

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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### Next General Meeting:

**May 20 at 7 pm,  
Clifford School**



## President's Message

I hope everybody has had a great month. Spring is definitely in the air, which means the farm will soon be busy with animals! Be sure to keep in contact with any project leaders if you plan on having an animal at the farm this summer.

Hometown Days has finally arrived, and I would love to see everyone in the Hometown Days parade on May 17th. Be sure to wear green.

At our next general meeting on May 20th, we will be having our annual pizza and bingo night! It is definitely a club favorite and always a ton of fun. Be sure to bring cash for pizza and drinks. The first bingo card is free with a slice of pizza and \$1 after that. There will be prizes for winners, and if you would like to donate a prize, please bring something under \$5.

I can't wait to see everyone there!

Joanna Settles, President

### At this month's meeting:

**Vote for club officers!**

**Enjoy pizza and bingo:**

**\$1 buys a slice of pizza and a bingo card;  
each additional bingo card is \$1. The club will  
provide lemonade and lots of fun prizes!**

**Feel free to bring a prize to donate  
(worth \$5 or less).**

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

**May 17 8:15-11am Hometown Days Float Decorating and Parade**

**10-5 Lemonade and Information Booths**

**May 20 7pm May General Meeting**

**June 1 12-3pm Club BBQ and Recognition & Awards Program**

# Hometown Days Parade: Homespun Fun!

Get ready for San Carlos Hometown Days. This annual celebration occurs this weekend. Next to fair, Hometown Days is the biggest event in our 4-H year. Every 4-H family is needed to make this year's celebration a success. This year's theme is "Homespun Fun at Hometown Days". To celebrate this theme we can bring our animals with us along the parade route and take a walk with them. Please be certain to provide water and a bowl for your animal. Small animals and poultry will be more comfortable in a kennel/cage.

Please wear your 4-H t-shirt, 4-H uniform, or 4-H colors—green and white. Be certain to wear comfortable shoes.

Parade activities begin at 8:15 am when we gather on Cedar Street near the north end of the school playground to decorate our float. The parade steps off at 9:45 am from Central Middle School, follows a route through downtown San Carlos, and ends back at the school approximately an hour later. All club members are welcome to participate in the parade, and adults who are not helping set up the club booths should also plan to join in the fun.

So to review:

- Arrive at 8:15am on Saturday, May 17.
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt or uniform (including the hat).
- Wear comfortable shoes.
- Bring an animal to take for a walk; remember a leash, water and a bowl.
- Bring a wagon or cage for your small animal.
- Bring water in a bottle for yourself.
- Bring decorations and a way to secure them.

## Club Officer Elections at May Meeting

Elections for club officers will be held at the May general meeting. Only club members vote for officers. (Parents do not vote.) Membership in the Junior/Teen Leadership Project for at least one year is a prerequisite for becoming a candidate. In addition, only candidates who submit a candidate statement to the club newsletter are eligible for election. Please become an informed candidate; read the candidates' statements below before the meeting.

At the May Junior/Teen Leadership Project meeting, members "threw their hats into the ring" as follows:

<b>Office</b>	<b>Candidate</b>
President	Danielle Grimsby
Vice-President	Jeff Wilfong
Secretary	Amanda Marsters

Corresponding Secretary	Kathleen Marsters
Treasurer	Peter Warrick
Sergeant at Arms	Victorina Jeffers
Junior Farm Boss	Rebecca Lewitt

## Candidates' Statements

### President

Hi, I'm Danielle Grimsby and I'm running for 2008-9 President. Over past years I have served as secretary, treasurer and vice-president. I have been in 4-H for 9 years. Being in 4-H has taught me leadership, planning and communication skills that I will apply if elected president. If elected president, I would be active in my club activities, would set a good example and be a good role model for younger members. I would help new/younger members get accustomed to being in 4-H. Being in 4-H has been an exciting and fun learning experience. I hope to pass on things I have learned through my projects in 4-H. Vote for me for president in 2008-9.

### Vice-President

Hi, my name is Jeff Wilfong and I am running for vice-president. I am the person you should vote for because I will bring change to the club but also with experience. I have been in 4-H for 9 years and have served in the junior teen leader project for 4 years. I want to make it so kids will be more engaged in the club activities and can expand our base of club members.

