

News from Templeton 4-H

By Lacy Conlan, Templeton 4-H Reporter

December was a busy month with lots of community service. Templeton members rang the Salvation Army bell in front of the market on Dec 9th. They dressed in whites and full uniform representing 4-H.

On December 13th the club members served dinner to the veterans at the legion hall. The poultry group made candy cane sleighs for table decorations and guest gifts. After dinner the 4-H members sang Christmas carols to the members.



On December 16th and 23rd club members met at the Templeton cemetery to place wreaths on veterans graves.¹

The club also participated in the Paso Robles Christmas parade on December 2nd. There were many members and animals represented on a 32' flat-bed trailer. The club received 2nd place for their float.

At the general meeting canned food was collected and money to provide Christmas gifts for a family of five.

The beef group decorated downtown Templeton with hand-made wreaths along Main Street.²

In January and February members have been getting ready for up-coming fairs. Many animals are already in back yards for Salinas Valley fair and shopping for the CA Mid State Fair is in progress.

There are many new changes this year to the Mid State Fair including two market animals are allowed per child and market turkeys [have been added]!



On February 14th club members

served Valentines dinner to the veterans at the Templeton American Legion Hall. The 4-H members dressed in full uniform and did all the set-up, served three courses along with coffee and punch, and then cleaned up and broke down the table and chairs. The age range of the members working the dinner was 7-13 years old.

At the dinner, the goat group provided a sweetheart photo booth and took photos of guests. They also made centerpieces for the tables and chocolate kiss tic-tac-toe gifts for each guest.



¹**Editor's Note!** The wreaths placed in Templeton Cemetery were part of the "Wreaths Across America" project that Templeton American Legion Post 220 has participated in for the last 3 years. The first year, Post 220 was able to fund and place 24 wreaths and 74 in the second year. This year, the goal was to fund a wreath for every Templeton veteran and the community came together to help achieve that goal. "It was really a challenge to try to get 330 wreaths for our cemetery as well as 2 for Paso Robles and 6 for Atascadero Cemeteries for some of our Templeton veterans," said Lawrence Mora, Post 220 Commander in an email to Soaring Eagle Press. "I would like to publicly thank all the businesses and individuals who contributed."

²**Editor's Note!** The "wreaths" are actually sprays of holiday greenery that is harvested by the Beef Group, wired together in sprays, tied with red bows and hung from the street lamp posts up and down Main Street. They are also placed on the "Welcome to Templeton" signs at both the north and south entrance to town and adorn the Templeton bus stop structure that sits next to the Feed & Grain. The Templeton 4-H Beef Group has been under the leadership of Debbie Paver for well over 35 years and does this community service annually.