

# Santa Rosa 4-H Newsletter

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Well, this 4-H year has been a great one so far. I hope that now in 2002 our year will be great, if not better. The monthly calendars will tell you when and what time 4-H events occur. Lastly, Mrs. Kraus thought it would be fun to hide a trivia question somewhere in each newsletter. Be the first person to tell Mrs. Kraus the answer at the next meeting, and you get a prize! This month we will be featuring Caitlyn Miller, Chris Everett, Tyler Gilliam and Alexa Shaw. Hope you had a wonderful happy new year. - Newsletter Editors

## **INTRODUCING...**

Hi, my name is Caitlyn Miller. I am 10 years old and have been in 4-H for 4 years. I have been in the projects of herding, horse, and sheep. My hobby is horseback riding.

Hey, I am Chris Everett. I am 9 years old. I have been in 4-H for 2 years. I have been in 5 projects. They are rocketry, sheep herding, horse, dog obedience, and sheep. I have 3 hobbies, including snowboarding, soccer, and horseback riding.

Hello, my name is Tyler Gilliam. I am 13 years old and having fun in my first year in 4-H. Projects that I want to take are

farm equipment and pocket pets. My hobby is racing RC cars.

Hi, my name is Alexa Shaw. I am 10 years old and have been in 4-H for 3 years. I have attended the photography, scrapbooking, and dog projects. My hobbies are acting, soccer, scrapbooking, and tennis.

## **A LITTLE 4-H HISTORY**

A man by the name of Otwell, Farm Institute President, had been active in the Macoupin County Farmers from its beginning in 1898. He found that few farmers seemed interested in attending meetings. Consequently, he decided to ignore parents and concentrate on young farm people. Otwell offered a one-dollar premium for the best yield of corn produced from midwestern seed he had collected. The response was considerable; 500 young boys requested seed corn for the contest. By 1901 Otwell's annual corn growing contest had attracted 1,500 boys. Soon equipment manufacturers offered premiums of plows, cultivators and farming mills to contest winners. Given the responsibility of creating an exhibit for Illinois at the 104 St. Louis exposition, Otwell expanded the contest to include 50,000 entrants. Newspapers from around the country carried stories of the pyramid of corn from Illinois. Boy's

came from all over to enter into the contest. By 1907 the principal ingredients of 4-H had been tested. It had been shown how well young people could respond to an organized club that introduced them to agricultural science and technology. Otwell's corn contest with their one-dollar premiums and equipment prizes demonstrated the value of incentives to encourage young people to compete.

### **OUR LEADERS**

#### **Community Leaders:**

Missy Stayton	491-2608
Donna Kraus	491-0121

Arts & Crafts	Becky Rockey	529-0113
Beef	Joe Long	921-0908
Comm. Pride	Nina Clark	491-0908
Dog	Walt Hanlon	523-2734
Horse	Carol Gibbons	491-3135
Horse	Sharyn Henry	241-4492
Farm Equipment	Joe Stayton	491-2608
Lamb	Darlene Johnston	388-0493
Photography	Bob Kraus	491-0121
Rabbits	Karen Naylor	987-7262
Pygmy Goat	Cheri Behringer	523-8217
Scrapbooking	Donna Kraus	491-0121
Swine	Scott Toland	490-0091
Horseless	Lisa Everett	491-3693

### **NEWS FLASH!!!**

In your most recent clover lines there was an article describing various workshops that will be going on at Camarillo Heights Elementary School on Sat. February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8am-3pm, such as:

1. Livestock quality assurance / ethics, which would be beneficial to anyone taking an animal to fair, even equine

2. Club officer training which would be beneficial to anyone on the board.
3. Record books, this is your chance to ask the professionals all about record book keeping.

I encourage you to go. Anyone who attends this workshop for the whole day, a make-up will go towards your 80% attendance either to a project meeting missed or a club meeting, wherever you need the 80%.