April 4-H Events “Shower” SLO County

Horse Project Events

Horse Level Tests

Written Level Tests will be offered on Monday, April 2, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo.

Mounted Level Tests will be offered on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande at 2161 Ferndale Road. For details on both written and mounted level tests, please see the March News & Views.

Registration/Questions: Register to take the written and/or mounted level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943, or via email at chansen@co.slo.ca.us. Be prepared to provide the following information: name, club, phone number, & test level (i.e., 1, 2, 3, or 4). (Continued on Page 3)

Canyon Country 4-H Club to Host 4-H Dog Show

Canyon Country 4-H will host a 4-H Dog Show at the annual Dog Days In The Park sponsored by SLODOG. The show will take place Sunday, April 15th at Santa Rosa Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. Entry fees will be $5.00 per class.

Classes offered will be Obedience: Sub-Novice Primary (5-8 yrs), Junior (9-12 yrs), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.), Senior (16-19 yrs), Novice, Grad-Novice and Open, Showmanship: Primary (5-8 yrs.) 1st Year Member, Junior (9-12 yrs.), Intermediate (13-15 yrs.) and Senior (16-19 yrs.). Entry forms will be mailed to all 4-H Dog project leaders. Pre-Entry is required and must be received by April 12th. Please contact Christy Friedmann, Canyon Country 4-H Dog Leader at 438-5851. (Continued on Page 3)

Cerro Alto Youth Rabbit Show

23rd Annual Youth Rabbit Show
Saturday, April 14, 2007
Mid-State Fairgrounds, Paso Robles

If you would like to see more kinds of rabbits than you ever knew existed, come to the Fairgrounds, Commercial Bldg. #2. The double show will start at 9AM and run most of the day. Contact Leslie Bryson at 466-2264 for a catalog and entry form. Entries are due by Friday, April 6. Lunch will be available.

Primary Members Field Day

~~~REMINDER~~~

The SLO Co. All Stars will be hosting the Primary Members Field Day on Saturday, April 21st, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the UCCE Auditorium located at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO for all kinds of fun. We’ll have games to play, crafts to do, and snacks to eat! THIS EVENT IS FREE!

RSVP by April 16th at 781-5943!
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**SLO County 4-H YDP website is:**
http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanluisobispo/

- **JR. LIVESTOCK CAMP**, Saturday, April 14th for Swine and Sunday, April 15th for Lamb sponsored by Santa Margarita Feed. These events will be held at Cal Poly University. Highlights of the Day include: Fitting, Evaluation and Selections, Feeds and Feeding, and Showmanship. For more information, call Shelby at 438-5619.

- **SLO SCIENTISTS** will be hosting a hands-on Science Activities booth at Children's Day at Mission Plaza - San Luis Obispo, 4/14/2007, 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM Admission Free. **Event Description:** Fun day dedicated to making kids happy. Hands-on activities, rides, games, face painting, petting farm, carnival, food, music & more. Phone: 782-7280

- **GREAT PUMPKIN CONTEST**—The Farm Bureau will hold the Second Annual Great Pumpkin Contest on 10/18/07. It would be great to have a special 4-H Division to win big $$$. To get FREE seeds and information call Steven Knudsen SLO Co. Farm Bureau at 543-3654 or steven@slofarmbureau.org.

- 4-H youth are invited to apply for board membership with The California 4-H Foundation’s Board of Directors. This volunteer board, comprised of both adults and youth, assists with statewide fundraising efforts and events; helps build partnerships with corporations, foundations and individuals; promotes the California 4-H Youth Development Program with personal and business associates; and attends board meetings. The deadline for application is April 30, 2007. The application and further information are available at: http://ca4h.org/foundation/index.asp.

- All horse leaders and members are invited to join the Equine Education List Serve. Go to http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/ to sign up. We will be sending the latest updates by e-mail. This is now the official site for your 4-H equine information about events and resources.