In the past few years the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club has grown exponentially. That means there are tons of new members. I want to help these members so they don't get lost in the process of joining 4-H and encourage them to get involved. I would also like to have a more eco-friendly 4H by starting an environment club or even a volunteering club of some sort. These changes to the club would I believe be good for everyone. So, if you want these great changes as well as experience, vote for me, Jeff Wilfong, for club vice-president.

### Secretary

Hi my name is Amanda Marsters and I am running for secretary. I am 17 years old and a junior at Carlmont High School. This is my third year in the Jr/Teen Leader project and my sixth in 4-H. During that time I have been in the astronomy, rabbit, advanced rabbit, cooking, advanced cooking, and Jr/ Teen Leader projects. I have been teen leader for cooking, advanced cooking and advanced rabbits. Since it is my last year in 4-h I am very excited to become more involved with the club, and I hope to be given the chance to be your secretary.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

My name is Kathleen Masters, and I am running for the position of corresponding secretary. I have been in 4-H for six years, and this is my first year in Junior/Teen Leaders. I am 14 years old and currently a freshman at Carlmont High School. I have had a lot of experience writing letters, both thank-you's and other kinds. Over the past years, I have been in the rabbit, advanced rabbit, cooking, advanced cooking and the aforementioned junior/teen leaders projects, and I am currently a junior/teen leader for the advanced rabbits project. I hope to provide our group with exceptional correspondence.

## **Sergeant at Arms**

Hello my name is Victorina Jeffers. This is my 5th year in 4-H and my first time running for a position. Even though I haven't raised an animal, I have been an active member these past years. I am running for the position of sergeant at arms. For those of you who don't know what exactly that is, the job of the sergeant at arms is to keep members quiet during the meeting and ensure "order in the court". We need a sergeant at arms because sometimes important announcements are said that not everyone hears. I'm sure I'll be perfect for the job, so vote Victorina for sergeant at arms!

## **Treasurer**

Hello, my name is Peter Warrick. I would appreciate your vote in my quest to become the San Carlos-Eaton Hills treasurer for a second year. I have really learned a lot about the duties of this position during the year, especially about how to correctly enter incoming and outgoing expenses in a check register and how to use the software program *Quicken*. I have also worked very hard at improving my public speaking skills through giving the Treasurer's reports at the monthly 4-H meetings. I think I have done a timely, accurate job and would enjoy the opportunity to further improve my skills in these areas.

## **Jr. Farm Boss**

Hi, I'm Rebecca Lewitt, I am fifteen years old and I am currently a freshman at Carlmont High School. I have been an active member in 4-H for six years. In my 4-H career I have raised many animals. I have raised one steer, six lambs, two goats, four chickens, and four turkeys. In all of my 4-H years I've always been in animal projects because I love the atmosphere of the farm. Though the animals have an interesting smell, and it isn't always the most attractive of scents, the people helping each other and over the period of four months becoming a family is what makes me keep loving our quaint little farm. I feel I would make an excellent Jr. farm Boss because I care so much about the San Carlos Eaton Hills farm and all the youth who keep animals at the farm. So put me, Rebecca Lewitt, in office and you'll have a smooth working farm.

## **Save the Date and Time!**

Sunday, June 1, 12 – 3 pm  
1815 Cordilleras, Redwood City  
Annual Club BBQ, Recognition and Awards Program,  
And a Short Business Meeting  
To Install New Officers  
Fun! Games! Good food! Good Company! Swimming!  
Watch as Project Leaders Try to Convict Members in the Infamous Kangaroo Court!  
Please bring folding camp chairs or towels/blankets to sit on.

## **Record Books Are Due June 1**

Member record books are due Sunday, June 1. Members who wish to exhibit in any category in the San Mateo County Fair in August must submit a record book. Please deliver completed record books to Bruce and Maeve Knoth at the Annual Recognition Event/June meeting. Members who plan to enter their record books at the county level should inform Janae when they turn in their record books.

The club website contains links to the state 4-H website, where you will find Word and PDF versions of the Personal Development Form and Project Report Form. If you missed our informative Record Book Workshop, helpful materials will be available at the May general meeting.

If you are claiming credit for demonstrations, you must complete a Demonstrative Verification Form and submit it with your record book. Forms are available on the club website.

## **Cake Booth at the Fair**

For those families who are looking to be involved with the fair but don't have an animal to show and don't quite know what to do....have I got a great opportunity for you: the cake booth!

