

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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End-of-the-year BB
Sunday, June 27th

12-4 pm

At the Sprocks

2607 Graceland Ave., S.C.

See below for more information!

Don't miss the
Barbecue at the
Sprocks!



The Petting Zoo - Home Town Days



Missing a sweatshirt???

Attention all 4-Hers who worked the petting zoo: a purple Eeyore sweatshirt was left behind. If this is yours, please call Jeanene at 595-5793.

San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Club Annual BBQ and Recognition Event

Who is invited? 4-H members and their families

Where? **The Sprocks
2607 Graceland Avenue, San Carlos**

When? **Sunday, June 27 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

***What
To expect?*** **Swimming, socializing, games, a “kangaroo court”
conducted by club officers and project leaders to
recognize 4-H’ers participation, recognition of our
“retiring” parent and teen leaders, record book
achievement announcements.**

***What
share
To bring?*** **Last name ends in A-M – salad or a side dish to
Last name ends in N-Z – dessert to share**

**The club will provide burgers, hot dogs, drinks,
condiments and paper products.**

**RSVP by June 23
Janae Novotny, 369-5422**



RECORD PROFIT! COOKIE AND LEMONADE BOOTH 2004

A big thank-you to every parent and 4-Her who gave time and energy to our Cookie and Lemonade booth on Hometown Days weekend. We made almost \$1000! That's nearly twice as much as we've ever netted!

Cookie buyers again favored Chocolate Chip by at least three to one, but Butter Sugar, Double Chocolate, and, yes, even Oatmeal Raisin had their partisans. The word has gotten out, and this year we learned we need to bake ahead and keep baking throughout the day as oven capacity lags behind consumer demand. The delicious odor had folks lined up begging for fresh cookies HOT out of the oven.

Even though the weather was cool, the sun and fun kept lemonade sales strong. The new 16-oz. brightly colored cups of Country Time sold briskly, and the \$1 price point for both cookies and lemonade made cashiering a breeze. Once again, generous donations by area grocers (Foodville, Lunardi's, Safeway, Costco, Bell Market, Nob Hill, and Albertson's) completely covered our lemonade expenses, and Otis Spunkmeyer lent all the equipment for our cookie baking.

The most important contribution, however, was made by all those families who showed up on time to take a turn in the booth: the Moores, the Herndons, the Lewitts, the Cotters, the Martinos, the Niensens, the Sprocks, the Collery family, the Dreschkes, the Lucases, the Wongs, the Williams family, the Knoths, the Hulls, the Gomezes, the Grimsbys, the Wyckoffs, as well as Madeleine Lough-Stevens, Sammy Cotter, Natalie Soulard, and Nate Barker.

We crushed our old sales record, but we could clearly have sold even more cookies. I've made lots of notes (and thank you for all your suggestions) for next year. With your help, we'll smash the record once again!

Sandra Bernhard

Calling All Non Animal 4-Hers

Anyone interested in being a runner for the Livestock Auction at the San Mateo County fair August 21st. Call Judy Grimsby @ 591-2212 or ejgrimsby1@comcast.net (livestock auction). It is a good way to see what the kids in livestock get for all their hard work in the animal projects. You can even enter it in your record book for the next year.

**Don't forget!!! Record Books are due by Sunday June 20
Deliver to either Cathie Lohr or Janae Novotny's houses**

Cathie
1316 Oakhurst Ave
San Carlos

Janae
2607 Graceland Ave
San Carlos



HOMETOWN DAYS PARADE FLOAT WORKERS

Eaton Hills' 4H members showed San Carlos just how "homegrown" they are during the parade for Hometown Days on May 15, 2004. Our float earned a second place award, but a first place ribbon for the teamwork of all the 4H members present. It was awesome to witness each member assign themselves to a simple task and watch as the plain flatbed transformed into a rural image with some added homegrown flavor. Our 4H'ers did proudly cheer to the spectators and judges about their homegrown club while doing their best to hold onto their hats and keep the float decorations from blowing away with the wind. We had a lot of homegrown pride on that float that graced the procession route during the San Carlos Hometown Days Parade.

Although this is a partial list, as I am waiting for a reply from the remaining members, I wish to acknowledge the following 4H members for their work and pride with the 4H float:

Nate Barker, Jr. Teen Leader; dog project
Andrew Bowler; cavie project
Danielle Grimsby; cavie, cooking, poultry, sewing, and sheep projects
Nikolaus Grimsby; beginning 4H, cooking, and poultry projects
Katrina Hull; sewing project
Rebecca Lewit; goat project
Madeleine Lough-Stevens, co-Vice President
Dorotheanna Lucas; beginning 4H, poultry projects
Natalie Soulard, Jr. Teen Leader
Carson Sprock, Treasurer and Teen Leader
Elena Wyckoff; poultry project
Kira Wyckoff; poultry project

Again, this is only a partial list, as I do not know everyone as yet. Thank you all so much for your work. Everyone did a great job. I hope to see you all again for next year's parade.