- College-bound students are eligible to apply for the SAFE Credit Union Scholarships. Application deadline is April 11, 2007. Five $2,000.00 scholarships are awarded for scholastic achievement. Applicants must be members of SAFE Credit Union or their dependents, a graduating senior, and attend high school in specific counties. More information is available at: https://www.safecu.org/about_safe/news/2007/2007_safe_scholarship_application_now_available!.aspx.

- **FINLAND 4-H EXCHANGE**: California will explore an exchange with Finland 4-H this summer, and is looking for a Host Family for an 18 yr. old boy, Markus—who will be arriving on June 18th for a 1 month visit. He has been a 4-H member for many years and enjoys sports, reading, jigsaw puzzles, and movies. Contact Pat English at: pnenglish@ucdavis.edu or (530) 754-8520 if you are interested.

- **No computer? Call the 4-H Office 781-5943, for assistance.**
Horse Project Events
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Horse Field Days

There will be two Horse Field Days this year.

The first, Horse Field Day—Gymkhana will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at Work Ranch in San Miguel.

The second, Horse Field Day-Western Pleasure will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande. Horse Project Leaders are encouraged to solicit sponsors for these events. Details and registration materials will be sent to Horse Project Leaders.

Reminder: To be eligible to participate in Level Testing or Horse Field Day, each member must have successfully passed the Entry Level Test & 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 Acknowledgment. In addition, if a horse is leased, an approved Horse Lease Agreement must be on file at the San Luis Obispo 4-H office.

If you have any questions about written or mounted level testing or Horse Field Day, please feel free to call either Kelly Osumi at (805) 489-1112, Kelly Work at (805) 467-3362, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

CANYON COUNTRY DOG SHOW: (continued from Page 1)

SLODOG will also be giving the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test. Pre-Entry is required for this also. If you are interested in taking the CGC test or have questions regarding the Dog Show, please contact Christy Friedmann, Canyon Country 4-H Dog Leader at 438-5851. No entries will be accepted the day of the event.

Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference

Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship: The SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program is the grateful beneficiary of donations received in memory of Walter Christensen, an early and long-time leader of Edna 4-H Club. His family has asked that the monies be used for scholarships for 4-H members to attend the California 4-H State Leadership Conference. As a result, we are happy to be able to offer five scholarships to 4-H members this year.

Details about the Conference: The California 4-H State Leadership Conference will be held at UC Davis from August 2-5, 2007. The conference “4-H wants YOU®: Laughing, Learning, Living, and Loving” brings together high school youth from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience, and has as its goal helping youth to reach their full leadership potential. It also provides an excellent opportunity for youth to give input into statewide 4-H activities.

More information about the conference is available online at http://www.ca4h.conference/slc/.

Eligibility/Application Process: 4-H members 14-18 years of age as of 8/2/07 are eligible to apply. To obtain a Walter Christensen Memorial Scholarship Application, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943, or request a copy from your Community Club Leader. The 4-H Youth Development Management Board will designate a committee to select five scholarship recipients.

Completed applications must be received by the 4-H office by May 25, 2007. Please note, scholarships cover registration costs only, and transportation will be the responsibility of the member. However, depending on availability, chaperoned transportation may be offered.
A Window of Opportunity for these SLO Scientists

Within hours of stormy, inclement weather, SLO Scientists and their families from the Santa Margarita group took advantage of the suddenly beautiful day on February 23rd for their planned field trip to Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School and Black Hill above Los Osos and Morro Bay.

Led by SLO Scientist facilitator John McCabe, 4-Hers and families had the special opportunity to learn about our local watershed areas with hands-on activities at the fabulous in-ground run-off model at Rancho El Chorro. This 12-foot by 12-foot model was actually constructed eight years ago as a project by past SLO Scientist members and their families and has been used as an educational tool to school children throughout the years.

