Pam Morring, the Community Club Leader, as well as, Community Service Leader and Visibility Director for the county’s 4-H Management Board, began the campaign to help to help Southern California residents devastated by the recent wildfires, she thought fast after receiving a call from a representative of Woods Humane Society in San Luis Obispo. Without fences and other containment methods many animals in the San Diego area were being kept at fairgrounds, school playgrounds and sports arenas. Within three days of the call members of Estrella 4-H club (pictured right) had unloaded two trucks and trailers full of goods at the San Diego Humane Society.

“The call went out all over the state for items to contain the animals,” she said. “There were two truck and trailer loads that we went down with and they were stuffed.”

Estrella 4-H club members helped to coordinate the collection efforts. Katell Ghezzi, the club’s goat, sheep and assistant horse group leader, helps out at a horse ranch in Paso Robles and was able to ask the owner for assistance. “We were able to get I don’t know how many halters, there were too many to count,” she said of the donations provided by the Patty Knudson Training Stable. Knudson also contributed corrals as well as items to help wounded animals such as ointments and aspirin. Various items were also donated from a number of other community members with the desire to help those in need.

Levi and Hailey Ghezzi helped to collect and load the items for their club. Hailey said she wanted to get involved because she saw animals that had been burned on TV. “I felt really bad for them and I thought it would be great to help for community service,” she said. “It felt really good [to help].” The club’s motto is, “We’re all about community service,” and members are given many opportunities throughout the year to get involved. “I think it teaches them a sense of responsibility to someone larger than themselves, to the community,” Morring said. “I like to show that community service can be fun and rewarding.”

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• Angus Steer for Mid State Fair FOR SALE $1,250 Call Jim or Kristin O’Reilly at 541-4819
• Maine Angus Steer for Mid State Fair Trained by 4-H member FOR SALE $1,500 Call Gene Johe at 544-1695 or 441-1991 for details.

National & State 4-H News

• California Focus registrations are due by January 14, 2008. Financial assistance, based on need, is available. California Focus-June 27 to July 1, 2008 For more information: http://www.ca4h.org/citizenship/index.asp and click on Washington or California Focus.

• The Power of YOUth in Philanthropic Fundraising—Are you looking for ways to help 4-H and your community? You will be able to help determine what your local needs are, learn how to design and implement fundraising ideas to meet those needs. For registration: http://www.ca4h.org/foundation/index.asp due by: Jan. 31, 2008

• Registrations are now being accepted for the National Collegiate 4-H Conference! The conference will be held February 20-24, 2008 in Denver, CO. Registrations are due January 7, 2008. Registration materials http://nationalconference.collegiate4h.org/.

• The California 4-H International Exchange Program is offering outbound exchange experiences to Australia, Finland, and Japan during the summer of 2008. Information and registration materials are available in your county 4-H office or on-line at: http://www.ca4h.org/exchange/index.asp. Members who have not participated in the CA 4-H International Exchange Program in the past must interview before they submit their application. Deadline for application is January 18, 2008.

• All horse leaders, members, and parents are encouraged to sign up for the 4-H Equine Education Listserve for the latest news about state 4-H equine events and programs. The link is available at: http://ca4h.org/projresource/horse/. 4-H groups are invited to submit regional 4-H horse events, information, and dates for posting on the calendar by contacting Jeanne George at: jlgeorge@ucdavis.edu. The dates for the 2008 4-H equine state events are as follows: April 5 & 6 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Equine Educational Contests, CSU Fresno. To participate 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project by February 5th (60 days). June 26-29 - The State 4-H Horse Classic - Horse Show, Santa Cruz Fairgrounds, Watsonville. To participate, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the horse project and own or lease their horse by February 28th (120 days).

• The National Junior Master Gardener Program sends out a monthly e-newsletter full of interesting program information, a JMG Group of the Month article, service learning projects, and lots of educational resources and activities! http://www.jmgkids.us/newsletter.
• To access a computer or websites call the 4-H office 781-5943.
Templeton 4-H Poultry Group flocked to the Central Coast Feather Fanciers twenty-second Annual Show. The event took place at the Paso Robles Event Center on October 13th and 14th, 2007. It was held in memory of Mary Hoyt who was a kind and grand lady who helped many 4-H members with their poultry projects.