~ Shelle McGee-Lucas

Dogs Dogs & More Dogs

On June 5th the project went to Dixon to see an AKC Dog Show. There were lots of Beautiful dogs being shown. We had a great time and learned about showing dogs.
Danielle Grimsby

Farm and Fair Happenings!

Goats, pigs and poultry have arrived at the farm! Come up and visit around 5:30 p.m. when the animals are being fed! All children and youth under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult at the farm.

Tessa Martino, the Goat Project Leader, and Judy Grimsby, the Poultry Project Leader, have agreed to coordinate all junior livestock exhibitor responsibilities for our club at the fair. They are our club's "Barn Bosses" for the fair. Livestock project members and parents should expect to hear from Tessa and Judy throughout the summer and at the fair regarding stall set up and decorating; mandatory "Livestock Ambassador" duty at the Fair for all exhibitors and parents; feed, shavings and hay purchase at the fair; daily barn clean up and tack area maintenance; livestock auction responsibilities, and anything else that impacts our junior livestock exhibitors at the fair. A huge thank-you, Judy and Tessa!

Club Youth and Parents Needed For Cake Booth Fundraiser at the San Mateo County Fair

- What?** San Mateo County 4-H clubs operate a cake booth at the San Mateo County Fair and share the proceeds. The cake booth, a fair tradition, sells cake, coffee, lemonade, etc.
- When?** Our club's day at the booth is the last day of the fair, Sunday, August 22 from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- What do we do?** (1) Bake and frost a 2-layer cake for August 22. Don't panic! Commercial cake mixes in a box and frostings out of a can- Duncan Hines, Betty Crocker, etc. - are just fine! Our club needs to bake 25 cakes!
- (2) Put on your 4-H t-shirt and sell cake for an hour or two on August 22 – youth and parents!
- Who should volunteer?** All club families! This is a great opportunity for club members who are not exhibiting at the fair to participate in the 4-H fair activities. The club needs all of you! And, staffing the cake booth is fun!
- To sign up:** Call Gaye Donovan at 593-3363. Gaye will be taking sign-ups at the BBQ on Sunday, June 27.

A Fond Farewell to the Lohr Family

With the graduation of Melissa, the Lohr family will (until the next generation!) suspend its involvement in 4-H after ten years of individual, project, and community leadership. Steady and thoughtful, Mike Lohr has introduced several years worth of 4-H backpackers to the beauty of the night forest and the fun of freeze-dried foods. Cathie has been the "Cooking Queen" since before any present volunteer can remember. Her faithful clutch of 4-H chefs has followed her through years of baking, preserving, and fudge making. Because Cathie's emphasis has always been on fun, there were times little left her kitchen but laughing girls--full of good cookies and great memories. Cathie and Mike ran our Fudge and Lemonade Booth at Hometown Days for many years, and though never a farm family, they were anchors of the non-animal projects in our club.

For the last three years, Cathie has been our Community Leader, and under her spirited leadership, the club has become bigger and better--better organized and better involved. She has been especially effective in guiding the Jr./Teen Leaders to more active leadership. Cathie was herself the 1974 "All-Star" for Santa Clara County, the highest level of 4-H county leadership. (Just last month, she attended services for her own, much-loved Community Leader.) The life of our club and of 4-H depends on the contributions of families like the Lohrs. We thank them for the good times and wish them the best.



State Presentation Day

On May 29th, I attended 4-H State Presentation Day on the campus of UC Davis. I gave my presentation on "Building Boxes for Busy Bees" and received a gold award, the highest level (about 50% of the participants got golds). The judges were very kind and encouraging, and I met several nice families, some of whom had come from as far away as Santa Barbara, a drive of eight hours! It was a great experience, and I hope more people will go next year.

By Anne Peale

June

Mon 7 - **County** Animal Science committee. County Office
Tues 8 - Jr/Teen Leader Meeting. End of Year BBQ- Sprock's house. 4-6
Tues 8 - Newsletter Deadline
June 13-18 - 4H SUMMER CAMP SESSION 1
Thurs 17 - **County** Ag Steering Committee. Farm Bureau, HMB
Sun 20 - Record Books due
Mon 21 - **County** Lifeskills & Hobbies. 7:15 Fox School. Belmont
Sat 26 - Fair Animal Pre-Fair Check In
Sun 27 - End of Year Picnic. Sprock House. Potluck. Swim Suits

July

Fair applications due (about July 10)
COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET. DATE TBA
Thurs 15 - **County** Ag Steering Committee. Farm Bureau, HMB

August

13-22 - FAIR
22-27 - SUMMER CAMP SESSION 2

Next Newsletter Deadline: sometime in September - t.b.a.

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