Wow! News & Views has received quite a few articles from SLO Co. 4-H Community Pride project members and leaders. There is obviously a lot of pride in our communities out there, so take a moment and read all about it.

Suzy Evangelista, Templeton 4-H Community Pride Project Leader writes, “Templeton 4-H took it upon themselves to walk both sides of Main Street, Templeton to pick up trash. This took place Saturday, February 4th. Everyone had a great time. We collected 11 bags of trash and one broken metal chair. Templeton 4-H, (Comm. Pride 4-H members pictured above left), will be out again on Main Street keeping Templeton streets clean.

Maria Saucedo, Nipomo Foothill 4-H, sent in this picture at the lower right. Maria said, “It would be awesome for my kids to see their pic in News & Views.” The Nipomo Foothill 4-H were the judges favorite during the 2005 Grover Beach Holiday Parade. It looks like they have a lot of pride in participating in community events.

Jeremy Morring, Estrella 4-H Comm. Service Teen Leader was very excited and wrote, “Well folks, it’s official! Estrella 4-H Community Service Project group has adopted the Vineyard Hills Health Center as it’s “target” for their “Operation Cookies and Cards.” Project Leader, Pam Morring, met with Activities Director, Judy Gaines, at the Center on Valentine’s Day, February 14th and set up a schedule of dates that our club will be furnishing treats for the residents who live there. Continued on page 3.

Mid-State Fair Feedback Wanted!

The SLO Co. 4-H Management Board Mid-State Fair Livestock Committee is asking for feedback from any exhibitor, project leader, parent, or club leader on a couple of issues. However, for your information, the Mid-State Fair Livestock Committee decided that blocking chutes are back in place at the ratio of 1 chute per 3 Beef animals. Also, the Mid-State Fair Livestock Committee has passed a new rule that ALL swine must be clipped before arriving on the fairgrounds. No clipping of any kind will be allowed on the swine once they are on the fairgrounds.

First, feedback is requested: Do you want to see the Mid-State Fair ultrasound the Replacement? Continued on page 4.
New State 4-H Field Day will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2006 at UC Davis! Bring the family for this fun day filled with presentations, horticulture, judging, fashion, food, and fun! 2006 State 4-H Presentation Day will be a part of the NEW State 4-H Field Day. Registration is being conducted online at: http://ca4h.org/wrp/spd/. State 4-H Presentation Day participants must earn a gold medal at a sectional or regional competition to be eligible. 4-H members who "Speak Out for Military Kids" will be presented a special award on behalf of the U.S. military (for more information, click http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/SOMK.pdf). State 4-H Presentation registration deadline is May 22, 2006. State 4-H Fashion Revue will also be a part of the NEW State 4-H Field Day. The contest is open to one county winner or alternate in each age division in each category, to be determined at county level. Primary members are not eligible to enter. State 4-H Fashion Revue registrations due May 13, 2006. For information, contact: Jane Durston at shelba@prodigy.net or Lil Draxler at (559) 583-7111 or moolu@wcwinc.net; or visit the web at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/

California Mid-State Fair offers 4-H & FFA livestock project scholarships. There will be six (6) $250.00 scholarships awarded in the 4-H division. Applications can be obtained from the Paso Robles Event Center office at 2198 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles or by emailing—mail@midstatefair.com. For more info contact Joe Brengle, 239-0655.

No computer? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943, for assistance.

Poultry Showmanship Workshop

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Santa Margarita Park, Santa Margarita

9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

This workshop is an Emerald Star project for Johnathan Bullock, Edna 4-H, and Amanda Clark, Santa Margarita 4-H. Come learn about showmanship, cleaning your bird before a show, and other poultry information. To RSVP and/or if you have a question call Johnathan Bullock, 544-5022 or Amanda Clark, 466-7214.

Everyone is welcome!
Community Pride

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We will be taking our treats to the Center all year long and celebrating with the fine men and women who live there. Our plans include our annual Halloween Carnival, our famous Holiday Door Decorating team, and a caroling trip to finish the year!

Vineyard Hills Health Center, in Templeton, provides hope for nearly 100 residents and they provide therapy for many more on a temporary basis. These wonderful men and women have given to, and worked very hard for, their families and society. Most of them have no one to visit them or spend time with them anymore, and need to know that people still care about them. We of Estrella 4-H feel very lucky to be able to provide all that we can for them.”

Loretta Mazzo, Templeton 4-H (Proud) Community Club Leader, wrote, “Several of our 4-Hers and myself have decided to start a project for Locks of Love. One of our members, Kasey Urman decided to jump right in and be the first to send off a 10” ponytail to Locks of Love. A brave thing to do for a 14 year old girl. As you know our 4-H club is very much into Community Service, and many of our girls are excited about this new project. We are going for a 14 month growing plan and will probably have a ponytail cutting event next year.”

