

San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

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Next General Meeting:

Sept. 20 at 7PM, Clifford School, Redwood City

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President's Message

My name is Tristan Knoth. I'm a junior at Sequoia High School and I've been in 4-H for 9 or so years. This year I'm your club president. In fact, my original plan was to use my new power to change my title to "Emperor" and amend the bylaws to give me emergency powers (and by emergency powers, I mean that I was going to be the Kim Jong-Il of 4-H). However, that might start the year off on the wrong foot, and nobody wants that. Thus, in order to avoid immediate rebellion, my first act as president will be to encourage all of you to do something new this year. There are tons of opportunities available in 4-H from our different projects to the 4-H International Exchange Program, which, as it turns out, is pretty much the most fun thing ever. So, that said, welcome to the club and if you're new, come up and introduce yourself to me or the other officers.

Sincerely,
Tristan Knoth,
Your 2011-2012 4-H President



**This Month's Theme:
Welcome Newcomers
and
Wear Green**

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

Sept. 18	Lions Club Car Show (rescheduled from June)
Sept. 20	7 PM September General Meeting
TBA	County Awards Special
Oct. 4	7 PM Returning Parents Meeting
Oct. 5	7 PM New Parents Meeting
Oct. 11	7 PM Project Leaders Meeting
Oct. 18	7 PM October General Meeting and Project Fair
Oct. 22	Tri-tip Dinner with Lions' Club

It's Time to Register Again



Returning youth members and adult leaders **must** re-register for 4-H **immediately**. Fees for youth members will be \$52.00, with no fee for adult leaders. We encourage all 4-H parents to register as volunteers. Registered adult volunteers receive liability protection for all 4-H sponsored events (such as driving for field trips and visiting the farm). The 4-H fee covers State and County dues, insurance for 4-H members at 4-H events, and insurance and fees for parent volunteers. Once these expenses have been covered, the rest is used by our club to pay for food and supplies for meetings and special events (such as the annual barbeque). You can learn more about our budget at the October general meeting when the club members approve the budget for the coming year. All returning members must be fully registered and paid by October 31, 2011, to be considered "in good standing" for the 2012 San Mateo County Fair. Questions? Then contact co-registrar Karen Biggers at kgallion05@yahoo.com 591-2707

Did You Exhibit at the Fair?

Did you show a goat at the San Mateo County Fair last month? A pig? Poultry? Did you enter a photograph? A place-setting? Cookies? Clothing you made in a sewing project? Did you help at Pen Pride or the cake booth? Please bring your favorite award to September's general meeting. Or just bring a good story about what you did.

Returning Parents Meeting October 4, 2011

Welcome back to another great 4-H year! 4-H cannot exist without parent participation. Our members have requested some exciting, new projects that require parent support in order to happen. We need new, enthusiastic leaders and assistants! Please attend this meeting to learn what our club is planning and how you can contribute to a fun and meaningful 4-H year.

New Parents Information Meeting, October 5, 2011

Do you know of any families who are interested in learning more about 4-H? Invite the potential 4-Hers and their parents to attend our club's general meeting on September 21, and invite the parents to attend the new parents' information meeting on October 6, 2010, at the Clifford School Library. This meeting (for parents only, please) will inform them about our club's programs and activities, and we will try to answer all their questions about 4-H. For more information, call Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 654-4975.

This Year's Projects

Many thanks go to the parent volunteers who have enthusiastically offered to lead projects for the 2011-12 year. If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please contact Katherine Schembri at 365-2331.

4-H'ers: Please think about the projects you are interested in. Sign-ups will be at the Project Fair after our general meeting on Tuesday, **October 18, 2011**. It looks like it's going to be another great year!

Leadership Project (Junior/Teen Leaders)

If you are a 4-H member, in grades 7 through 12, you are eligible to join the Leadership Project and plan club activities. We meet from 7 to 8 pm on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be at 7 pm, Monday, **October 3**, at the Knoths' home, 519 Prospect Street, San Carlos. For more information, contact Bruce or Maeve Knoth at 654-4975.

Volunteers Needed for Lion's Club Tri-Tip Dinner

Each year 4-H members volunteer to help prepare and serve food at the Lion's club tri-tip dinner. This year the dinner will be held on Saturday, **October 22, 2011**. The Lion's Club needs 15 volunteers, ages 9 and up, and a few adults to help. The Lion's Club donates part of the proceeds from the fundraiser to our 4-H Club. Please come prepared to sign-up at the September general meeting. Lisa Weaver (592-2575) and Lisa Montalvo (568-3195) will coordinate volunteers on the night of the event. Thanks all for your help!