In conjunction with the “From Ridges to Rivers: Watershed Exploration” study, their field trip also included a stop at the Black Hill area above the golf course in Morro Bay for a birds-eye view of the Estuary and watershed areas. Many thanks to John McCabe for providing this fascinating experience!

BE a SLO SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR!

Parents, are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen child and have an interest in leading a Youth/Adult Science Club together? Teens, do you have an interest in Science and would enjoy serving as a 4-H Junior Leader with your parent (or another adult) in a SLO Scientist group?

4-H SLO SCIENTIST Youth/Adult Science Clubs are looking for volunteers to help facilitate hands-on science activities for their enthusiastic members. This is a great opportunity to become involved with kids and parents in the community. SLO SCIENTIST groups meet in various locations throughout the county, typically two evenings a month to explore topics such as earthquakes, soil and water, and chemical reactions. You don’t need to be an expert in these fields since the program emphasizes giving kids real experiences to learn how to observe, investigate, experiment and just have fun with science experiences! Materials are provided and training for volunteer facilitators is offered on a continual basis. For more information about this terrific program & how you can become involved, call Heather Dauer, SLO SCIENTIST Program Coordinator at 781-5944.
MAKE IT A DATE!
Fun with Food &
Arts and Fashion Revue
will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2007 at
Laguna Middle School, 11050 Los Osos
Valley Road in San Luis Obispo! All
events are scheduled from 8:00 a.m.—
2:30 p.m.

Attention 4-H’ers! This year’s countywide
4-H event has been expanded to add more op-
portunities for 4-H participants to earn the gold
and have fun too!

Fun with Food and Arts entries
will be: Food, Food Preservation,
Cake Decorating, Table Set-
tings, and Project Poster. Quilting
will be an entry under Textile/
Needlework, which includes more
sewing categories (such as accessories that are
not part of Fashion Revue.) The Fashion Revue
will still feature construction, modeling and the
fashion show.

Participants may submit entries that have
been made during the current 4-H year
within a 4-H project. 4-H’ers must remain at
the event in order to have their entry judged.
A low-cost lunch will be available for partici-
pants and their families.

If you have questions, after you re-
view the information, call Julia
Stanfill, Event Chair at 528-1557,
Debbie Geaslen, Fun with Food and
Arts Chair at 929-3083, Jani Kasfeldt, Fashion
Revue Chair at 475-2231.

We look forward to seeing and judging
all of the creative entries!

Attention:
4-H Community Club
and Project Leaders:

Fun with Food & Arts and
Fashion Revue Update:

This year’s Fun with Food and
Arts and Fashion Review events on Saturday,
May 5, 2007 at Laguna Middle School has been ex-
panded to provide more opportunities for 4-H’ers
to enter and win awards. For example, Arts and
Crafts, now includes a scrapbooking category as
well as categories offered in past years. Instead of
one poster with a nutritional theme, there are
poster/collage entries for Foods, Arts & Crafts,
Photography, and Scrapbooking. Within the area of
Quilting, there now are three categories: quilting, textile
arts, and needles arts.

Opportunities to win awards also have been ex-
panded for Fun with Food and Arts and Fash-
ion Revue. Participants who win one gold award
will now receive a pin for that award; participants
who receive two gold awards will receive an over-
all pin for the event (as in past years). Also, there
will be division awards in Fun with Food and Arts
categories as well as the Fashion Revue (as in past
years).

It is extremely important that Community and
Project Leaders read this year’s Fun with Food
and Arts; Quilting, Textile Arts, and Needles Arts;
and Fashion Revue packets and share the packets
with their 4-H’ers and parents. We also need many
volunteer adults for guiding groups, judging,
tabulating, helping leaders in special activity cen-
ters, etc. Please have your volunteers fill out the
form in your packets and send them to the county
4-H office or call the 4-H office to volunteer at 781-
5943. The Contact numbers for the chairs of each
event are listed in the packets.