Kasey Urman, Templeton 4-H, followed up to say, “I first heard about Locks of Love through my 4-H Community Leader, Loretta Mazzo. She inspired me to cut my hair by telling me a story about when she was a little girl. She had a disease and her treatment caused her to lose all her hair. Her wig never stayed on right and slipped around and fell off sometimes. She was only five years old. They wouldn’t let her go to school because it scared all the other kids. Today, Locks of Love makes the hair that people donate into wigs. Then a child picks out the hair they want, and gets it cut however they want. They treat it just like real hair. They can play sports and even go swimming with their wig on. I believe that donating my hair was a good thing to do. My hair is already starting to grow out again and it’s nice to have a different hair cut. It is a little hard to get used to having short hair, but it’s a lot easier to do my hair now. I would definitely recommend others to donate their hair. It makes you feel good that you did something to help another child.” (Sounds like there is a mutual admiration.)

Wednesday, February 22nd the American Legion held their annual Valentines dinner for the members and the wives of the American Legion Post 220. Templeton 4-H Community Pride group is always eager to attend all the American Legion dinners to help serve dinner and clean up the hall after these special event dinners. Pictured below are some of the members of Templeton 4-H Community Pride Project Group, who participated at the Valentine’s Dinner.

Kasey Urman and her Lock of Love.

MORE CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to Amanda Clark and Travis Emerson of Santa Margarita 4-H! These two active members were elected in January to be officers for the South Sectional Teen Council. Pictured below is Amanda Clark, South Sectional Teen Council Secretary (left) and Travis Emerson, South Sectional Teen Council Treasurer (right).

Oops! Allison Bryce of Los Osos 4-H, was missed in the February 2006 News & Views County Presentation Day results! Allison is a Primary Member, who presented at County 4-H Presentation Day, and her speech was titled, “Pumpkin Faces.”
Primary Member Workshop

Saturday, April 29, 2006
UCCE Auditorium
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Cost: $5.00

A workshop for Primary Members (5 through 8 years of age) is being offered by the SLO Co. 4-H Youth Ambassadors on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon at the UCCE Auditorium, 2156 Sierra Way, San Luis Obispo.

4-H Primary Members will have an opportunity to create crafts that they can enter at this year’s SLO Co. 4-H Field Day and/or either the Santa Barbara County Fair or the Mid-State Fair. Activities will include painting a birdhouse, leather crafts, and making a key chain.

Please put this date on your calendar now. It promises to be a great day, full of fun, learning and meeting new people.

Snacks will be provided, however, there will be a $5.00 fee to offset materials costs. For more information, please call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.

Please RSVP by April 21, 2006.

Fair Feedback Wanted

Continued from page 1. Heifers for their pregnancy check instead of the current practice of the Vet doing the pregnancy check?

Second, request for feedback, at the Junior Livestock Auction it has been suggested that all swine sell first - using two rings, odd and even numbered swine. All even numbered swine in one ring - all odd numbered swine in the other. (Example: swine no 2, 4, 6, 8 in ring #1 and swine no. 1, 3, 5, 7 in ring #2)

Please contact any one or all of the SLO Co. 4-H Mgt. Board Fair Livestock Comm. before April 27, 2006 with your comments and/or concerns: JoAnn Overbey, 528–8232 or Foglady1@charter.net; Carla Borchard, 772-1310 or carlasckit@aol.com; Ken Dewar, 489-4284 or ken@jbdewar.com; Shawn Callaway, 440-0491 or pacwesttre@aol.com; Maria Saucedo, 474-9275 or mrs214@earthlink.net. FYI: SLO Co. 4-H M-S Fair Livestock Comm. carries only 1 vote on the M-S Fair Livestock Comm.
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY 4-H

FOOD & ARTS
CELEBRATION
FASHION REVUE

“Sweet Treats that are Good to Eat”

May 6, 2006
Laguna Middle School
11050 Los Osos Valley Road
San Luis Obispo
8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars!

Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue is an opportunity for 4-H members to show what they have learned in their projects in the Home Economics area. You will not want to miss seeing 4-H members displaying their creations representing the following projects:

FOOD & NUTRITION
FOOD PRESERVATION
CAKE DECORATING
CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS
QUILTING
PHOTOGRAPHY
CLOTHING & TEXTILES
FASHION REVUE

This one-day event will feature judging for the above project related items. In addition, participants will experience a variety of Food & Arts activities!

PRIMARY MEMBER
ENTRY UPDATE

Oops, this got by us! In the Food & Arts Information packet, in the “CATEGORIES TO BE ENTERED” section on the first page it should have read: “Primary members, at least 5 years of age or in Kindergarten and not older than 8 years old as of 01/01/06, may enter and attend this event.” “PARENTS” section should have included: “However, ALL Primary Member participants MUST have a parent/guardian escort throughout the entire event, including activities.”

