ideas too! Send an email to Jill at the 4-H Office,

[jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us) or you can call her at 781-5943 and she will pass it on to the webmasters.



Since the theme this year for National 4-H Week is "4-H Online!" we encourage you to check out the SLO Co. 4-H website at <http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo>.

**Check it out and pass it on!**

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### 4-H Management Board Meeting July 21, 2004

Meeting called to order by Ruth Sutherland, Management Board Director.

**Treasurer Report** was given by Evelyn Rockwell. Report was approved as submitted. A preliminary report was given on the Field Day income.

Audit Committee was appointed. 2003 – 2004 County Treasurer Book will be reviewed by Dana Azevedo and Rhonda Garris.

Budget for 2004 – 2005 was presented by Richard Enfield. The budget was reviewed and adjustments were made by the board. **Motion** to approve the budget: 1<sup>st</sup> by JoAnn Overbey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn Callaway. Board approved by unanimous vote.

**Directors Positions** were discussed. Ruth was recognized for her many years of service as Management Board Director. Shawn Callaway will serve as the new Board Director and Ruth's new position will be Immediate Past Director. JoAnn's position as Awards Director will be extended. **Motion** to approve awards director extension: 1<sup>st</sup> by Shawn Callaway and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruben Cavanillas. Board approved by unanimous vote.

**All Star Report** was given by Jeniece Cooper and Ashley McCollum. They reported on Field Day and their upcoming trip to State Leadership Conference.

**Regional/State Council Report** given by Ruben Cavanillas. (*Report is attached to original minutes.*)

**Director Reports:** Dana Azevedo, Visibility Director, gave an update on the new designs for 4-H posters, flyers, and shirts. She discussed finding sponsors for projects and the possibility of 4-H renting stalls during the fair to set up changing rooms for 4-H members.

**4-H Office Report** was given by Richard Enfield. State Leadership Conference was discussed. The conference dress code sheet was shared for the board to review and consider for county guidelines. Richard reported on how 4-H can get program information on space available on SLO County Voters Pamphlets. Correspondence form members who attended the Youth Cam was shared. The Expansion and Review/Affirmative Action report year end results were presented to the board.

The board's meeting schedule was discussed. It was determined that the board needs to change from meeting quarterly to every other month on the third Wednesday starting in September. **Motion** to change meetings. First by JoAnn Overbey and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn Callaway. Board approved by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned by Ruth Sutherland at 8:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 15, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

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## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WILL CELEBRATE ONLINE!

OCTOBER 3—9, 2004

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**4-H Online!** is the theme for National 4-H Week 2004 as 4-H members, volunteers and staff from across the nation celebrate the 4-H community of young people across America from **October 3—9, 2004**.

**T**he 4-HUSA Web Crew is a group of 14 teens from across the United States charged with designing [www.4-husa.org](http://www.4-husa.org), 4-H's first national web site exclusively for, by and about youth. The 4-HUSA Web Crew will design and manage the web site, which will demonstrate the size, diversity and value of the 4-H adventure. Focusing on youth ages 13 to 16, the site will feature a complete list of 4-H web sites organized by state and interactive elements like message boards, weblogs and [myname@4-Husa.org](mailto:myname@4-Husa.org) e-mail aliases. The new site is up and running now!

**A**ll 4-H Clubs and county and state 4-H programs will be able to use National 4-H Week to showcase their websites to the media and will be asked to cross promote [www.4-husa.org](http://www.4-husa.org). A National 4-H Week media kit with a customizable media advisory, feature story and photos will be available online to help county and state 4-H programs promote **4-H Online!** through their National 4-H Week events.

**V**isit [www.4husablogs.org/national4-hweek2004](http://www.4husablogs.org/national4-hweek2004) for access to the kit. Contact Laura Phillips Garner at National 4-H Council at [lgarner@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:lgarner@fourhcouncil.edu) for more information.