Ranchita Canyon 4-H - Making the Best Better

“To make the best better” is the motto of a new local 4-H group named Ranchita Canyon 4-H. We are a brand new club in the Paso Robles area that has been very busy getting our group established.

So, does Ranchita Canyon 4-H make the best better? We would like to say........yes we do!

- We started out with celebrating National 4-H Week by taking an old-fashioned mule drawn hayride down Spring Street. We brought a lot of smiles to the Vineyard Hills Health Center with Halloween fun and Christmas Carols. We also served a whole lot of flapjacks and sausage at the Cruise for Kids.

Thanks to our dedicated members, families & the generosity of other outside 4-H supporters, Ranchita Canyon 4-H has raised over $8,000 for our group projects and supplies. At our last club meeting, we held our first annual Cookie and Dessert Auction, raising over $4,100 … thanks to a long time 4-H supporter and our auctioneer Lester Rougeot. Our next fundraiser coming up is a rummage sale on April 14th at 2990 Gilead Road in Paso Robles. We appreciate all the help and support from the county office and this wonderful community we live in! We look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming 4-H events! -Karlee Anderson, Teen Leader

El Camino 4-H: Valentine Coasters

for Meals On Wheels

On February 12th, the El Camino 4-H group held a Valentine’s Social. One of the events that took place at the social, was a community service project for Meals on Wheels. Every member made at least one ceramic coaster for the Meals on Wheels participants receiving a delivery. The coasters will add a nice Valentine’s Day touch to seniors’ meals. Laurie Soucek, the leader of the Ceramic Group, supplied all of the tiles, paint, and she fired all of the coasters. The El Camino 4-H group would hope that everyone who received a Valentine’s Coaster enjoyed it! By Jack Moore and Sean Hollister, El Camino 4-H
HELLO FROM CHAPARRAL 4-H OF PASO ROBLES:
HELLO EVERYONE,

OUR CHAPTER HAS BEEN BUSY SO FAR THIS YEAR. WE HAVE A LOT OF NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR FROM LAST YEAR, ESPECIALLY IN THE SWINE PROJECT GROUP. OUR CHAPTER IS REALLY STARTING TO GROW. IT IS VERY EXCITING FOR ME TO SEE OUR CHAPTER GROW LIKE THIS, BECAUSE I, MYSELF HAVE BEEN A MEMBER FOR 9 YEARS NOW. WE WILL BE GETTING OUR PIGS AROUND THE BEGINNING OF APRIL 2007.

I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND EVERYONE ABOUT GETTING LIVESTOCK INSURANCE. IT IS NECESSARY IF YOUR ANIMAL SHOULD PASS AWAY. YOU CAN CALL RITA AT WINE COUNTRY INSURANCE SERVICES IN PASO ROBLES. THEIR ADDRESS IS: 935 RIVERSIDE AVE., PASO ROBLES, CA 93446, 805-238-5212. (THIS INSURANCE IS THROUGH ALLIED, WHICH IS THROUGH WINE COUNTRY INSURANCE.) RITA HAS COME TO OUR CLUB AND EXPLAINED HOW TO FILL OUT THE INSURANCE FORMS PROPERLY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE HER TO COME TO ANY OF YOUR MEETINGS, JUST GIVE HER A CALL. RITA IS VERY WILLING TO COME TO ANY CLUB MEETINGS AND ASSIST IN GETTING IT DONE CORRECTLY. RITA CAN AND IS WILLING TO HELP EVERYONE FILL OUT THE FORMS AND HOLD THEM IN HER OFFICE TILL AFTER YOU HAVE YOUR ANIMAL AND CAN BRING HER PICTURES OF YOUR ANIMAL AND A BUYER’S RECEIPT. YOU WILL NEED TO DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLY AFTER YOU GET YOUR ANIMAL, BECAUSE ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN, I KNOW.