An update follow-up letter will be sent to Community Club Leaders and Project Leaders.

Check with Club Leaders/Project Leaders for entry packets first. But, if you need more, contact the 4-H Office, 781-5943 or jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us. Entry forms can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please call Jayne Kaney, Food & Arts Chairperson at 543-6537 or Carla Bordard, Food & Arts Chairperson at 772-1310. Fashion Revue questions can be directed to Jani Kasfeldt at 475-2231.

SLO Co. 4-H All Star!

How about You?

The All Star rank is the highest rank which a 4-H member may attain at the count level. Being an All Star provides an opportunity for high school members to receive recognition for outstanding service. The All Stars serve as ambassadors for the SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program; they represent 4-H at county, regional, and state activities; they coordinate certain county-wide activities; and they serve as positive role models for youth and adults.

To be eligible for the All Star rank, a 4-H member must:

☑ Be 14 years of age or older by January 1, 2006, but not 19 years of age prior to January 1, 2007
☑ Have participated in 4-H for three years or more
☑ Have attained a Gold Star rank by April 14, 2006
☑ Demonstrate leadership abilities, citizenship concern and maturity of judgment

Each candidate for the All Star rank will be required to submit an All Star application and participate in an individual and group interview. All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, call 781-5943 or email jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us.

Due: April 14, 2006—4-H Office
Horse Project News

We are happy to announce that Kelly Osumi, Horse Project Leader of Adobe Nipomo 4-H Club, and Kelly Work, Horse Project Leader of Estrella 4-H Club, have agreed to serve as Co-Resource Leaders on the Large Club, have agreed to serve as Co-Resource Leaders on the Large Animal Science Committee, representing the Horse Project, with Kelly Osumi the primary representative and contact.

We want to thank “both Kelly’s” for agreeing to take on this new role. It is a big job, and very much appreciated. Please feel free to call either Kelly Osumi at (805) 489-1112, or Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362 if you have any questions related to the Horse Project, activities or events.

4-H Horse Field Day

4-H Horse Field Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, 2006 at the Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande. If members of your club will be participating at Horse Field Day, please arrange for at least one adult volunteer to help out that day. As you can imagine, there are many, many details and tasks. Please don’t wait to be asked, call Kelly Osumi and find out what you can do. Her number is 489-1112. Your help will not only make the event run more smoothly, it will be a fun way to get involved, and be much appreciated as well!

A ward sponsors are also needed. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a sponsor of Horse Field Day, please call Kelly.

Lastly, please take a moment to review eligibility requirements for Horse Field Day outlined in the “Reminder” at the end of this article.

Horse Level Tests (Written and Mounted)

Horse Level Tests, both written and mounted, have been re-scheduled! (Yeah!) As you know, the Level Testing Program adopted by San Luis Obispo County is from the Certified Horsemanship Association’s Certified Horsemanship Manual, Levels 1-4. All test questions and answers are taken from this manual and will be the final authority.

Written Horse Level Tests will be offered on two dates: Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 1:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 6 p.m., at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo (You do not need to attend both dates, only the date which is most convenient for you.) Please allow two hours for completion of the test and results. All levels will be offered. Study guides for each level are available on the San Luis Obispo County website http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo and at the 4-H Office. If you wish, you may purchase the Certified Horsemanship Manual from the CHA by calling 1-800-399-0138, or through the 4-H Mall/Catalog website, http://www.4-hmall.org.

Register to take the written level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5950, or via email at chansen@co.slo.ca.us. Be prepared to provide the following information: name, club, phone number, testing date, and level of test you will be taking (i.e., 1, 2, 3, or 4). Lastly, please take a moment to review eligibility requirements for Mounted Horse Level Tests outlined in the “Reminder” at the end of this article.

Mounted Horse Level Tests will be offered on Sunday, May 28, 2006 at Jones Ranch in Morro Bay. Morgan Dewar, member of Huasna Valley 4-H Club, is organizing this event as her Emerald Star project. Her advisor is Kelly Osumi, Horse Project Resource Leader. We want to thank Morgan for taking on this important event, and are confident she will receive a lot of support from horse project leaders & members.

To be eligible to participate in mounted horse level testing, each member must have successfully passed the corresponding written level test. (Please take a moment to review complete eligibility requirements for Horse Level Tests outlined in the “Reminder” at the end of this article.) Mounted tests must be performed on the member’s project horse, and the member must provide a copy of his/her Horse Lease Agreement and, if requested, proof of ownership. Look to future News & Views for more details and registration information.