Templeton 4-H can be proud of their members. Marlee Drake earned a ribbon for showmanship and placed with her Rhode Island Red. Madelyn Finley participated both in showmanship and bird exhibition. Carly Roth received three 1st place ribbons with her Salmon Favorelle, Old English Game, Crele and Bearded Belgium D’Anziers, and placed 1st in showmanship. Kaily White received two firsts for her exhibition birds, plus a ribbon in showmanship. April Rose received Jr. Class champion of Asiatics, with her Black Langsham. Sierra Bryant received four 1sts. for her exhibition birds and placed in showmanship.

Many new members to our poultry group purchased their exhibition or showmanship birds during the show. Our Leader, Kelly Roth, helped us prepare for showmanship, as well and coached us with our bird purchases. A Big Thank you to Kelly Roth. Submitted by: April Rose, Member, Templeton 4-H Club.

On October 21, 2007, the Jr./Teen Leadership & Officer Training Day was held at the SLO County 4-H office auditorium. There were 31 members who attended; 11 clubs from the county were represented; Edna, Cerro Alto, Santa Margarita, Creston, Cambria, Adobe Nipomo, Morro Bay, Estrella, Templeton, Los Alegres and Huasna Valley. Thank you to all the members who supported their clubs. We had a lot of fun! - Submitted by Bella Martinez

4-H Members Enjoy LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

We drove down from Paso Robles to San Luis Obispo to participate in a county “Leadership” Workshop headed by Sherry Martinez. The class was 3.5 hours and we learned a lot about leadership, record books, and 4-H club officer roles.

In leadership you always need to remember that you are a mentor for younger members and should represent 4-H in a positive way.

For record books we learned that you should use the “Life Wheel” to structure your 4-H story. The one thing that the four of us realized is that we all are leaders and that we should run for an office in the future. Thank you, Mrs. Martinez for an informative afternoon! Submitted by: Josh and Zach Fenske, Eric and Michael Lahargou of Templeton 4-H Club.
Twinkle Twinkle Cerro Alto 4-H Club Shined Bright At Achievement Night
On Saturday, October 13th at San Luis Obispo County 4-H Achievement Night the Platinum Star was introduced to surpass the gold achievement award. The night was very exciting and filled with many hard working award winning 4-H members. The following Cerro Alto members received these awards:

Record Book Medalists
Calvin Levisay - Breeding Beef
Timothy Fowler - Camping & Outdoor Adventure
Kaci Mott - Clothing & Textiles
Amy Newman - Clothing & Textiles
Gabriella Melton - Dog Care & Training
Rebecca Lamouria - Dairy Goats
Rachel Nowak - Dairy Goats
Ashley Fielding - Leadership Development
Tyler Fielding - Leadership Development
Kaela Cooper - Rabbits
Claire Leong - Scrapbooking
Madison Leong - Scrapbooking
Brett Buckingham - Market Sheep
Evalene Carmack - Market Sheep
Evan Cronkright - Market Sheep
Olivia Dobbs - Market Sheep
Caleb Mott - Market Sheep
Alisha Pudwill - Market Sheep
Heidi Weir - Market Sheep
Christine Curtis - Market Swine
Trinity Goodwin - Market Swine
Danielle Huseby - Market Swine
Alexandria Killgore - Market Swine
Sarah - Ann Lopez - Market Swine
Hunter Scroggins - Market Swine

Record Book County Winners
Savannah Levisay - Breeding Beef
Ryan DeBusk - Market Beef
Olivia Andrade - Clothing & Textiles
Hannah Andrade - Cultural Arts
Bella Martinez - Leadership Development
Lisa Ferguson - Ornamental Horticulture
Kimberly Edmunds - Scrapbooking
Oni Ludwig - Breeding Sheep
Nick Weir - Market Sheep
Carson Cronkright - Shooting Sports
Henry Newman - Small Engines
Claire Edmunds - Teen Leadership

Officers Gold Reporter’s Book Awards
Rayfield Ross - Reporter’s Book
Savannah Levisay - Secretary's Book
Ashley Fielding - Treasurer’s Book

Young Achiever Awards Grades 5 & 6
Tyler Fielding & Bella Martinez

Young Achiever Awards Grades 7 & 8
Savannah Levisay & Caleb Mott

U.S. Presidential Community Service Awards
Youth Bronze
Calvin Levisay, Molly Moses
Adult Bronze
Linda Fielding
Youth Silver
Tyler Fielding, Brenna Cherry, Claire Edmunds
Youth Gold
Kimberly Edmunds, Savannah Levisay, Oni Ludwig
Adult Gold
Karen Ludwig, Evelyn Rockwell, Gloria Watson

Gold Seal 4-H Club Award to our club
At our November 1st General Meeting the following 4-H members achieved their a Primary Gold Record Book Award or earned a star ranking.

