

# San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H

**ISSUE ONE**  
**September 2009**

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**Next General Meeting:**  
**Sept. 15 at 7 pm,**  
**Clifford School**

## President's Message

Dear 4-Hers,

Welcome back to 4-H. I hope you are all excited about our new 4-H year! My name is Jeff Wilfong and I will be serving as your San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H Club President. I am very excited to get to work.

This year our officer positions are filled with some great and motivated people:

Rebecca Lewit—Vice President  
Kate Lyn Sutherland—Secretary  
Tristan Knoth—Treasurer  
Kathleen Marsters—Corresponding Secretary  
Victorina Jeffers—Membership  
Danielle Grimsby—Junior Farm Boss  
Andrew Bowler—Sergeant at Arms

**This month's  
theme:  
Welcome  
newcomers &  
wear green!**

We will all work towards our goals of making our general meetings run smoothly and enjoyably. This year we would like to expand the San Carlos club presence at the county level with a new county event hosted by our club and we would like to participate more at other county events.

We have some fun events planned for our September meeting. The theme this month will be "Welcome New 4-Hers and Wear Green/4-H Clothing!" We will hear reports from fair as well as summer, and 4-Hers can present their favorite fair award. Everyone get ready to welcome new members, scope out new projects, and have an amazing time!

~Jeff Wilfong, President

## UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>September General Meeting</b>
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Fall Farm Clean-up</b>
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Jr/Teen Leaders Meeting</b>
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Returning Parents Meeting</b>
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>New Parents Meeting</b>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Project Leaders Meeting</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>		<b>Tri-tip Dinner with Lions' Club</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>October General Meeting and Project Fair</b>

### Club Officers

President: Jeff Wilfong

Vice President: Rebecca Lewit

Corresponding Secretary:  
Kathleen Marsters

Secretary: Kate Lyn Sutherland

Treasurer: Tristan Knoth

Sergeant-at-Arms: Andrew  
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Membership: Victorina Jeffers

Jr Farm Boss: Danielle  
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## 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.

## Fall Farm Clean-Up

**Sat., Sept. 26, 9 am - noon**

All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in our fall farm clean-up. We have many jobs to do, and the farm needs everyone, including parents! **This is a mandatory event for every member who was involved in a farm project last year or who plans to have an animal on the farm this year.** It is also a fun club event, which you may enter in your record book as "attended event." Hot chocolate, coffee, juice, doughnuts, and other goodies will be provided.



## It's Time to Register Again

Returning youth members and adult leaders can re-register for 4-H at the Returning Parents meeting. Fees for youth members will be \$45, 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 June barbeque). You can learn more about our budget at the October general meeting when the club members approve the budget for the coming year.

## Returning Parents Meeting

**Tues., Oct. 6, 7-9 pm  
Clifford Library**

Welcome back to another great 4-H year! 4-H can't 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. 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

**Wed., Oct. 7, 7-9 pm  
Clifford Library**

Do you know 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 15, and invite the parents to attend the new parents information meeting. 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 2009-10 year. If you would like to lead or co-lead a project for this year, please contact Julie Wong at 853-1305 or [girlfig2u@yahoo.com](mailto:girlfig2u@yahoo.com).

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 20**. It looks like it's going to be a 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 5**, at the Knoth 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 17**. 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. —*Kathleen Marsters*

## **Backyard Chickens Class**

The San Carlos Eaton Hills 4-H club is offering our first course through the San Carlos Park and Recreation Department! On **October 24** from 2-4 pm, we will teach members of the public "How To Raise Chickens Right". This is a great community service opportunity for our club and a chance for many members to earn much-needed presentation/ communication credits for your record books. If you have not already signed up to help and want to, please contact Maeve and Bruce at 654-4975. We need adults and members for this program.

## **Raising an Animal This Year?**

Save the date! There will be a mandatory farm families meeting on Tuesday, **December 1** at 7 pm at the Clifford School Library. Look for additional information in future newsletters.

**Tues, Dec. 1,  
7 pm  
Clifford Library**

# **San Carlos-Eaton Hills 4-H Makes Strong Showing at the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual San Mateo County Fair**

For nine action-packed days in August, San Carlos 4-Hers proudly showed off their pigs, lambs, goats, chickens, turkeys, and rabbits, plus a wide array of food and crafts at the San Mateo County Fair. The livestock barn and exhibit hall received a steady stream of visitors who were educated and entertained by all the exhibits. As a parent of a first-time 4-H livestock exhibitor, the experience was truly like drinking from the proverbial fire hose. All large animals had to be fed twice a day, pens had to be cleaned daily, barn swept clean, plus other chores as needed. Small animal exhibitors were just as busy. The activity level in the barn was at full-tilt the entire time. Prior to the showmanship classes, animals and poultry were bathed, sheared, fluffed, combed, and primed for their big showing in the arena before the judges. I was impressed at how well all of our kids and those from the neighboring 4-H clubs handled their animals and put their best foot forward.

