Canyon Country 4-H Club was very busy during the 2002 holiday season with many Community Service Projects. The 4-H Club participated as a whole in putting together personal care bags which they donated to the local homeless shelter. They also went around the area and collected coats and jackets, which they donated to the Atascadero Coats for Kids program.

A spirit of Community Service runs deep in Canyon Country 4-H as some members and their families had fun volunteering as elves and helpers for the Santa House in the Mission Plaza for the EOC Child Care Resource Connection.

The Food Nutrition Project members made and decorated Cinnamon Ornament Pins. These pins were promptly delivered to the Las Brisas Retirement Home. While they were at Las Brisas, they sang Christmas carols too. Canyon Country caroled at the Cabrillo Care Center also.

To highlight their Christmas spirit, Canyon Country participated in the San Luis Obispo Holiday Parade.

The leaders of Canyon Country are proud of this group of outstanding young people, who choose to make a difference in themselves and in their community.

Bishop’s Peak Stockings

On Saturday, December 14th, the Prado Day Center was visited by (pictured on page 3) Eric Rinell, Jacob Flores, Aaron Flores, Tyler Walter, Ellen Rinell, Cammie Steers, Doug Rinell, Crystal Walter and Taylor Steers of the Bishop’s Peak 4-H. For their annual Christmas Community Service Project, members of Bishop’s Peak 4-H and their families contributed Christmas stockings full of goodies. In turn, these stockings were given to a child at the Prado Day Center.
Pass It On Info...

Want to start a Rabbit Project? Lynn Byford has everything that your rabbit(s) could ever want or need. Call 434-3245 for more information.

FREE WHITES! There are two shirts from the 2002 Field Day and that are still unclaimed. The shirts will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis. The shirt sizes are 14-1/2 & 16. So, come by or call the 4-H Office (781-5943) if you want one of the shirts.

The Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development Program is looking for a Superintendent for the 4-H Dog Show for the 2003 Santa Barbara County Fair. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2003, prior to the actual opening of the fair, and this is a paid position. If interested, please call Michael Marzolla, 4-H Youth Development Advisor at (805) 925-8824.

Are you college bound? Do you wish to cut costs by applying for scholarships, awards or fellowships? Check out www.making-a-difference.com. This website may have the scholarship you are looking for to help you through college.

2003 State Rules for California Fairs are currently available on the Department of Food and Agriculture website, www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe. Additional information or questions can be addressed to Tomme Jo Dale at 916/263-2948.

Help Get New Column Off The Ground!

We’re adding a new column to the newsletter, and it’s all about YOU! The column will be called “4-H Steps Up”. Send us a 250-word article (a photo would be nice too) about a memorable experience you’ve had with 4-H. It could be funny, sad, embarrassing—just as long as it’s fit to print! Your story could be about something that happened recently, or it could be from decades ago (which means we’re looking for anecdotes from members, leaders, parents, or grandparents).

Send story submissions to Jill via email at jgarcia@co.slo.ca.us or mail them to her at the 4-H Office, 2156 Sierra Way, Suite C, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. We’re looking forward to hearing about your 4-H experiences!
The Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors announced the Male and Female Youths of the Year Award. The youths are Katy Teixeira of Adobe Nipomo 4-H and Nicholas Kump of Nipomo 4-H. Katy and Nicholas were formally recognized Saturday, January 18.

Katy and Nicholas were selected because of their involvement in the Nipomo community. One of Katy’s notable activities is with the Nipomo Recreation Center. She volunteers her time during basketball season at the Nipomo Recreation center by refereeing, scorekeeping and assistant coaching the team(s). Katy also participates with the Recreation Center fundraisers. Katy assists her dad, who is a member of the Nipomo Rotary with their community activities. Aside from being a member of 4-H, Katy is also involved with FFA at Arroyo Grande High School. Through FFA, she is a member of the Horse Judging team. She did very well on the Horse Judging team, especially by achieving High Individual in both the State and National FFA Competitions. Katy is quite remarkable in that she is setting her own goals and achieving them, yet she remembers her family obligations and commitments to the Nipomo community.