I DON’T KNOW IF EVERYONE IS AWARE THAT YOU CAN GO TO CERTAIN LOCAL BANKS IN OUR COUNTY AND GET A LIVESTOCK LOAN. THIS IS REAL HELPFUL FOR FIRST TIME MEMBER’S JUST STARTING OUT IN 4-H. JUST GO INTO YOUR PARENT’S BANK AND FIND OUT IF THEY DO THESE KIND OF LOANS AND WHAT THEIR REQUIREMENTS ARE FOR THIS LOAN.

AND NOW FOR SOME LOCAL NEWS ON SOME OF OUR CHAPTER MEMBERS:
AT PRESENTATION DAY ON FEBRUARY 10, 2007, TRAVIS BROADY AND MYSELF, PARTICIPATED AT PRESENTATION DAY AT THE CAL POLY CAMPUS. OUR ENTRY WAS, “HOW TO DO A PROPER PLACE SETTING.” AS A TEAM. TRAVIS AND I, WON A GOLD MEDAL. NOW WE GET TO GO TO SECTIONAL IN SANTA BARBARA ON MARCH 24, 2007. WE ARE HOPING TO WIN AT SECTIONAL, BECAUSE THEN WE CAN GO ON TO STATE AND IF WE WIN AT STATE, THEN WE GET TO GO ON TO NATIONAL. WE HOPE TO GO AS FAR AS WE CAN GO. SO WISH US LUCK IN OUR QUEST TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL! PRESENTATION DAY WAS A VERY FUN DAY AND YOU LEARN A LOT ABOUT HOW TO GIVE A PROPER PRESENTATION FROM WATCHING THE OTHER PRESENTERS AND YOU ALSO LEARN ABOUT A LOT OF OTHER THINGS. IT IS A REAL GOOD LEARNING EXPERIENCE. TRAVIS AND I HAD A LOT OF FUN. OH YEAH, I ALMOST FORGOT TO MENTION ABOUT SEVERAL CLUBS PUTTING ON SKITS FOR ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS. THEY EVEN WON FOR DOING THE SKITS. THEY WHERE VERY IMAGINATIVE AND USED THE 4-H THEME.

‘TILL NEXT TIME, TRAVIS & I WILL LET YOU KNOW HOW SECTIONAL GOES FOR US. HAVE FUN WITH ALL YOUR PROJECTS THIS YEAR & WE HOPE ALL OF YOU DO REALLY WELL AT THE MID-STATE FAIR. WELL, TILL NEXT TIME. BYE FOR NOW. - BRITTNEY IMHOOF CLUB REPORTER
4-H Club News

Our Templeton 4-H Group really pulled it off last February 14, 2007. We served Valentine’s Dinner in the Legion Hall to our veteran families. We all dressed in our whites. The Templeton 4-H Advanced Cooking Group created the main course, the 4-H Beginning Cooking Group provided the dessert. The 4-H Craft group created the center pieces for the tables and made a Valentine gift for each veteran couple. Our 4-H Community Service group set the tables, served dinner, drinks and dessert. They also washed dishes and cleaned up the hall after the event. This participation for this occasion was great. Our leaders Debbie Viborg, Susie Evangelista, Sissy Lindsey, and Leotta Mazzo gave us the opportunity and guidance to make this the Templeton 4-H service event of the year. Thank you!

April Rose

The Templeton 4-H Advanced Cooking Group, Beginning Cooking Group and Community Pride Group Invites You To Enjoy

A Divine Valentine Dinner

Course One
- Baby Greens, Caramelized Pecans, Dried Mixed Berries, Feta Cheese in a Light Berry Vinaigrette
- Rolls with Butter

Course Two
- Pineapple and Mandarin Orange Marinated BBQ Chicken with an Apple Maple Glaze
- Olive Oil and Sea Salt Coated Baked Potatoes
- Grilled Asparagus with Balsamic Brown Sugar Drizzle

Course Three
- A Special Surprise Dessert from The Templeton 4-H Beginning Cooking Club Served with Sparkling Cider

Templeton 4-H wishes to thank the Templeton Legion Auxiliary for your continued support of our organization and the whole Our Community.