**I**deas for 4-H Online! Activities that your club can do for National 4-H Week.

1. Create an internet cafe and invite the community to view the new 4-HUSA.org and your state, county and 4-H club web sites. Share with them why 4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. Serve up some refreshments just like those you would find at your local coffee shop. Make sure some are kid-friendly for the younger members of the group.
2. Ask your local mall or shopping center if you can use the community booth during National 4-H Week. Set up an internet connection and share the new 4-husa.org web site and your state, county and 4-H web sites with those who ask for more information. Print up cards or bookmarks with the 4-husa.org web site address to share.
3. Ask your local library to make 4-husa.org its home page during National 4-H Week. Ask them to declare one day during the week 4-H Online! Day and invite

young people in the community to learn about 4-H and safe use of the Internet.

4. Ask 4-H clubs who have web sites to hold a basic web site design workshop for youth in the community.

5. Hold a 4-H web page design contest. Give prizes for the best designed pages and showcase them on your county 4-H web site.

6. Ask local schools to share 4-husa.org—the national 4-H website for, by and about youth—in their computer classes.

7. Gather e-mail addresses from the youth who attend any and all of these events. Follow up with an e-mail invitation to join their local 4-H clubs.

**C**alling all SLO Co. 4-H Clubs! If you have a special activity for National 4-H Week, News & Views would like to hear about it. Please tell the 4-H Office about your activity or activities by mailing an article (typed or handwritten accepted) and submit a picture or two (optional) to 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or email your article and pictures to [jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us).

## OOPS!

In the July 2004 News & Views, Elizabeth Hurd's accomplishments were not mentioned in the Horse Field Day results. Elizabeth earned the first place in the following Walk/Trot classes: Showmanship, Western Showmanship and Western Equitation. Good job Elizabeth!

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### Young Achiever Library Showcase

The following libraries will be displaying the Young Achiever storyboards: Atascadero, Arroyo Grande, Morro Bay, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo. Go see it!

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## 4-H YD Program Insurance Fees Increase

As of July 1, 2004, the insurance fees for the 2004—2005 program year have increased to:

**4-H Members—\$8.00**

**4-H Leaders—\$4.00**

Community Club Leaders, please note that insurance fees are due in the 4-H office by September 30, 2004.



## COLLEGE WORKSHOP!!

UC Davis Collegiate 4-H is offering a College Workshop for high-school 4-H members, **on October 2, 2004 at UC Davis.**

The workshop will consist of a practice SAT exam (by Kaplan) and information about financial aid and admissions. **Registration deadline is September 24, 2004.** More information is available at <http://ca4h.org/collegiate4h/california>.

If you need assistance in obtaining this information, please call the 4-H Office (781-5943).

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## Community Service Recognition Awards!

**Y**ou have an opportunity to point out someone within 4-H, who **YOU** think does an outstanding job in Community Service. The Community Service Program Development Committee is accepting nominations for the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Community Service Recognition Award. Call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for instructions on how to nominate someone for this award.

The categories are: **Adult, Youth Member and Family**

**Nominations are due** (or *postmarked by*) **August 31, 2004** (yes, the date has changed) in the 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 or by email to [jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us). If you have any questions, please contact Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader at 461-1977.

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### State 4-H Leaders' Forum November 5-7, 2004 Asilomar

What innovative project, activity, or program in your county do you want to catch the State Leaders' Forum eye? Project Fair and Display Forms are available at <http://ca4h.org/conference/>

<http://ca4h.org/conference/>slf/2004/. You can also obtain registration information from this website. But if you are unable to access the internet, the 4-H Office has info (781-5943). Early Bird rate expired July 1st. **Registration & Display forms are due: September 1, 2004** at the State 4-H Office. This is a great experience for Adult Volunteers.

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### 2005 4-H Computer Corps

The 4-H Computer Corps is composed of youth, volunteers, and staff ages 15 and above. The 4-H Computer Corps authors the state 4-H website ([www.ca4h.org](http://www.ca4h.org)), conducts computer trainings around the state, and helps 4-H clubs design webpages. **Deadline for applications is September 30, 2004.** Applications are available at <http://ca4h.org/compcorps/Apps/>

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### Wanted: Photos

The State 4-H Office is searching for high-resolution photographs that "tell the 4-H story." Photographs will be used in state newsletters, on the website, and in other print media. For more info or to send photos, contact Pat English at 530/754-8520 or [pnenglish@ucdavis.edu](mailto:pnenglish@ucdavis.edu).