Nicholas Kump is very active in the Nipomo community through the 4-H program. He is also involved with the Friends of Nipomo Library, helping out with their various fundraisers. Nick also helps out with the Old Towne Nipomo Association Christmas party as a storyteller and reader. Also, he reads for the DANA organization. Nick enjoys being a docent for the Guadalupe Dunes Center and volunteers his time there on a regular basis. He referees for the Nipomo Soccer program. He is active in the South County Youth Coalition and Nipomo Youth Coalition. Every year at the 24 Hour Relay, he is helping the administration keep the event running smoothly and he is one of the few teenagers on the planning committee for this event. Nick’s community activities have been recognized by other organizations, such as the Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge and the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County.

Congratulations Katy and Nick. 4-H is proud of your Youths of the Year achievement.

Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum
February 26 - March 2, 2003

At Portland Marriott Downtown, Portland, OR. Late registration is due February 3, 2003.

This Forum has alot to offer the 4-H leader, whether you are just starting as a 4-H leader or if you have been a 4-H leader for a long time. If interested, call the 4-H Office (781-5943) for more information.

4-H MEMBERS NAMED YOUTH OF THE YEAR!

(continued from page 1) pictured left to right - Ellen Rinell, Jacob Flores, Eric Rinell, Cammie Steers, Aaron Flores, Doug Rinell, Taylor Steers, Crystal Walter and Tyler Walter.

Bishop's Peak Stockings

(continued from page 1)
The President’s Community Service Spotlight

Hunter and Jacob Garris of Canyon Country 4-H Club were awarded the Silver Presidents Award for Community Service at Achievement Night 2002. A few of the activities the brothers participated in were: shopped for, assembled and delivered school supply baskets to a local shelter. They also participated in a school program where they collected “Coats for Kids”. The coats were then donated to a shelter. Hunter and Jacob also visited residents of a seniors home and collected cards for St. Jude’s Ranch. Congratulations on your awards!

2003 National Beef Ambassador Speaking Contest

Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo County CattleWomen, this contest is open to all San Luis Obispo County youth. Contestants must be 15 years old by January 1, 2003, but not older than 19 years old as of October 1, 2002. Each contestant will be required to give a five to eight minute speech on the subject of beef or the beef industry and will be interviewed by the judges. The county competition will be held between late February and early March. Interested youth must declare their intent to enter by February 15, 2003 by contacting the Beef Ambassador Chairperson. A packet will be provided by the San Luis Obispo County CattleWomen that includes all factual information necessary for this presentation. These materials are derived from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association (www.beef.org) and are provided free of charge to the contestants.

The purpose of the National Beef Ambassador Program is to train young men and women to be spokespersons for beef and the beef industry. Interested youth are encouraged to contact the Beef Ambassador Chairperson, Lindsey Gibson to obtain necessary materials at 680-0674 or lgibson@calpoly.edu.

INTRODUCING... FUN WITH FOODS & FASHION!

The San Luis Obispo County 4-H Home Economics Program Development Committee is working on a new event which will be called Fun with Foods and Fashion. This event will be replacing the Food and Arts Celebration and Fashion Revue will be a part of it.

Fun with Foods & Fashion will be held Saturday, May 3, 2003, at Laguna Middle School in San Luis Obispo. This event will focus on foods - nutrition, food preservation, cake decorating, outdoor cooking and fashion. Creative Arts & Crafts, Leathercraft, cookie jars and photography projects will be judged at Field Day.