All the intangible benefits of participating in 4-H were in evidence: leadership skills, responsibility, service to the community, improved self-esteem and confidence, and, of course, fun. Each 4-H club in the county held a potluck dinner each night where new friendships were forged among kids and parents. My daughter Kelsey, like all teens I know, can easily sleep until noon in the summer. But her commitment to her lamb, Charlie, got her out of bed at 5:15 am to make it to the Expo for morning feeding at 6 am. Kids may be hard-pressed to pick up a broom at home, but I witnessed an abundance of broom-pushing at the fair. Miracles do happen!

As expected, on the last day of the fair it was sad saying good-bye to the animals. Moist eyes were plentiful (including mine), but it just shows we are human. I told Kelsey to remember how much tender loving care Charlie received from her during his life and in return, he taught her patience, persistence, responsibility, and commitment. She may have taught him the rudiments of showmanship, but they both ended up being teacher and student.

Driving away in the car, Kelsey said, "OK, next year I want to raise a pig, a lamb, two chickens, two turkeys, and I want to help Half Moon Bay raise the steer for Pen Pride. Can we raise the chickens in our backyard? What about the lamb?" The circle begins again. —*Laura Deck*

## **San Carlos-Eaton Hills Hall of Fame**

Here is a list of the members who won awards and deserve a big round of applause for all their efforts:

Emma Martino:	Turkey Class Champion
Justin Weaver:	Reserve Grand Champion meat chickens
Rebecca Lewit:	Reserve Class Champion market tom turkeys Class Champion market chickens 8lb and over 4 <sup>th</sup> place market lamb showmanship 3 <sup>rd</sup> place pie contest

DJ Lucas: 1<sup>st</sup> place die-cast model car (miscellaneous projects)  
3<sup>rd</sup> place color photography

Elyssa Lucas: Primary ribbon, wooden cheese block pencil holder  
2<sup>nd</sup> place, potted plants

Anya Knoth: 7<sup>th</sup> place novice poultry showmanship, 3<sup>rd</sup> place market class  
9<sup>th</sup> place novice market lamb showmanship, 5<sup>th</sup> place market class  
3<sup>rd</sup> place photograph

Tristan Knoth: Best female in class for his chicken “Snowball”  
3<sup>rd</sup> in class for meat pen chickens

Laurel Nelson: 1<sup>st</sup> place feeder lamb & 12<sup>th</sup> place novice showmanship Avian Bowl 2<sup>nd</sup> place junior team  
Livestock educational exhibit (Babydoll miniature sheep) - Best in Show  
1<sup>st</sup> place photography (special effects)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place (birds)  
Sewing: 1<sup>st</sup> place shirt and 1<sup>st</sup> place vest  
1<sup>st</sup> place electricity project

Claire Woodell: 2<sup>nd</sup> place novice class chicken showmanship, invited to junior showmanship and got 1st place

Leo Rossi: 1<sup>st</sup> place, knitted gnome

Madison Mills: 3<sup>rd</sup> place novice poultry showmanship

Kelsey Hutcherson: 3<sup>rd</sup> place market lamb novice showmanship and class champion

Nikolaus Grimsby: 1<sup>st</sup> place show poultry (Cochin hen)  
Market poultry: Class champion meat chickens, DQ for broken wing  
Market goat: Class Champion, Grand Champion  
1<sup>st</sup> place senior goat showmanship  
Master large animal showmanship: Kim Arnold award

Danielle Grimsby: 1<sup>st</sup> place duck, show poultry  
Market poultry Reserve Class Champion turkey  
4<sup>th</sup> place in class, market lamb  
2<sup>nd</sup> place senior lamb showmanship  
3<sup>rd</sup> place Master large animal showmanship, reserve water fowl

Nicole Nielsen: Reserve Grand Champion ewe  
Best waterfowl  
Best of Show - educational display

1<sup>st</sup> place sewn garment – robe  
 1<sup>st</sup> place model post office  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place container garden

Christopher Nielsen: 1st place, best female goose  
 Primary ribbon, Lego Star Wars ship  
 Primary ribbon, sewn ski hat  
 Primary ribbon, pumpkin pillow  
 2<sup>nd</sup> place, container garden

Elise Wacha: Wooden cheese block pencil holder - received a special award  
 God's eye - received a special award

Joanne Taylor: Best in Show for decorated sugar cookies

## Fair Cake Booth Update

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and worked selling cakes at the cake booth at the fair this year, and a big thanks to all the bakers. We had some awesome cakes to sell and we had a record day for sales and brought in close to \$1800 for the day, which is a new record for the cake booth. Also, a very special thank you to Kathy Fulton who baked and baked and baked and baked some more. —*Heather Sutherland*

## Member Reports

### Showing My Lamb

This past August at the San Mateo County Fair I showed my Olde English Babydoll Southdown Miniature Lamb named Sheryl. My friend Laurel Nelson showed Shaun. They did what every other lamb did, even though they were much smaller and wouldn't move in showmanship.



