Santa Margarita’s 4-H Poultry group had its first meeting of the new year on January 8th. They were in for a big surprise as they saw their Project Leader dressed up in a chicken suit. This was a part of her plan to help the kids learn about the parts of the chicken. The youth pointed out parts on the head and the feet, while other parts of the chicken were verbally explained. After they reviewed the parts of the chicken, they went on to learn about the parts of the duck. Everyone had a time that they will always remember and (hopefully) they will never forget the parts of a chicken!
National & State 4-H News

• Owner wants to donate NUBIAN GOATS to a 4-H Project Member
A 4 year old female Nubian goat & her best friend, an altered male are available for your 4-H Project—Contact: Denise Hansen at 489-8534.

• The Salinas Valley Fair Livestock Committee has made the decision to allow San Luis Obispo Co. 4-H clubs located within the Atascadero, Templeton, Shandon, Paso Robles and Coast Union High School Districts to enter lambs at the 2008 Fair being held May 15-28. For more information call (831) 385-3243.

• Visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports web site at: http://www.4-hshootingsports.org and click on the Just for Youth section to find out information about the National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Team for youth ages 15 -18. The California application due date is February 15, 2008.

• Become a 2008-2009 4-H State Ambassador! Youth (ages 16-19) and adult advisors are now being sought to provide statewide leadership. Ambassadors act as a 4-H representatives, conduct team projects, and plan the 4-H State Leadership Conference. Applications are due March 31, 2008 and available at http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador/index.asp

• Are you interested in helping put on a state 4-H event? The State Fashion Revue Committee still has openings for teens and adults. Contact Kylie Deal, Teen Chair, at registersfr@sbcglobal.net or Sue Moore, 4-H Staff Liaison at samoore@ucdavis.edu or 209-533-6990. State Fashion Revue will be held May 31, 2008 on the U.C. Davis campus as part of State Field Day. Look for event information to be posted soon at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/fashion/.

• 2008 State 4-H Field Day: Information for the event is now online for the State 4-H Presentation Day, Fashion Revue, Horticulture Contest, Judging Event and other activities during the day. Find more information at http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/fieldday/

• Outside of 4-H Program Horse Event: There will be two International 3-day events/horse trials at Twin Rivers Ranch, San Miguel, CA on February 29-March 1 and April 18-20. We invite all 4-H members & parents to help volunteer with Dressage shows Friday or Jump Judging on Sat. & Sun.. Training is provided. You will see Olympic-caliber horses and riders competing. A day of work allows you a day of riding at Twin Rivers Ranch. Please call Martha Wilson (805) 239-0438.

• If you can’t access any websites or other information because you don’t have access to a computer— just call the 4-H office 781-5943 for assistance.
Greetings 4-Her’s and families!

Wow it’s February already and we’ve got a great 4-H Visibility and Community Service Opportunity coming up (maybe before you read this!)

On Saturday, February 2nd, Parkfield rancher Jack Varian is spearheading a **Valley Oak Tree Planting Party**. We’re looking for hole digging, tree planting, lunch-eating volunteers to come and do a good thing while having fun. So come on out to Parkfield, meet at 8:30am at the Parkfield Café, bring your own shovel, and share in the fun!

If you have questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or Pam Morring at 286-8505.

**Stay tuned for more upcoming events!**
**Till then... STAY GREEN!**
(4-H Emerald green that is)

Pam Morring
San Luis Obispo County
4-H Visibility Director

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**Large Animal Science Key Leader**. Anyone experienced in a large animal project (beef, sheep, swine, goats, or horses) is invited to apply for **Large Animal Science Key Leader**. The individual would serve a two-year term and be a member of the 4-H Program Development Board representing Large Animal Science. The Board meets approximately four times a year. Experience in a large animal project is preferred. The Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of large animal science programs to 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders, chairs the Large Animal Science Program Development Committee, which consists of representatives of the large animal sciences, and works with chairpersons(s) of events/activities in areas related to large animal science. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Large Animal Science Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff.

**Science & Technology Key Leader**. Do you have an interest in science? If so, we encourage you to consider serving a two-year term as **Science & Technology Key Leader**. This position serves on the 4-H Program Development Board, which meets approximately four times a year. This individual would chair the Science & Technology Program Development Committee and support county-wide science programs such as SLO Scientists. The individual would also serve as liaison to chairperson(s) of 4-H events/activities in areas related to science, such as science entries at Presentation Day and 4-H Field Day. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Science & Technology Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff. This is an exciting position where you can make a difference by helping to incorporate and strengthen science skills in the 4-H Program.