— Scott Marsters

Raising an Animal This Year? November 29, 2011

Save the date! There will be a mandatory farm families meeting on Tuesday, **November 29** at 7 pm at the Clifford School Library. Look for additional information in future newsletters.

Member Reports

H5N1 avian flu re-emerging

THE U.N. Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) last week urged heightened readiness and surveillance against a possible major resurgence of H5N1 highly pathogenic avian influenza amid signs that a mutant strain of the deadly virus is spreading in Asia and beyond, with unpredictable risks to human health.

FAO pointed to World Health Organization numbers showing that the H5N1 virus has infected 565 people since it first appeared in 2003, resulting in 331 deaths. The latest death occurred last month in Cambodia, which has registered eight fatal cases of human infection this year. Since 2003, H5N1 has killed or forced the culling of more than 400 million domestic poultry and caused an estimated \$20 billion of economic damage across the globe before it was eliminated from most of the 63 countries infected at the peak of the outbreak in 2006, FAO said.

The virus remained endemic in six nations, although the number of outbreaks in domestic poultry and wild bird populations shrank steadily from an annual peak of 4,000 to just 302 in mid-2008. However, since then, outbreaks have risen progressively, with almost 800 cases recorded in 2010-11. At the same time, 2008 marked the beginning of renewed geographic expansion of the H5N1 virus in both poultry and wild birds.

The advance appears to be associated with migratory bird movements, according to FAO chief veterinary officer Juan Lubroth, who noted that migrations help the virus travel over long distances so that H5N1 has, in the past 24 months, shown up in poultry or wild birds in countries that had been virus free for several years.

Recently affected areas include Israel and the Palestinian Territories, Bulgaria, Romania, Nepal and Mongolia. A further cause for concern, Lubroth said, is the appearance in China and Vietnam of a variant virus that is apparently able to sidestep the defenses provided by existing vaccines.

In Vietnam, which suspended its springtime poultry vaccination campaign this year, most of the northern and central parts of the country -- where H5N1 is endemic -- have been invaded by the new virus strain, known as H5N1-2.3.2.1, FAO said.

High alert: Vietnam's veterinary services are on high alert and reportedly are considering a novel, targeted vaccination campaign this fall, FAO said, noting that H5N1 virus circulation in Vietnam poses a direct threat to Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia and endangers the Korean peninsula and Japan (which are in the same migratory flyway). Wild bird migration can also spread the virus to other continents, FAO added.

"The general departure from the progressive decline observed in 2004-08 could mean that there will be a flare-up of H5N1 this fall and winter, with people unexpectedly finding the virus in their backyard (birds)," Lubroth said. The countries where H5N1 is still firmly entrenched -- Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia and Vietnam -- are likely to face the biggest problems, but no country can consider itself safe, he said.

"Preparedness and surveillance remain essential," Lubroth concluded. "This is no time for complacency; no one can let their guard down with H5N1."

submitted by Nik Grimsby/Judy Grimsby

More elections at the September meeting!

Please read the following candidate statements and come ready to vote. Nik Grimsby and Kathryn Stewart are running for the office of Jr. Farm Boss. KateLyn Sutherland is running for Outreach Coordinator.

Jr. Farm Boss Candidates' Statements

A New Beginning **By Nikolaus Grimsby**

99 Oak Creek Lane, in San Carlos has been the location of the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H farm since its creation way back when. Back then the only two species were lambs and steers. The old farm was a little round red hut in the middle of the farm, and an old wooden pigpen's across from metal sheep pens at the bottom. Across from the round red hut was a red wooden building, which served as a tool shed.

Today it looks very different. The red round hut, the tool shed and the pigpens are all gone now, replaced with two shipping containers and a wonderfully built metal pens for the pigs, and an exercise pen. The San Carlos 4-H farm has and always will be a second home for me. I have had so many fond memories there. From processing poultry, to raising my first large animal, this farm is home.

Now as our beloved farm enters a new beginning, or a renaissance if you would, I am prepared to serve it as the Junior Farm Boss. I personally believe that I can bring good ideas to the farm, and put the farms' needs before my own.