Primary Gold Record Books
Grace Bolton, Garrett Cooper, Gracie Curtis, Wyatt DeBusk, Hannah Fircrow, Garrett Goodwin, Christine Guzman, Jules Melton, Sarah Nunez, Chase Shrode, and Sophia Swartzbaugh

Star Ranks Earned
Primaries: Purple: Grace Bolton, Garrett Goodwin, Sophia Swartzbaugh
Red: Sarah Nunez
Regular Members: Bronze: Denise Carigo, Carson Cronkright, Brian Ferguson, Calvin Levisay, Savannah Levisay, Kaci Mott, Justin Smith
Silver: Olivia Andrade, Ryan DeBusk, Ashley Fielding, Tyler Fielding, Rachel Nowak
Platinum: Brenna Cherry, Kimberly Edmunds, Oni Ludwig

Congratulations to all the Cerro Alto award winning members and all other members in the county who have worked so hard and achieved awards. We are very proud of how our club members contribute their time and energy to community service as well. I know all of our members would also like to thank all of our Adult Leaders and Advisors for their knowledge and time they donate which enriches our lives. Submitted by: Savannah Levisay, Cerro Alto Beef Teen Leader
Farm Bureau’s Giant Pumpkin Contest in SLO: Whitney Leinhoff, of Templeton 4-H Club had the heaviest pumpkin this year in the 4-H Category. Whitney’s pumpkin weighed 375 pounds and she won $250 for getting 1st place in the 4-H category!

Bishop’s Peak 4-H Club members carved Jack-O’Lanterns at their October Meeting. Plans were made to bring rabbits and other small animals to visit the elderly in a local rest home in November. Plans were also made to gather items for a Thanksgiving Feast to give to a needy local family. To fund club activities, members sold wreaths & other greenery for the holidays and wrapped gifts at Borders in December. Bishop’s Peak 4-H members participate in many projects including: photography, quilting, rabbits, sheep, swine, target shooting and welding.

Morring’s children, 8-year-old Kermit King Elementary School third-grader Jesse-Ray and 18-year-old Paso Robles High School senior Jeremy both agreed that helping Southern California residents was a rewarding experience.

“They needed everybody that could help them,” Jesse-Ray said. “I liked that we were helping the animals to survive and helping them to heal wounds.”

Jeremy, like many others involved in dropping off the items, said the trip was a chance to see the devastation first-hand rather than simply watching images on TV. “The entire place looked like a complete wasteland,” he said. “Everywhere you looked it was all just ash.”

The members who made the trip also saw many animals that had been burned. “The news didn’t really show the actual devastation,” Jeremy said. “All in all, it felt pretty good to help out.”

Club member Nicole Fonseca, a 15-year-old PRHS sophomore who lives in Atascadero, said she wanted to help because after people lost their homes, “their animals are technically the only thing that they have.” Fonseca said it was nice to know she helped people make sure “the one thing they love” was safe and cared for.

The items the club brought to the San Diego Humane Society included supplies for horses as well as food for an array of animals. In addition, food and relief supplies for Southern California residents were included in the club’s delivery.

“It’s been amazing how so many people wanted to come and help,” said Stacey Zeitlin, community programs manager for the San Diego Humane Society. “Because of donations like theirs the supplies have been able to go out to families that need them. It’s great that a group far away wanted to do something to help.”

With more than 1,500 members and nearly 400 adult volunteers SLO County has the second largest 4-H program in California. When members join they pledge their head, heart, hands and health to better living for their club, community, country and world.

“The focus of our club is giving back to and building the community, that’s why our motto is community service,” said Morring’s husband, Ray, the club’s swine leader. “The kids enjoy going out and helping.”
SLO County 4-H Presentation Day
Saturday, February 9, 2008

SLO County 4-H Presentation Day is just around the corner. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 9, 2008! It will be held on the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and Opening Ceremonies begin at 9:00 a.m. Participation at 4-H Presentation Day is a great way for 4-H members to develop and display their public speaking skills.

What is a 4-H Presentation? A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids. Developing a 4-H presentation helps you learn to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order and teach those ideas, and practice public speaking skills.

Why are public speaking skills important? Public speaking skills are ranked number one among the skill sets of professionals. It is an important component of leadership development, it increases self-esteem, self confidence, and ability to accept feedback, and, it expands skills for planning, preparation and performance.