**Small Animal Science Key Leader**. Anyone experienced in a small animal project (dog, rabbit, avian, cavie) is invited to apply for **Small Animal Science Key Leader**. The individual would serve a two-year term and be a member of the 4-H Program Development Board representing Small Animal Science. The Board meets approximately four times a year. Experience in a small animal project is preferred. The Key Leader is responsible for the development and delivery of small animal science programs to 4-H members and adult volunteer leaders, chairs the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee, which consists of representatives of the small animal sciences, and works with chairpersons(s) of events/activities in areas related to small animal science. In addition, this position serves as the liaison between the Small Animal Science Program Development Committee and 4-H County office staff.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, or have any questions, please contact the 4-H office at 781-5943, or email Cindy Hansen at chansen@co.slo.ca.us.

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Daniika Viborg and Jeremy Morring receiving their Certificate of Appreciation, at the USMC “Toys for Tots” Wrap-up meeting on January 13, 2008.

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**SLO County 4-H YDP Program Development Board Members**
- Evelyn Rockwell, Adult Leadership Key Leader
- Karen Ludwig, Community Service Key Leader
- Julia Stanfill, Home Economics Key Leader
- Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leader
Horse Project Level Tests (Written and Mounted)

**Written Level Tests** will be offered on Tuesday, **February 19, 2008** at 6:00 p.m., at the UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way in San Luis Obispo. Please allow two hours for completion of the test and results. All levels will be offered. All test questions and answers are taken from the Certified Horsemanship Association’s *Certified Horsemanship Manual*, Levels 1-4 and, will be the final authority.

**Mounted Level Tests** will be offered on Saturday, **March 1, 2008** at 9:00 a.m. at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande at 2161 Ferndale Road. To be eligible to participate in mounted level testing, each member must have successfully passed the corresponding written level test. As with written tests, the CHA’s *Certified Horsemanship Manual*, Levels 1-4 will be the final authority.

**Registration Information:** Register to take the written level test by calling the 4-H office at 781-5943. **Registration forms** for the mounted portion of level testing will be available at written level testing. (Note: If you have already passed the written portion of level testing and need to take only the mounted portion this year, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 and request a registration form be sent, faxed or emailed to you.)

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

Horse Field Day-Gymkhana will be held on **April 26, 2008** at Work Ranch in San Miguel.

Horse Field Day-Western Pleasure and English will be held at Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande on **May 17, 2008.**

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2008 Youth Camp Teen Leader Planning Meetings

Twenty, 4-H Teen Leaders, Club Leaders, and Coordinators met at the UCCE Auditorium December 20, 2007 to make plans for the 2008 4-H Youth Camp which will be open to our 4-H members in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. The camp will be held on April 25, 26, and 27th of 2008 at Rancho El Chorro in San Luis Obispo.

Topics discussed were the great food planned, the policy on the use of cell phones while attending youth camp, the ratio of adults to campers, and that jobs of teen leaders have changed. The most fun part was brainstorming for the theme for our camp session. The theme that won the vote was "4-H Galaxy Quest". The next planning committee meeting was held on January 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE Auditorium. Templeton 4-H Teen Leaders that attended were Daniika Viborg and April Rose. Submitted by — April Rose

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2008 SLO COUNTY 4-H YOUTH CAMP

On Thursday evening, December 20, 2007, Ms. JoAnn Overbey and Mr. Richard Enfield held the first meeting for the upcoming 4-H Youth Camp which is scheduled for April 25th through the 27th.

Pizza and cookies were served and appreciated prior to the meeting. During the meeting our goal was to create a theme which is 4-H Galaxy Quest. The next meeting held January 24th, at 7:00 p.m. at the UCCE Auditorium in San Luis Obispo focused on ideas, activities and other future plans to take place during Youth Camp weekend. Adult and Teen Leaders are encouraged to come and contribute to the discussions. Ms. Overbey mentioned that a statewide camp counselor training weekend is available for Teen Leaders at Fish Camp in Yosemite the weekend prior to our county’s youth camp. Contact Ms. Overbey for more information at 528-8232. Attendees would like to say thank you again for the dinner provided. Reported by: Savannah Levisay, Cerro Alto 4-H Club, Teen Leader Beef Group
Hunter Safety Course

Members of Templeton 4-H took the California Hunter Safety Course January 3, 4, and 5th, 2008. Samantha Cagliero is our Hunter Safety Project Leader.

The twelve hour course took place at the Cagliero Ranch. Our course instructor was John Jamrog. We learned about safety and responsibilities of handling firearms. We had the opportunity to fire some rounds at a target.