For those new to the club, every year our club is responsible for staffing and providing cakes for the cake booth for one day at the fair—this year it's August 17. It is a really fun way to be part of the action of the fair for a day. Working at the booth for a shift also gets you two bonus entries into the fair and a parking pass!

We ask that every family in our club donate two cakes for the booth. It's definitely not too early to start thinking about finding your favorite cake recipe.

Make this a fun family activity by following these cake-baking guidelines:

- Cakes must be 8" or 9" round, 2-layer cakes. No square or rectangular cakes.
- Box mixes are preferred. (You will need two boxes to bake two cakes.) Baking is easy and the results are uniform.

- Cakes must be frosted. Again, store-bought frosting is great. Avoid the whipped frosting, please, because it doesn't hold up.
- Frost when the cake is completely cooled.
- Any flavor is fine, but we recommend you make one chocolate and one variety mix.
- Cakes must be presentable, but need not be fancy.
- Do not slice your cake.
- Too busy to bake? Two-layer, 8" or 9" store-bought cakes are acceptable.



Watch your e-mail in mid-August for more information about when and where to deliver your cakes.

More information about dates, times, and sign up sheets will follow at the club BBQ June 1st. Thank you! —by *Heather Sutherland*

## **“Pen Pride” Booth at the Fair!**

Each year for more than 65 years, San Mateo County 4-H clubs have taken a turn raising a special steer, “Peninsula Pen Pride.” In 2002, our club raised “Houdini,” a beautiful Black Angus, who was quite adept at escaping his pen! This year at the county fair the Pen Pride steer will have the choice pen location in the livestock barn and a special role in raising funds for the San Mateo County 4-H clubs. For a \$1 donation, fair-goers take a chance at guessing the steer’s weight and winning fabulous prizes. The steer is officially weighed on the last day of the fair. Because thousands of people enjoy playing this game, there will certainly be several correct and near guesses with a prize for each.

All San Mateo County 4-H clubs participate in selling Pen Pride “tickets,” the “entry forms” for the guessing game. San Carlos-Eaton Hills club members already purchased a set of 5 tickets as part of their registration dues. In addition to submitting your own guesses, our club members and parents help our club fulfill its responsibility for selling Pen Pride tickets to fair-goers. Selling Pen Pride tickets is easy and fun, and people always have questions about the steer and 4-H. (Folks can get free fair passes to come in and do their shift and go enjoy the fair before or afterwards.) We are the biggest club in the county and as such, have to pull our fair share of Pen Pride duty. Every San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H family is requested to sign up for a shift on August 9 (noon to 11pm) or August 10 (noon to 10pm). We also need someone to coordinate the shifts.

## **What Are You Showing at the Fair?**

Some of you are preparing to show animals at the fair, but what about club members who are not raising animals? What are you showing? Take a look at the San Mateo County Fair Premium Book online at the San Mateo County Fair website. You'll be surprised at the many different kinds of things you can enter. Have you built a great Lego structure? Made something in art or social studies that you are proud of? Taken a great photograph? Maybe you want to set a fancy table setting or bake cookies. There truly is something for everyone. It would be terrific if every single club member entered something this year.

## **At Vickie Demma's Farm**

On April 20th, four members of the goat project went on a field trip to Vickie Demma's farm in La Honda. Most of you who had animals at fair will remember Vickie as the Fair Exhibits Coordinator, or simply the "Livestock Barn Boss". At the farm were chickens, geese, ducks, sheep, a pony, two camels, and of course goats. Vickie showed us her new goat kids. My favorite ones were a set of La Mancha twins. They had really soft fur and you could pick them up easily. La Mancha is a dairy goat breed that is very tame. Then we learned how to castrate the male goats. Before they were castrated, they had to be given a tetanus shot to prevent them from getting a tetanus infection. It was really hard to give the Boer goats their shots because they were very strong and jumpy, and always tried to get loose of your grip. They were castrated by using an elastrator. An elastrator is a tool that stretches a rubber band and puts it around the testicles. The goat project is planning to have dairy and meat goats this year. I would like to have dairy goats. —by *Sean Rossiter*

## **Scrapbooking Report**

We just finished working on the brand new club scrapbook in the Scrapbook project. We will show it for the first time at Hometown days. We now have a fabulous scrapbook to show off all of the fabulous things our club does. We are proud of what we created; please take a look at it!

Thank you to Joan for her awesome leadership and to all who donated pictures for the book. —by *Kate Lyn Sutherland*