Presentations are not limited to demonstrations—there are many presentation styles. This year, we’re happy to announce that Presentation Day has been expanded to include three more presentation formats: Educational Display, Prepared Speech and Interpretive Reading. These formats are in addition to our previously offered formats, such as Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Audio-Visual Presentations, 4-H Science Presentations and, of course, the ever popular Share the Fun. Choose a style that best fits you for your first presentation, then try other styles as you advance in 4-H. A description of each of these presentation formats and its evaluation rubric for SLO County has been provided to your Community Club Leader and s/he will provide it to you, along with an entry form. Information on how to prepare a presentation is also available online at http://www.ca4h.org/leadership/spd/4HPresentationManual-3.pdf.

Entry forms are due in the 4-H office no later than February 1, 2008.

Also, please make a note that the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Youth Development Program is hosting the 2008 South Section 4-H Presentation Day on March 8, 2008, also at the Cal Poly Campus in the Ag Engineering Building. Members who receive a gold medal at County Presentation Day will be eligible to participate at this event.

If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office at 781-5943 or Karen Ludwig, Presentation Day Chair, at 461-1977. Judges, Room Monitors and Runners are being sought to help out that day, so if you or other leaders, parents and/or members are willing to volunteer, please call Karen Ludwig at the above number.

We look forward to seeing you at 4-H Presentation Day on February 9, 2008!
Toys For Tots

On Sunday, October 28, 2007 three members of SLO County’s 4-H program attended an informational meeting for the United States Marine Corps Toys For Tots program. At that meeting, SLO County 4-H members, Jeremy Morring, Estrella 4-H and Daniika Viborg, Templeton 4-H were appointed 4-H Youth Toys For Tots Ambassadors. Their duties included learning the history of the Toys For Tots program, (which began in 1947 and had its first official poster drawn by Walt Disney, himself, in 1948), and picking up, assembling, and distributing boxes to various county locations. On November 5th, boxes were placed for collection and left to work “their magic.”

On Wednesday, December 12th, the boxes of donated toys were collected and delivered by Jeremy and Daniika to the Collection Warehouse where the toys were sorted and counted by volunteers to be distributed to 28 different agencies. All toys collected in our area, stay in our area of the State.

“We had a lot of fun collecting gifts for those in need! It was great to see the members of our community come together to help others.”

To Jeremy Morring and Daniika Viborg
- Job Well Done!
We are happy to announce that Pam Morring has joined the San Luis Obispo County 4-H Management Board as **Visibility Director**. Pam is the Community Club Leader for Estrella 4-H Club, and is also Project Leader for Community Pride, Rabbits and Swine. Pam attended the 2007 California 4-H Leaders’ Forum in Asilomar this past November, and has also attended several leadership workshops in the county. Pam believes 4-H is “the best program going” and feels that we all have a responsibility to help encourage young people to make positive choices and live healthy lives. With her positive attitude and enthusiasm, we know Pam will make a success of this position.

**SLO County 4-H YDP Management Board Members**
- Shawn Callaway, Board Director
- Carla Borchard, Asst. Board Director
- Ruth Sutherland, Past Board Director
- Evelyn Rockwell, Budget Director
- JoAnn Overbey Awards Director / All Star Advisor
- Ken Dewar Fundraising Director
- Pam Morring, Visibility Director
- Deanna Teixeira, Secretary
- Ruben Cavanillas, South Section Council Delegate
- Sarah Lukes, All Star & Melanie Teixeira, All Star
- Mike Scott, Collegiate 4-H Representative

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**SLO County 4-H YDP Program Development Board Adult Volunteer Positions Open**

**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.

**If you are interested in serving in either 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.

**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
- Leslie Rebik, Small Animal Science Key Leader
- Sherry Martinez, Youth Leadership Key Leader
2008 Teen Involvement Conference (TIC)
January 18-20, 2008
Pathfinder Ranch, Mountain Center, CA
Ages 13-19 as of 1/18/08

The 2008 Teen Involvement Conference, also known as TIC, is a three
day event where youth from Southern California meet to learn about the 4-H
program, leadership, citizenship, life skills, and so much more. 4-H members
who attend this conference will have an opportunity to interact with other
youth and adults from nine counties in the South Section.

For more information, go to http://ss4h.org/teen/tic.html or call Amanda Clark, State Ambassador
and California 4-H South Section Teen Council President, at (805) 466-7214.

Registration Fee:

**Deadline:** - Application postmarked December 17, 2007 - January 5, 2008 $105.
**Late Registration:** - Application postmarked January 7, 2008 - January 15, 2008 $125.