“Coins for Cows, Pennies for Pigs, and Loot for Llamas”

Earlier this year, Caitlin Ruscki, age 11 of Templeton 4-H was reviewing many non-profits to decide what she do to tie in her 4-H group with a special and fun project. She decided on Heifer International.

This organization places farm animals in underdeveloped countries and teach the village members how to raise, breed and use the animals they are given to attain self-sufficiency. Since this is related to animal raising, she though it perfect to present it at her 4-H general meeting. She called the project “Coins for Cows, Pennies for Pigs, and Loot for Llamas.” After making the presentation and telling the members to bring in loose change or rolled coins for the next two meetings, the jar was passed around and by the end of the meeting $39 was donated. The Templeton Legionnaires also contributed for the project at their Valentines Day Dinner that was prepared by Templeton 4-H cooking groups as well. At the May general meeting, the monies raised will be announced and the members will vote as a group, what animal they can afford, and which they would like to purchase to be sent overseas.

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**TEMPLETON 4-H:** 4-H club members enrolled in **Community Pride** met Feb. 24, 2007 at the Vets Hall in Templeton. We patrolled Main Street to pick up trash. Then we stopped for delicious donuts and coffee. We were wondering where the rest of you fantastic Templeton 4-H volunteer members were? Members present were: April Rose and Lewis Lindsey. Leaders, parents and guests were: Suzy Evangelista, Loretta Mazzo, Jenny Lindsey, and Romayne Rose.

**Estero/Morro Bay 4-H** Community Service project recently spent time in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Members made over 50 “Angel and Heart Pillows.” The pillows are distributed to local hospitals, and are included as part of a package to breast cancer surgery patients to help provide comfort during recovery. Generous donations of fabric and stuffing for the project came from The Cotton Ball of Morro Bay. (Front L to R— Karsey Kennedy, Ana Ruttschow, Middle—Brooke Borchard, A.J. Stultz, Angelina McKee, Back—Alex Ruttschow, Nina Kennedy, Leader: Julie Ruttschow.)

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**I pledge … my HANDS to larger service, . . .**

APRIL 2007
2007 FIELD DAY & CHICKEN-Q
Saturday, June 9, 2007  8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
at the Mid-State Fairgrounds

ANIMAL SCIENCE ENTRIES
The entry form covers Large Animal Science and Small Animal Science. As a reminder, Large Animal Science will be judged on showmanship only, not grooming.
You can only show one Large Animal per Division (i.e. one steer in Division 350-Beef), OR you can show one steer (Division 350-Beef) and one sheep (Division 353-Sheep), remember only one animal entry in a single Division.

Large Animal Science Divisions:
350 - Beef
351 - Dairy Goats
352 - Market Goats
353 - Sheep
354 - Swine

Small Animal Science Divisions:
450 - Dog Care & Training
451 - Poultry
452 - Rabbit

Another event will be animal level testing.

STILL EXHIBIT ENTRIES
This year you may only enter one item in the Birdhouse and Garden Stepping Stone Divisions. You may only enter up to TWO items in Creative Arts and Crafts, Leathercraft, and Plant Science Divisions.

SCARECROW CONTEST: 4-H club members design and create a Scarecrow! Scarecrows can be large or small, creative or traditional, anything goes in the creation of your club scarecrow!

Still Exhibit Divisions:
550 - Birdhouse Decorating
*551 - Garden Stepping Stones and Garden Markers *NEW this year!