Sheryl won Reserve Grand Champion Ewe and got a rosette and a chair. Shaun won Best Feeder and received a blue ribbon and a “Not Market Ready” ribbon. I am glad that I was able to bring the lambs home and I want to show Sheryl again and again.  
 —*Nicole Nielsen*



## **Cake Booth**

Hi, my name is Lucas Zalesny. I worked at the cake booth this year at the county fair. I had lots of fun! We sold cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and drinks. A few types of cakes we sold were chocolate, strawberry, and funfetti. It was fun chatting with the customers and other 4-Hers. We even had a customer sing a bit of opera notes for her cake. I recommend volunteering for this event next time the fair is here! —*Lucas Zalesny*

## **Cake Booth and Pen Pride at the Fair**

This year I worked at the pen pride booth at the fair helping to sell tickets. It was fun as always but more so this year for me. I actually won one of the prizes because my guess was within 5 pounds of the actual weight of the steer. I'm going to the Winchester Mystery House.

I also helped in the cake booth serving slices of cake, lemonade, water, and coffee. It was a really busy day so we were serving and selling lots of cake. It was fun and tiring. —*Sarah Sutherland*

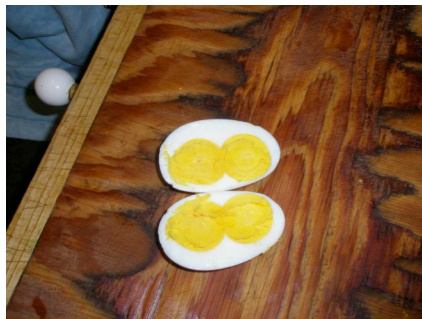
## **My Jr. Fair Board Experience**

This spring I decided to apply for the San Mateo County Fair Jr. Fair Board. I had to be going in to or already be in high school to fill out an application and have over a 2.0 grade point average. My application was accepted and I became a jr. fair board member representing our club. Being on the board meant having to be at the fair almost every day, and getting to be in the Redwood City 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade representing the fair. We also got to plan games and dances and ice cream socials for the jr. ambassadors during fair time.

Being on the jr. fair board was a lot fun and I made lots of great friends! I suggest that everyone who is eligible apply to be on jr. board! It is so much fun and is great for any one who wants to learn more about fair life whether you have an animal or not. —*Kate Lyn Sutherland*

## **The Double Yolker**

This mysterious egg was found in the Nielsen's chicken coop in August 2009 in San Carlos. It made for a good deviled egg. You can see Youtube footage of the cutting of the egg as well; the movie is called "The Double Yolker". —*Nicole Nielsen*



## **Adult Volunteer of the Month: Eric Grimsby**

I recently interviewed Eric Grimsby to find out more about his involvement in 4-H. Here is what I learned!

### **How long have you volunteered for 4-H?**

For 7 or 8 years now.

### **What types of projects and volunteer work have you done?**

I was the electricity project leader for one year, the automotive project leader for one year, I was the farm boss, poultry leader for a couple of years, and I helped out with the steer project when Danielle had her steer.

### **Were you involved in 4-H as a boy?**

No I was not. I was in Boy Scouts.

### **How did you become interested in 4-H?**

I became interested through Judy, because she did it when she was a kid and through Nikolaus and Danielle. I was not exposed to 4-H as a kid because I was in Boy Scouts.

### **Do you enjoy it?**

Yes, I do.

### **What are some of your most memorable experiences?**

One time, when I was the poultry leader, we went to poultry processing at the Junior College in Manteca. The dads got to work in the first part of the processing line where you dunk the chickens that come in, in water and then you de-feather them and cut the heads off and then hang them up. This was a really great and fun experience. Also, the Fair of '06 was great because I could take time off work and be at the fair for a good amount of the time. Also, in general, being involved in the farm and trying to make it a better place for the club has been memorable to me. —*Kelsey Hutcherson*

## **Want to Find Out About 4-H at the County Level?**

You can subscribe to *Highlights*, the San Mateo County 4-H monthly online newsletter. To do this:

1. Go to [www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.cesanmateo.ucdavis.edu/)
2. Click on "4-H Youth Development Program".
3. In the little purple box, click on "4-H Highlights".
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## **Next newsletter deadline: October 13**

Email articles to Shelle McGee-Lucas: [straycatgt@comcast.net](mailto:straycatgt@comcast.net)