*Checks should be made out to “South Section 4-H Leaders Council.”*

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California 4-H State Ambassador Program

The California 4-H State Ambassador Program is a
working honor that provides 4-H members ex-
panded opportunities to serve the California 4-H
Youth Development Program. 4-H State Ambassa-
dor is one of the highest service opportunities and
recognition attainable in the California 4-H Youth
Development Program. Please go to http://
www.ca4h.org/leadership/ambassador for more in-
formation about the 4-H State Ambassador Pro-
gram 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 be-
inning at the Orientation, July 13-15, 2007 and
ending August 31, 2008. 4-H State Ambassadors
may only serve one term. **Eligibility Require-
ments:** 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

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**LEADER APPRECIATION & TRAINING DAY**
Saturday, January 26, 2008
UCCE Auditorium at 2156 Sierra Way, SLO

Attention all Community Club Leaders and Project
Leaders!! Don’t miss out on this year’s Leader Appre-
ciation and Training Day. This is a wonderful event
put on by our Program Development Board Adult Leader-
ship Committee; chock full of topical and useful informa-
tion. And, it gives us an opportunity to recognize you,
our volunteers, for the terrific work you do throughout
the year! Here’s a list of topics we’ll be covering:

- **Social Capital. How it keeps bad things from
  happening to good kids.**
- **Leadership Development: Kids Under Construc-
  tion**
- **Seeds of Service...Growing People, Meeting
  Needs**
- **The Road to County Goals: What to look for at
  the Club Level**

There will also be plenty of time for a Roundtable
Discussion: a time to share and exchange information
with our best and most experienced resource, our volun-
tees.

Join us. Get to know one another. Ask questions.
Enjoy the day. We hope to see you there!

8:30am-9:00am REGISTRATION
9:00am-2:30pm PROGRAM, including LUNCH

Please RSVP by January 18, 2008 to the 4-H office
at 781-5943. It will help us have just the right amount
of food and handouts. Thanks!
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.

Wood’s Humane Society
Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-Thon

Hi, I’m Pam Morring and I’m SLO County’s new 4-H Visibility Director.

As my first “official” visibility event, I couldn’t have asked for a better turn out than our county had at the Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-thon! We literally had “wigglers” from all over our county on the scene to help get the word out about 4-H!

SLO County 4-H showed off not only our new logo on our pop-up tent but also our wonderful and very enthusiastic members. We handed out informational booklets, 4-H tattoos, pencils, bracelets and smiles!

Dog Care project members and their leaders came out in force and performed demonstrations on obedience for this huge turn-out fundraiser for Woods Humane Society. Thanks to all our members and especially to Daniika Viborg, Meredith Masch, Heather and Mike McDonnell, and Jeremy Morring for coming out from dawn ‘til dusk and working hard to help set up and run this community outreach! – Pam Morring, 4-H Management Board Visibility Director
**San Luis Obispo County 4-H Achievement Night**

We looked through the telescope one more time, and found out that we missed a few more “stars” in the 4-H galaxy . . . The 4-H Awards Director and 4-H office would like to congratulate the following 4-H Members on their Medal Achievements!

*Kendall Featherstone, Rio Rancheros — Food & Nutrition*
*Ben Leitcher, Santa Margarita — Market Swine*
*Juno Laing, Santa Margarita — Market Swine*
*Crystal Walter, Bishop’s Peak 4-H Gold Secretary Book!*

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**State 4-H Equine Field Day**

POZO 4-H Club — The State 4-H Equine Field Day was held on November 10, 2007, in King City, California. The day was broken into four different rotations, and you could choose one of the five different topics to go see. The topics of the sessions included horse health and nutrition, horse facts, horse conformation and judging, showmanship, jumping, gymkhana, polo, reining, and equine massage.

Lilley Massey taught us how to work with a colt doing ground work while she explained how to start colts. She also showed how to work the same methods on older horses. It was very interesting.

Robyn Hambey gave a talk on equine massage. We had a “hands on” learning session, where we got to message miniature horses. That was really fun! Wilbur O’Ferrall is a professional polo player, and he taught us the basics of polo. Jennifer Rey taught us basic reining patterns, and how to start a young horse on reining.

The day also included a tack swap, and a raffle. It was fun seeing other 4-H horse members. We had a blast, and we can’t wait for the next one! Thank you to everyone who helped. It was a very fun and educational day. Submitted by; Casey Nauta, Victoria Simoneau, and Emily Thomas of Pozo 4-H.

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**Food Safety Training for 4-H Clubs**

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.

Food Safety Brochure is located at: http://groups.ucanr.org/ehs/files/42038.pdf
SLO County 4-H YDP Newsletters are assembled each month by the Silver Streaks of the San Luis Obispo Senior Center.

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