552 - Creative Arts and Crafts
553 - Leathercraft
554 - Scrapbooking
555 - Small Animal Science Informational Poster Contest
650 - Plant Science
850 - Scarecrow Contest
950 - Science & Technology

FIELD DAY HANDBOOK
Field Day Handbooks and Entry Forms will only be mailed to Community Club Leaders. The Handbook will also contain a tentative Schedule of Events for Field Day. Reminder: Read the Handbook carefully! All Field Day Rules and Guidelines are in the Handbook. If you have any additional questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or email Denise at the 4-H office at dharris@co.slo.ca.us.

Don’t Forget— the CHICKEN—Q too!
This lunch is sure to please the bunch! Chicken-Q tickets are only $7.00 each. The lunch menu includes: a “mouth-watering” piece of Stan’s BBQ Chicken, a generous helping of ranch-style beans, a crisp side salad with your choice of dressing and savory garlic bread! This is a great deal for a delicious meal! Sodas will be sold for $0.50 cents each. Chicken-Q Tickets have been mailed to the Community Club leaders. Each 4-H member needs to sell 2 tickets.
What is the real purpose of 4-H livestock projects?

The primary purpose of the youth livestock program is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. A secondary purpose is to teach young people how to feed, fit and show their animals. In the process of feeding and caring for an animal, young people have the opportunity to develop many positive character traits.

1. **Trustworthiness**
   Includes honesty, promise keeping & loyalty
   - Feeds and waters the animals daily (promise keeping)
   - Adheres to possession deadlines (honesty)
   - Adheres to withdrawal time on drugs and dewormers
   - Uses only approved drugs.

2. **Respect**
   Includes courtesy and proper treatment of people and things
   - Handles and treats animals humanely
   - Cares for animals properly
   - Listens to and follows advice of advisors
   - Recognizes that animal project is dependent on 4-H’er and provides daily feed & water

3. **Responsibility**
   Includes the pursuit of excellence, accountability, & perseverance
   - Feeds and waters the animal daily (even on the busy, difficult days)
   - Goes beyond providing the daily needs of the animal in giving additional time and attention to produce a winner
   - Adheres to deadlines for entry form and for arrival at events
   - Never gives up (perseverance)

4. **Fairness**
   Involves consistently applying rules and standards appropriate for different age groups and ability levels
   - Feeds only approved livestock rations
   - Uses only approved drugs
   - Accepts winning or losing with grace
   - Follows recommended procedure in the showmanship ring
   - Follows recommended procedures for fitting and grooming an animal

5. **Caring**
   Includes the well being of people and things in a young person’s world. It denotes action and not just feeling
   - Feeds and waters animal daily
   - Provides clean barn/stall for animal
   - Treats animal humanely at all times
   - Accepting instructions
   - Winning and losing with grace
   - Helping others at events
   - Teaching younger members
   - Treating animals humanely
   - Ensuring that meat is safe for consumption

Although not complete, this list does help show how 4-H livestock projects can offer numerous ways for young people to build character. Although members may need help to shear a lamb, or break a calf, the goal is for leaders and parents to assist members do all that they are capable of doing. Tasks such as daily feeding and watering contribute to the strengthening of at least four of the six core values. The size of the animal does not have any effect on the value of the project for a young person to develop character. A child may learn the same things and have the same opportunity to exercise character with a rabbit as with a steer project.
Hi, I’m Jeremy Morring and I just want to tell all of you that being a San Luis Obispo County 4-H All-Star is all it’s cracked up to be! It’s FANTASTIC!

All Stars represent our beautiful county at events all over the State. We help to organize and direct events such as Field Day, training days, and workshops at County headquarters.

I decided, long ago, that I wanted to make a difference in our world by being a part of 4-H! (As all of you know, 4-H has so much to offer to so many people who like so many different things it’s unreal.) But being a part of the decision making process by attending our 4-H County Board meetings, and helping out wherever needed, is a big way you can make a difference! As a County All-Star, you will do all of this.

Anyone can become an All-Star, all you have to do is be 14 years old, have been in 4-H for 3 years or more, obtained the Gold Star Rank, and be a mature, caring citizen.