Stay tuned as further updates will be published to keep you informed about Fun with Foods & Fashion. If you wish to be a part of the planning committee call the 4-H Office, 781-5943.
California 4-H Needs Hosts
For Students
From Japan

For one month this summer, your family can take part in a special 4-H exchange which gives Japanese students the opportunity to visit the U.S. and learn more about American life. The State 4-H Youth Development office is currently looking for families that would like to host a Japanese student, ages 12 to 17, from July 26 to August 22. The Japanese teens are matched with a family that shares similar interests and has a child of the same gender and close in age. Two Japanese chaperones accompany the delegation and each chaperone lives with two different families for two weeks each. Host families of chaper-ones do not need to have children in the household.

You don’t need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host – just a desire to make room in your lives for a new family member. And you don’t need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the U.S. – the students are not here as tourists. They are here to live with your family and participate in your normal summer activities. The costs are minimal and the Japanese youth come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

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.

If you’re interested in getting involved or would like more information, contact Pat English at (530) 754-8520 or pnenglish@ucdavis.edu.

Poultry Groups Be Aware!
by Susan King of Central Coast Feather Fanciers

Exotic Newcastle Disease is a contagious and fatal viral disease of birds and poultry and it has brought a temporary halt to poultry activities in California, but the Central Coast Feather Fanciers invite you to join them Wednesday, March 19, 2003 in the UC Cooperative Extension Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. where an expert from the Dept. of Agriculture will explain the disease. Come and learn more about what you can do to help prevent the spread of this deadly disease. Remember: knowledge is power! For directions, call the 4-H Office (781-5943).

The 4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
my health to better living
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.
National 4-H Photography Contest

National 4-H needs winning photos from your state and county fairs from the years 1996 to 2003 to create the 2005 4-H calendar. Thirteen photographs will be selected. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September through November 2003. The photographs will be gallery mounted and framed and identified with a brass plate engraved with the title and photographer’s name. The photos also will be displayed on the National 4-H Council Website. In fact, if you wish to view the winning photos for the 2003 calendar, go to www.4-hmall.com/photo_contest_rules.htm.

Submitted photographs will only be considered if they meet the following criteria:

* Full name & age of person submitting photograph
* 4-H affiliation
* Complete return address (for UPS delivery, NO P.O. Box addresses)
* Telephone number
* List of awards that submitted photograph(s) have received (county, state, 4-H, or other)
* The photographer’s thoughts about the photograph in 25 words or less.
* Photo submissions should be in color, 8 inches by 10 inches in size, and in a horizontal format. Vertical shots will only be accepted if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar.

Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2003. All submissions not selected will be returned in late August 2003. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2003. After final selection, National 4-H Council will notify winners and ask them for a signed release to use the photo in the 2005 4-H Calendar. Both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign the release. Also, we will request a second photo to be kept at the National 4-H Council.

Please submit photos to:
2005 4-H Calendar
National 4-H Supply Service
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

4-H State Ambassador and Advisor Program

The 4-H State Ambassador Program is a working honor that provides 4-H members expanded opportunities to serve the 4-H YD program. 4-H State Ambassador is one of the highest service opportunities and recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassadors will be selected in order to:

Support the Mission and Direction of the California 4-H YD Program.
Support various local, sectional and statewide programs and activities; including public presentations, leadership development opportunities and community service.
Assist in the introduction of innovation programming through a Service Project.
Provide leadership in the development of the Youth Leadership Summit and the 4-H State Leadership Conference.
To recognize and reward outstanding accomplishments within the area of leadership.

The term is July 11, 2003 to August 31, 2004. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age by January 1, 2003 or no older than 18 as of December 31, 2003.

The application is posted on the web at http://ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador and the 4-H Office has applications. Call 781-5943 to request one. Applications are due in the 4-H Office on March 21, 2003.
Do you think that Agriculture can tie into Space? If so then...

We Need YOU!

Project Details

With the evolution of time, the space industry has become more prominent in everything we have and do. Cell phones, computers and many other everyday items revolve around the use of satellites and airwaves. Today, more advancements are being made to improve crops and agriculture farms. How do you think that agriculture ties into Space? This is your chance to show your intelligence and creativity. Create a project to showcase at this year’s Santa Maria Strawberry Festival and Space Fair April 25-27, 2003 at the Santa Maria Fairpark.