If I am given this great honor to serve my beloved farm, then I will be there at every clean up, visit with other animal spaces, and go to other club's farms to see what they do there so I can do my job better at our farm. I would not take no for an answer, I would not just sit behind a table and just report the usual news. I will do this job, well, with a great attitude, with dignity, and with hope that after I am gone that the San Carlos Farm lives on with the respect it deserves.

New ideas for the farm are as follows: Have workdays, where we all get to gather to clean and repair the farm. Another would be a farm picnic were the club, and not just those who have animals, but everyone can come to gather and socialize. We would have a BBQ, and games. This is not replacing the end of the year BBQ, but just another club event. And I would like to bring back the farm sleep over where the 4-H'ers who have market animals or dairy can come and sleep at the farm. There would be pizza for dinner, and the famous night hike.

As I said, our farm is going through a change and we need someone who has experience at the farm to lead it into the future, and I believe that person now can bring this farm forward and make it not just a place for animals, but a place for fellowship, and a home for every member, and not just those who raise animals but every single member, is me.

Hello my name is Nikolaus Grimsby and I want to be your next junior farm boss for 2011-2012.

Hi! My name is Kathryn Stewart, I am 13 years old and I'm running for Jr. Farm boss; this is my 3rd year in 4H. I would be a good Jr. Farm boss because last year I helped a lot at the farm during the remodeling session. I will be able to update the club at the general meetings about what is happening at the farm and what is coming up. I will also be involved in the farm council meetings. I've had an animal at the farm and I know what commitment it takes to have this job and maintain the farm.

Outreach Coordinators' Statement

My name is Kate Lyn Sutherland I am 16 years old, I have been in the San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H club for seven years and this year I will be running for Outreach Coordinator officer. For over the past seven years have been in a wide range of projects like hobby crafts, cooking, chickens, lambs, wildflower hiking, and more. I would be honored to be your Outreach officer because I love 4-H and I love helping our club be more involved in county, sectional, and state level events. As a National 4-H Conference Delegate, a member of the State Leadership Conference Logistics Committee, and as a 2011-2012 State Ambassador, I have seen how 4-H works on the club, county, sectional, state, and national levels and I am more than willing to bring all that information back to the club to help it thrive. I am also more than willing to happily go to all the county council meeting, and north central section meetings. As your club secretary for the past two years and a Jr/teen leader for the past 4 years, I understand the great responsibility of being a leader and I am willing to use all I have learned to represent our club and to provide all of you the opportunity to be more involved in your club, community, country, and world. Thank you. Please vote for Kate Lyn Sutherland as your 2011-2012 Outreach Coordinator Officer!



COUNTY CALENDAR EVENTS

Online Record Book went live on September 1, 2011

County Record Book Judging - Record Books due September 6, 2011

Directory Artwork Submissions due September 30, 2011

Directory Pages due October 14, 2011

SEPTEMBER

20 Highlights submissions due, wrotchstein@ucdavis.edu
23-25 WHY Conference, Camp Masonite Navarro in Navarro, CA
24 Fog Fest, Pacifica 4-H
24 Worldwide Play Day, pro-social.nick.com/world-wide-day-of-play/
26 County Council meeting, 7:00 pm, Fox School in Belmont
27 Animal Science/Animal Project Meeting - 6:00 pm, Fox School in Belmont
30 State Record Book Judging applications due, Judge's applications due, State 4-H office
30 Golden Clover nominations and applications due to the State 4-H office
30 Captain Planet Foundation grant applications due,
<http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply>
30 San Mateo County Directory art submissions due in the County 4-H office

OCTOBER

2-8 National 4-H Week
5 National Youth Science Day
5 Presidential Award of Excellence in Math, Science & Engineering mentor award nominations due
TBA Award & Enrollment Social
14 Directory Pages due to the county office
14-15 Grand Nationals
15 California 4-H \$1000 for 1000 Service Learning projects
15 Doggy Fun Day, First Lutheran Church, 350 Dolores Way, SSF, 1 - 3 pm
21-22 Grand Nationals
20 San Francisco Farm Day
20 Lights on After School, www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm
21 Record Books due in the county office for State Judging
28 Build A Bear Workshop grant applications due,
<http://www.buildabear.com/shopping/contents/content.jsp?catId=400002&id=700010>
30 National 4-H Conference applications due,
<http://www.ca4h.org/Programs/Conferences/N4-HC/>
31 Home Depot grant application due, <http://bit.ly/elis5T>

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Next newsletter deadline: Wednesday, October 11, 2011

Email newsletter articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas at straycatgt@comcast.net - thanks.