Please consider applying for the All-Star rank and lend your talent and ideas to make where we live a better County, State, and World! (not to mention its fun and you get a cool jacket!)

Remember, all you have to do is…. REACH FOR THE STARS!

Jeremy Morring, All-Star – Estrella 4-H 

All Star applications may be obtained from the 4-H Office, call 781-5943 for your application.

Due Date: April 20, 2007

The 2007 Young Achievers program promotes community, national and international recognition for the positive accomplishments of young people. This early recognition encourages youth to achieve and helps them recognize their potential to be positive role models, leaders and mentors. Young Achievers are students in grades 5-10.

Congratulations to the following San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program YOUNG ACHIEVERS for 2007!

Bishops Peak: Jacob Flores, Crystal Walter
Canyon Country: Bailey Reidel
Cerro Alto: Isabella Martinez, Tyler Fielding, Savannah Levisay, Caleb Mott
Edna: Johnathan Bullock, Corbin O’Reilly, Hannah Palmer, Dana Ready
Estero/Morro Bay: Brooke Borchard, Brett Mobley, Alicia Warren
Nipomo: Josh Correia, Nick Herbstreith, Santina Olney
Ranchita Canyon: Megan Clark
Rio Rancheros: Kiah Featherstone, Shanna Crawford
Templeton: Carly Roth, Lindsey Wyatt, Ian Hayes, Savannah Hoagland, Chelsey Reichard, Kasey Urman

Each Young Achiever will receive a portraiture sitting and one 5x7 color portrait. The sitting and portrait is a donated service and gift of Lexi Pearl, representing the International Professional Photographers Guild (IPPG). In addition, a committee will review all Young Achiever nominations and select one boy or girl within each category (grades 5-6, grades 7-8, and grades 9-10) to receive a Young Achiever Medallion. An announcement presentation of medallions will be made at the 2007 Achievement Night on October 13, 2007 at the Veteran’s Hall in San Luis Obispo.
SPRING TRAINING for the 4-H Record Book

More UPDATES & No more 4-H Project Stories

The 2006-07 4-H Record Book process, incorporates three revised forms (Personal Development Report (PDR), Jr./Teen Leader Report, and Annual Project Report) and is designed to be used at the club level, but can also be entered into county, sectional and state competitions. In addition, the 4-H Star Ranking has been changed to add a Platinum Star.

The Record Book Check Sheets have been updated to reflect that in the PDR, a 4-H Story is mandatory.

JoAnn Overbey, Awards Director, will provide UPDATED information, training, and copies of the forms to our county on the dates and locations listed below. Record Book training is open to anyone who would like to attend, however, it is important that you RSVP to the 4-H office at 781-5943 one week before your chosen training date so we can have an accurate count for materials to be copied.

Monday, April 23, 2007
7:00—8:30 p.m.
Paso Robles Grange
627 Creston Road
Paso Robles, CA

Thursday, April 26, 2007
7:00-8:30 p.m.
UCCE Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, Suite C
San Luis Obispo, CA

California 4-H International Exchange

2007 Japanese Exchange Hosting Program
July 22 to August 18

The California State 4-H Youth Development Office is looking for families who would like to host a Japanese youth in their home for one month this summer. This is an opportunity for a family to experience a different culture and increase their understanding of themselves and the world they live in. The Japanese delegation includes boys and girls ages 12 to 14 who participate in the Labo youth development organization in Japan. Youth are matched with a family with a child of the same gender and close in age that shares common interests. Information about the Japanese students can be found on the California 4-H web site at: http://ca4h.org/exchange/japanese/index.asp

There is also an opportunity to house one of the two chaperones for 2 weeks. The chaperone host family does not have to have children in the home.

Applications are currently being accepted with the hope that all the students will be placed by mid-May. Families that apply early in the process have the opportunity to select their student from a group of applications.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.

Contact Pat English for more information at: 530-754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu
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