More information will be sent to contestants describing categories and project guidelines.

Let your imagination soar. Anything goes... as long as it ties Agriculture into Space.

Entry Form

Please Send Entry Form to:
Katy Teixeira
PO Box 670
Nipomo CA 93444

Name ______________________________
Club ______________________________
County ____________________________
Phone Number ______________________ Age ______
Proposed Title of Project __________________________

Entries must be postmarked by March 1st, 2003

Questions or Concerns Call Katy Teixeira (805) 929-5389
Presentation Day Registration
Entries will be accepted at the 4-H Office through February 7, 2003.

2003 State 4-H Presentation Day
May 24, 2003
UC Davis
This event is open to 4-H members who have received a gold at their Sectional Competition or their Regional Competition. Registration forms will be available February 2003. More information is available at http://ca4h.org/leadership/spd/.

Nigerian Dwarf Goats
Several Counties have asked if primary members can do a project with Nigerian Dwarf goats. The answer is yes. These goats are smaller than pygmy goats, and qualify as an allowable project for primary members, ages 5 through 9.

Board Members and Key Leaders
A Volunteer Challenge!

The 4-H Management Board, the policy and decision making body of the 4-H Program, is currently recruiting the following volunteer positions:

Fundraising/Gift-Giving Director - responsible for providing leadership to and managing the fundraising efforts of the Board.

Board Treasurer/Budget Committee Director - responsible for receiving, depositing, disbursing and keeping a complete and accurate accounting of all monies received by the 4-H Program. Present an up-to-date financial report at each meeting of the Board. She/he shall be responsible for compliance with all financial regulations of the University of California, Internal Revenue Service, State Franchise Tax Board and the State Compensation Insurance Fund. This position starts July 1, 2003. Applicants should be interested in assisting in the ongoing development of the 4-H Program.

Would you like to help shape the scope of the SLO County 4-H Program? The 4-H Program Development Board meets four times a year and currently has two volunteer positions available for 4-H Key Leaders:

Science and Technology - works with Science & Technology Program Development Committee and event/activity chairpersons, and is responsible for program development and delivery in the area of science and technology.

Youth Leadership - serves as a critical link between youth leadership event/activity committees, the Youth Leadership Program Development Committee and the 4-H Advisor. Activities include Club Officer Training, Junior/Teen Leader Training, Presentation Day, and other leadership experiences.

If you are interested in any of the above positions or have any questions about any of these positions, call the 4-H Office at 781-5943.
**Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Field Day - 2003**

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis is pleased to announce the 27th annual Agricultural & Environmental Sciences Field Day. This year’s event will be held on February 28th thru March 1st.

4-H members will be eligible to compete in six judging events, which include Dairy Cattle, Light Horse, Livestock and Poultry.

Registration is due February 10th. Contact the 4-H Office (781-5943) for Registration information or you can register on-line at http://www.aes.ucdavis.edu and click on events.

For more information contact Richard Engel at (530) 734-6249 or via e-mail at rren- gel@ucdavis.edu or you can contact Deborah Fredrickson at (530) 752-4369.

**Ventura County 4-H Invitational Horse Show**

March 28 - 30, 2003 at Seaside Park, Ventura. (Ventura County Fairgrounds) This is a qualifying show for State. For more information go to http://ceventura.ucdavis/4-H_Program/ and click on 2003 4-H Invitational Horse Show. Entries are due February 25th. The 4-H Office, 781-5943 has info also. Questions can be addressed to Traci Stankis at (805) 645-1470. Hope to see you there!

**Game Corner**

During the winter season, as you hike the local trails, keep an eye out for “clumps” of ladybugs! In cold weather, ladybugs like to gather together. It is really neat!

Here we have 5 ladybugs huddled together. Note the numbers next to them.

Which number of ladybug has the fewest spots? __________

Answer below Calendar section.

**Need Quilts For Premies and At-Risk Newborns**

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