To pass the course we had to take a 100 question test and have a score of 80% or higher. We were such a smart group of kids, we all passed and got our cards.

Members who took the course were Corryn LaRue, Cierra LaRue, April Rose, Larry Rose, Riley Smith, Jasen Friedle, Jordan Reece, Daniika Viborg, Ole Viborg, Michela Cagliero, Shelby van Wagner, Jake Strain, Ryan McDonough, Bricen Cagliero, Greg Moxley, Isaac Lindsey, Louis Lindsey and Mrs. Samantha Cagliero.

Parents who attended were John Cagliero, Larry Rose, Romayne Rose and Michael Lindsey.

Article Submitted By: Larry Rose, Templeton 4-H Club Member

The California 4-H Shooting Sports Program (http://www.ca4h.org/projresource/shootingsports/) provides instruction in the safe handling of firearms and archery equipment, develops self-confidence and leadership abilities in 4-H participants, and instills an appreciation for conservation and wildlife.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a youth development education program. It uses the skills and disciplines of shooting to assist young people and their leaders in attaining knowledge and developing essential life skills. The program follows a standardized format, lists program components and identifies clearly intended learning outcomes.

For more information, please contact John Borba, Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Advisor, UCCE Kern 4-H Office, 661-868-6200, jaborba@ucdavis.edu
Estrella 4-H wishes everyone a Happy New Year 2008!

As usual, Estrella 4-H’ers have been extremely busy lately!

After our holiday Community Service “push”, we’re heading into 2008 with excitement! Looking forward to another year bigger than the last, starting with our upcoming participation in Parkfield, planting Valley Oak trees.

Our group has begun our Vineyard Hills Health Center cookie deliveries and we’ll be working with the San Miguel Lions Club at their annual fish fry and lots of other projects with the California Mid-State Fair Heritage Foundation.

Ahoy Community Service, here we come!!!

Jeremy Morring
Estrella 4-H Community Service Teen Leader
County Line’s 4-H Club Dog Group Brings Holiday Cheer to Senior Residents

It was a merry day at the Wyndham Senior Residence in Arroyo Grande on December 20th. The County Line 4-H Club’s dog group members and dogs made a special visit to warm up the holidays for the elderly residents. Dog leader, Lynn McGuigan and her members enjoyed talking with the residents and hearing their interesting stories they had to tell about their own dogs of the past.

The smaller dogs were cuddled and held while the larger dogs were admired and petted. Once the 4-H’ers finished handing out delicious cookies made by one of the members, they sang a silly version of ‘Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer.’ It was no where near as lovely as the carolers’ songs a few minutes before, but fun for all. The elders had smiles on their faces the whole time and couldn’t wait to see the 4-H members come again. For the County Line 4-H dog group and their canines, it was heart warming and they certainly felt the joy of giving. Photo: Kaela Yancosek and her 4-H dog project, and family member ‘Winky’, receiving a warm welcome from an Arroyo Grande resident of Wyndham Senior Residence.

Submitted by — County Line 4-H Reporter, Madison Clift

Operation Christmas Child

http://www.samaritanspurse.org

Members of the Templeton 4-H Club participated in Operation Christmas Child. We filled a simple shoe box with gifts that we delivered to the Calvary Church, November 12, 2007.

Boxes were filled with items that may delight a child that has endured poverty, disease, and disaster. It was fun to imagine your gift may go to Calcutta or Johannesburg.

Templeton 4-H members who participated were Rosemary Arneson, Megan Moffatt, Katie Moffatt, Kaitlyn Crossland, Larry Rose, April Rose, Romayne Rose, Clinton Cabigas, Dana Alpert, Madison Miller, Maggie Madden, Briana Belmonte, Tracy Tedone, Anna Hinrichs, Adam Hinrichs, Tommy von Dohlan, Alex von Dohlan, Angela Horn and Ryan Horn.

