

Palomares 4-H Gazette February 2020

Happy February! We hope everyone is having a good year so far.



Articles for Newsletter

The Palomares 4-H Gazette needs articles. Projects are great subjects. If your project has done something recently that the club might find interesting, please write a short, one-or-two paragraph article about it and send it to me at william@halsteds.net. This would be greatly appreciated and I welcome contributions. The newsletter is, after all, meant to inform the club of the doings of its members. So please keep this in mind!

Poultry Project

“The Poultry Project is underway. In the first meeting we learned about the different parts of a chicken, such as the hackles (the group of feathers on the back and side of the neck), the spurs on a rooster (an extra sharp claw used for protection), and the comb (the crown-like flap of skin on top of the head which helps cool the chicken down on hot days by releasing heat). After we had the meeting inside, we went outside and met the hens and learned how to hold them. For the meeting this month, we will be learning about eggs and the nutritional value of eggs from factory raised hens versus backyard hens. We will also study the different parts of an egg and learn why the yolks can be different colors. Each student will crack open different eggs into a bowl for comparison. We will be looking for fertilization in some of the backyard eggs (the nucleus of a fertilized egg will look different). One of the members is even bringing us duck and quail eggs for comparison. This will be a fun year with a lot to learn.”

–Matthew Halsted, Poultry Junior Leader

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4-H monthly club meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7 pm at the Castro Valley Moose Lodge.

Please sign up for 4-H online at:
<https://California.4honline.com>