Reminder to Horse Project Leaders and Members!! In order for members to participate in SLO Co. 4-H Horse Field Day or Level Testing, each member must have successfully passed the Entry Level Test and have on file at the 4-H office an Entry Level Test Certification completed by the Horse Project Leader, as well as a member-signed Horse Policy Guide Acknowledgement. In addition, if a horse is leased, an approved Horse Lease Agreement must be on file at the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Office.

Lastly, please take a moment to review eligibility requirements for Horse Level Tests outlined in the “Reminder” at the end of this article.
You too can learn about the **POWER** of the 4-Heroes of 4-H, but... Do you have the head, heart, hands and health to be a 4-Hero every day? To be a 4-Hero to your family? Your Community? Come to the 2006 Youth Leadership Camp and be transformed into the 4-Hero that is inside of you and just waiting to break out!

### Primary Member Still Exhibit
This year all still exhibits completed by a Primary Member, (5 years of age or in Kindergarten to 8 years of age before 01/01/06), will have their own display area. Also, the SLO Co. 4-H All Stars are going to have activities planned for the Primary Members.

### Large Animal Level Testing
Joanne Cummings, Large Animal Science Key Leader, is organizing level testing to be conducted at Field Day. Only those 4-H members who participate in a Large Animal Science division at Field Day may take the level test. *(i.e. Show a sheep, you may take the sheep level test. Level test does not affect showmanship.)*

### New Still Exhibit Divisions
The Field Day Event Committee is so excited to be including: Scrapbooking, Small Animal Science Informational Poster Contest, and Science. There will be healthy meals and snacks. Lots of new friends to make—all packed into one SUPER 4-HERO weekend!

### “THE 4-HEROES OF 4-H”
2006 Youth Leadership Camp
May 12—14, 2006
Rancho El Chorro
San Luis Obispo

Registration packets for the 2006 Youth Leadership Camp have been mailed to your Community Club Leaders, see them first.

- **Campers registration fee is $75.00.** (4-H members, 9-13 year olds before 01/01/06)
- **Counselor registration fee is $50.00.** (Senior 4-H members, 15-19 year olds before 01/01/06)

Check In is on Friday, May 12th between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Check Out is between 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. If your club is out of registration packets, please contact the 4-H Office, 781-5943 or jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us, to have a registration packet mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, you may contact the 4-H Office or call Maria Saucedo, Youth Leadership Camp Chair at 748-1015.

### Chicken-Q
Reminder that this BBQ is the main fundraiser for the SLO Co. 4-H Program. Your club’s participation in this fundraiser is what makes it possible for SLO County 4-H to be active and thriving. Chicken-Q tickets have been mailed to Community Club Leaders. Cost: $7.00 per ticket. Chicken –Q is from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Field Day. Want more tickets? Call the 4-H Office, 781-5943

### Silent Auction
Ken Dewar, Fundraising Director, of the SLO Co. 4-H Management Board, wants YOU to be a member of the Silent Auction Committee for 4-H Field Day! For more information about what you can do for the Silent Auction, call Ken at 543-0180 or 441-0531, or the 4-H Office, 781-5943. **Volunteer today!**

SLO County 4-H Clubs are being asked to provide at least one basket and one adult volunteer to help out for the 2006 Silent Auction. With your club’s generosity and support, the 2006 Silent Auction is bound to be an even bigger success this year.
SLO Co. 4-H Program Calendar

**APRIL 2006**

8  Cerro Alto 4-H Youth Rabbit Show, Mid-State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles
8  South Section Leaders Council Meeting, Mt. Sac
14  DUE: SLO Co. 4-H All Star applications, Youth Leadership Camp “Counselor” registrations and Youth Leadership Camp Scholarship applications, 4-H Office
19  SLO Co. 4-H Management Board & Program Development Board Joint Meeting
20-22  You See Davis Days, UC Davis
21  DUE: Registration for Primary Member Workshop, 4-H Office
23  Canyon Country 4-H Dog Show, Santa Rosa Park, San Luis Obispo
25  DUE: Entries - Food & Arts/Fashion Revue

**MAY 2006**

6  Work Saturday for SB Co. 4-H Exhibit Day, Nojoqui Falls, Solvang
6  SLO Co. 4-H Food & Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue, Laguna Middle School
11-14  Salinas Valley Fair, King City
12-14  SLO Co. 4-H Youth Leadership Camp, El Rancho El Chorro, San Luis Obispo
13  Santa Barbara Co. 4-H Exhibit Day, Nojoqui Falls, Solvang
19  DUE: Entries 2006 SLO Co. 4-H Field Day

28  DUE: Youth Leadership Camp “Camper” registrations, 4-H Office
29  SLO Co. 4-H Primary Member Workshop, UCCE Auditorium
29  Poultry Showmanship Workshop, Santa Margarita Park, Santa Margarita
30  DUE: 4-H Statewide Scholarship Apps.