Submitted by, Larry Rose
Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you enjoyed the holidays as much as we did. We had a very busy fall with tons of activities, community service and an addition of three new projects to our group – Horse, Goat and Poultry, thanks to Lisa Lundy, Sheri Parrish, and Charlene Mathieu. We started out in September with serving at the Family Fun Run and the RE/MAX Client Appreciation BBQ. In October we celebrated Nation 4-H Week with an interview on KPRL and a hayride down Spring Street. On the 13th a group of us went down to San Luis for County Achievement Night and afterwards treated ourselves to some yummy desserts at the Apple Farm. On the 27th we held a Halloween Carnival for the residents at Creston Village in Paso Robles. On the 28th we helped Lester with some clean-up at the Paso Robles Grange. In November we held our first annual Holiday Bazaar, collected canned food for Loaves and Fishes and helped the Food Bank with volunteers collected food donations at our local Vons. In December we collected jackets for “Coats for Kids” and went back to Creston Village for some Christmas Caroling. It was a lot of fun...our whole group baked cookies and we assembled 160 bags and passed them out to all the residents. Cactus Harris accompanied our singing with his accordion and the piano. We even made a few special appearances to residents who couldn’t leave their rooms. We wrapped up the year with our holiday potluck and gift exchange in place of our meeting....we had a few special guests and even Santa Claus made it! We look forward to seeing everyone at some of the upcoming County events....so long for now! Sammie Anderson, Reporter for Ranchita Canyon 4-H
The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department has an exciting Tobacco Control Project for youth in the community to get involved with!

The goal of the project is to have one or more San Luis Obispo County cities adopt a smoke-free outdoor area or licensing policy. The three main issues involved are: 1) the environmental damage cigarette litter causes to our outdoors and wildlife, 2) the serious public health risk caused by secondhand smoke in outdoor public places and 3) a need to reduce youth access to tobacco.

This is a great opportunity for the youth in your clubs to volunteer and participate in park clean-ups, farmer's market, city council meetings, and letter writing to government officials explaining the dangers of tobacco use, secondhand smoke and cigarette litter. This project is a great “asset building” experience for your youth! Youth groups have been very successful in California communities in getting tobacco control policies adopted and the feeling of empowerment the youth experience is unsurpassable.

We look forward to working with all of you on this very important project. If you are interested in getting your club involved, please contact me, Christina Lefevre at (805) 781-1561. Thank you!

Your HELP is Needed!!

On-Line Survey for 4-H Members in Animal Projects

Do you raise a market animal? If so, you can supply researchers with important information that will help to ensure the health and safety of youth and their project animals for years to come. Please go to http://ca4h.org/wrp/survey/ and take the short survey—it will take less than five minutes to complete. Your input will be greatly appreciated!

**Background.** California 4-H has a robust Animal Science Program that we want to protect from disease. Because backyard flocks and herds serve as potential vectors of disease, 4-H Animal Science projects can represent potential bio-security risks. As a consequence, we have worked with Veterinary Medicine Extension to design a survey for youth who raise market animals. **Survey information will help provide researchers with the type of data necessary to help develop a new disease spread model (where, when, and how a disease might spread). It will also strengthen 4-H Animal Science in California through enhanced bio-security measures that will help ensure the health and safety of 4-H youth and their project animals for years to come.**

If you have questions about the survey, please contact Martin Smith, Associate CE Specialist in Veterinary Medicine Extension, at mhsmith@ucdavis.edu.

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department has an exciting Tobacco Control Project for youth in the community to get involved with!

University of California policy states that all 4-H club checks must have **two** signatures, one adult and one youth. The individuals who sign the club check must **not** be related to each other **AND** must be listed on the club bank account signatory card. Please refer to page 9 of your Treasurer’s Manual for more information.
MAKE IT SAFE – KEEP IT SAFE

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING for 4-H CLUBS

Saturday, March 1, 2008
UC Extension Auditorium
2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Guaranteed to be fun and interactive! Door Prizes will be given away!

Food Safety Training for 4-H Clubs will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2008. To be in compliance with University of California Policy, each 4-H Club must send at least one representative to the Food Safety Training Class. Please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 to register for this Food Safety class.

UC Cooperative Extension Advisor Shirley Peterson will serve as your trainer. She will show you just how fast bacteria can grow. Plus you’ll discover just how well people wash their hands. And you’ll learn easy ways to ensure the food you serve at 4-H meetings is safe from food poisoning bacteria!

Registration begins at 8:30 am. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and will be done by Noon. All volunteers will receive a Certificate of Completion and food safety handouts. You will learn a lot!

Once you are trained, you will be certified to share food safety information with your 4-H leaders, members, and families.

HELPFUL HINTS Food Safety Brochure is located at: http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/files/42038.pdf

California 4-H State Ambassador Program

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program.

Please go the http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador for more information about the 4-H State Ambassador Program and to obtain an application. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by March 31, 2008. We encourage all of our eligible San Luis Obispo County 4-H members to apply!