## News & Views Update

The 4-H Office needs your help. For the 2004–2005 fiscal year the 4-H Office has a goal to cut mailing and copying costs.

One way to cut costs is if you have email or web access, you can subscribe or view the newsletter on-line. Go to: <http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/> then click on the newsletter icon, this will take you to another website that has the SLO Co. 4-H News & Views posted. There is a subscriber box on the right hand side of the screen, click and subscribe.

You can make a difference and help the 4-H Office by using this cost effective resource. Or do you prefer not to receive News & Views? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, to be removed from the mailing list, if you plan to use the web subscriber or if you wish the newsletter to not be mailed to you.

Suggestions? The 4-H Office would like to hear any suggestions you have about saving costs in order for the newsletter to continue to be enjoyable and informative. Please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.

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### Nominate a Leader!

For the **Western Regional Leaders Forum!** This is new! The Adult Leadership PD Committee is sponsoring 4 scholarships of \$265.00 to cover the registration cost for the forum. (*Scholarship does not include meals or hotel.*) If you wish to nominate a leader, the leader must be a current leader for at least 3 years. A Leader Recognition Award Application can be obtained from the 4-H Office. Members or adults may nominate a leader. **The Western Regional Leaders Forum will be February 23–27, 2005.** Award applications are **DUE: October 1, 2004.**

Please call Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader at 466-4383 if you have any questions about this new scholarship. The 4-H Office, 781-5943, will mail you a Leader Recognition Award application upon request. Call today!

## Be a SLO Scientist Volunteer Facilitator

Parents, are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen child and have an interest in leading a youth/adult science club together?

Teens, do you have an interest in science and would enjoy serving as a 4-H Junior Leader with your parent (or other adult) in a SLO Scientist group?

4-H SLO Scientist Youth/Adult Science Clubs are looking for volunteers to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. This is a great opportunity to become involved with kids and parents in the community. Children, ages eight to eleven, come with a parent or other adult to form a science team, and each SLO Scientist group consists of seven to ten science teams. SLO Scientist groups meet in various locations throughout the county, typically two evenings a month to explore topics such as earthquakes, soil and water, and chemical reactions.

You don't need to be an expert in the fields of soils, agriculture or geology since the program emphasizes giving kids real experiences to learn how to observe, investigate and experiment, and just having fun with science experiences! Materials are provided and training for volunteer facilitators is offered on a continual basis.

For more information about this terrific program and how you can become involved, please contact Heather Dauer, SLO Co. 4-H SLO Scientist Coordinator, at 781-5944 or email [dnhdauer@charter.net](mailto:dnhdauer@charter.net).

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### Program Development Board Wants You!

Adult volunteers are wanted to strengthen the Program Development Board Committees. These committees are responsible for the success of our County events, level testing programs and more. Do you have ideas, time and commitment that could improve our County 4-H programs? Call the 4-H Office for more information, 781-5943.

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## SLO Co. 4-H Program Calendar

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### SEPTEMBER 2004

- 8/20-9 **California State Fair**, Sacramento
- 6 **DUE:** *in the 4-H Office*  
Club Awards Order
- 10 **Southern Section Leaders Council Meeting**, Mt. Sac
- 15 **SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Meeting**, UCCE Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 30 **DUE:** for 2004—2005 *in the 4-H Office*  
New Enrollments  
Completion of Re-enrollments  
Insurance/Curriculum Fees  
Club Budgets  
Club Goals & Objectives  
Updated Club Roster  
Planner for Annual 4-H Club Goals  
Calendar of Events/Club Meeting Plans  
Club Officers List

### OCTOBER 2004

- 3-9 **National 4-H Week**
- 9 **SLO Co. 4-H Achievement Night**, SLO Vet's Hall, San Luis Obispo, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 **SLO Co. Treasurer's Training**, UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, Ste C, San Luis Obispo, 10:00 a.m.
- 20 **SLO Co. Treasurer's Training**, Paso Robles Library Conference Room, 1000 Spring St., Paso Robles, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 **State Leaders' Council Meeting**, UC Davis

### NOVEMBER 2004

- 5-7 CA 4-H Leaders' Forum, Asilomar
- 13 SLO Co. 4-H Leader Appreciation & Training Day, Cal Poly