Term: 4-H State Ambassadors are expected to make a 14-month commitment to the program beginning at the Orientation, July 13-15, 2007 and ending August 31, 2008. 4-H State Ambassadors may only serve one term. Eligibility Requirements: Candidates must have completed at least one year as a California 4-H Youth Development Program member, and be at least 16 years of age as of January 1, 2007, yet no older than 18 as of December 31, 2007.
ADVERTISING SPACE
Available in
2008 Field Day HANDBOOK

This all day event will have animal showmanship, level testing in some areas, arts & crafts contests and much more! Attendance is usually 500 or more! **Prices this year are:**

- Quarter page $ 25.00
- Half page $ 50.00
- Whole page $ 100.00

To place your ad, just submit complete artwork and text or your business card to the 4-H office. You can also send your ad via email to: dharris@co.slo.ca.us. Please have your ad formatted in a .pdf, .jpg, or MS Word document format.

**ADS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.** Cash, check or money order accepted only. Please have checks or money orders payable to: “SLO County 4-H YDP”. **ADS DUE** for booklet on **March 3, 2008**. Call the 4-H office 781-5943.

FIELD DAY
Silent Auction CHALLENGE

Ken Dewar, our 4-H Management Board Fundraising Director’s **goal is to make our best SI LENT AUCTION even better!**

Each 4-H Club is **required** to provide **TWO** Auction baskets and an Adult Volunteer to assist with this year’s event. **The better the gift basket’s theme/ design—the more funds we can raise for our County 4-H events!** VOLUNTEERS (perhaps some Club Treasurer’s) are also needed for this year’s Silent Auction Committee—

For more information regarding the Silent Auction, call Ken Dewar at 543-0180 or 441-0531, or the 4-H office at 781-5943.

Let’s meet this year’s challenge and create some gift baskets with great themes for the 2008 Silent Auction!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get involved with planning the 4-H Field Day events and Chicken-Q for Saturday, June 14, 2008!

Every year we’re fortunate to have so many of our members and adult volunteers step up and help out in whatever way they’re needed--**as this event couldn’t happen without you!**

This year, in addition to all the “regular work” and Field Day Division Chair roles, **two new Division Chairs** are being added--for **Set Up and Tear Down**. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to wear one of these very important hats please call the 4-H office at 781-5943.

If you’re new to our county’s 4-H program, this is a great way to join in and meet new people. You won’t be alone. **Leslie Rebik & Evelyn Rockwell** have graciously agreed to serve as **Event Chair & Operations Manager, respectively**, and are sure to teach you “everything you need to know."

**We hope to hear from you soon!**

4-H GARDENING PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

There is a patch of ground in Paso Robles that needs some organic gardening TLC (Tender Loving Care).

Krista Ingalls from Lone Madrone Vineyards is looking for someone to tend two garden plots 20' X 30'. She would like to donate the use of these garden plots to an organization to be used as a demo garden, an herb or vegetable garden, or a floral garden. Her interest is to keep the gardens in good shape as they are adjacent to the vineyard. All proceeds of the garden’s harvest would go to the organization. The garden plots are currently planted with a cover crop. Tape irrigation with water and equipment are available.

If your club has an interest and would like to help, please contact Krista at 238-0845 for further details. The two garden plots are located at 2485 Hwy 46 West Paso Robles.
SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

### SLO County 4-H Youth Development Program Calendar 2008

#### FEBRUARY 2008
1. **Presentation Day Applications Due**  
   9:30am UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
2. **SLO County 4-H Presentation Day**  
   Cal Poly Campus, SLO
3. **Horse Project Written Level Test**, 6pm  
   UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
4. **Horse Project Mounted Level Testing Registration Forms Deadline**

#### MARCH 2008
1. **Horse Project Mounted Level Test**  
   9am Osumi Ranch in Arroyo Grande
2. **Food Safety Training Class**  
   8:30am UCCE Auditorium, San Luis Obispo
3. **ADS DUE for Field Day Booklet**
4. **4-H Sectional Presentation Day**  
   Cal Poly Campus, SLO
5. **Statewide 4-H Record Book Training**  
   Santa Barbara, CA
6. **State 4-H Ambassador Applications Deadline**

#### APRIL 2008
1. **Youth Camp**, Rancho El Chorro, SLO  
   25-27
2. **Horse Field Day—Gymkhana**  
   Work Ranch, San Miguel
3. **Fun with Food & Fashion Revue**  
   Laguna Middle School, SLO
4. **Horse Field Day**  
   Western Pleasure & English, Osumi Ranch, Arroyo Grande

#### MAY 2008
1. **4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q**  
   Paso Robles Event Center

#### JUNE 2008
1. **4-H Field Day and Chicken-Q**  
   Paso Robles Event Center
2. **2007-2008 Record Books Due in the 4-H Office**  
   22
3. **2007-2008 Record Judging Day**  
   30