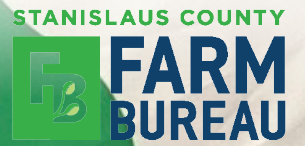
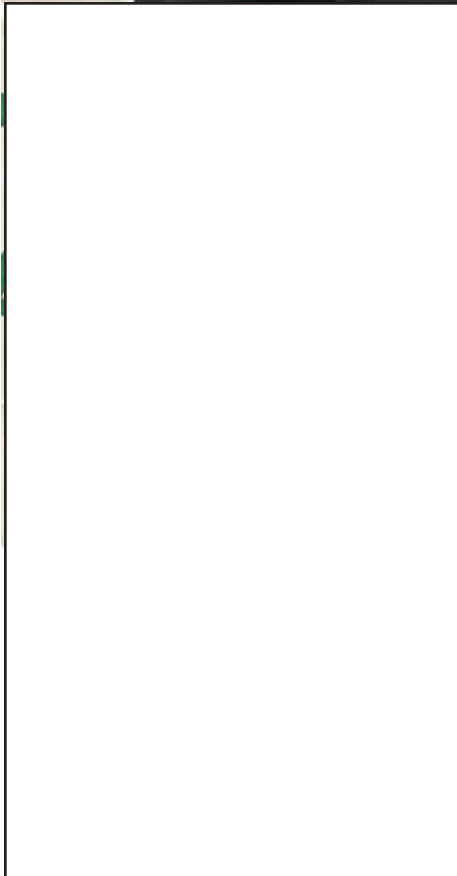


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Water **STATE WATER BOARD RELEASES** **REPORT ANALYZING BAY-DELTA** **PLAN ALTERNATIVES**

On September 28, the State Water Resources Control Board released a draft staff report analyzing various alternatives for updating the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan to support ecological conditions in the Delta and most of its tributaries. The alternatives look at the “unimpaired flow” alternative proposed by the board in 2016, as well as the public water agency-supported “Healthy Rivers” (also called the “voluntary agreements”) alternative that combines habitat restoration, collaborative science and monitoring, and additional water to support salmon populations in the Delta and its watershed. The draft report is available on the State Water Board website. The board has scheduled a series of public meetings and workshops on the report and is accepting comments through December 15. Farm Bureau has long supported the voluntary agreements approach, as President Jamie Johanson noted in a statement on the report’s release. Staff: Alex Biering, abiering@cfbf.com

FRUIT FLIES, DROUGHT AND **FLOOD RELIEF PROGRAMS TOP IS-** **SUES FOR STATE BOARD OF FOOD** **AND AGRICULTURE MEETING ON** **OCTOBER 3rd**

The California State Board of Food and Agriculture will discuss pest and diseases issues impacting current-year crops at its upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 3rd. In addition, the board will hear updates on California’s Small Agricultural Business Drought and Flood Relief Grant Program. The meeting will be held from 10:00a.m. to 2:15p.m. at the California De-

partment of Food and Agriculture, 1220 N Street – Main Auditorium, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The meeting is also available via Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82813692996> Webinar ID: 828 1369 2996 Passcode: Board2023! (Phone Access Passcode: 4965065975) “It has been a challenging year for agricultural pest and disease issues,” said CDFA Secretary Karen Ross. “We’ve seen a significant uptick in detections, fruit flies in particular, that endanger a variety of fruits, nuts and vegetables. CDFA, along with federal and local counterparts, are at the front lines in protecting commercial and residential production from these pests.”

Invited speakers include: Director Tara Lynn Gray, California Office of the Small Business Advocate; Lauren Fann, Almond Board of California; Mary Zischke, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California; Mike Montna, California Tomato Growers Association; Aaron Lange, LangeTwins Family Winery and Vineyard; Cherie Watte Angulo, CAGROWN; Andrew Cline and Joshua Kress, CDFA Plant Health and Pest Prevention Services; Deputy Secretary Rachael O’Brien, California Department of Food and Agriculture and other invited speakers. “Climate has a lot to do with the on-farm pest and disease challenges we are facing,” said President Don Cameron, California State Board of Food and Agriculture. “Unseasonable weather including the remnants of Hurricane Hilary did damage and prevented products from reaching consumers. How we address the changing dynamics of farming and disasters associated climate change is critical to maintaining an affordable food supply for

all consumers.”

The California State Board of Food and Agriculture advises the governor and CDFA secretary on agricultural issues and consumer needs. The board conducts forums that bring together local, state and federal government officials; agricultural representatives; and citizens to discuss current issues and concerns to California agriculture.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF IN- **SURANCE INCREASES FAIR PLAN** **COMMERCIAL COVERAGE LIMITS**

As many know all too well, residential and commercial coverage is available through the FAIR Plan to homeowners’ associations, condo associations, farms, and businesses of all kinds when they are unable to find insurance through the normal market. While created by the Governor and Legislature, the FAIR Plan is a private association whose day-to-day operations are controlled by insurance companies, not taxpayers.

The FAIR Plan is available to California residents and businesses in urban and rural areas who cannot obtain insurance through a regular insurance company. Now, the Department of Insurance has approved the FAIR Plan to increase commercial coverage limits to \$20M per location for its Commercial Property Program and Business Owner’s Program (BOP). The effective date for the higher commercial property limits will be no later than November 1, 2023 and the effective date for the higher BOP limits will be no later than December 14, 2023.

Commissioner Lara also announced that he has reached an agreement with insurance companies to increase writing in

wildfire distressed areas. As part of that he will direct the FAIR Plan to increase its commercial limits again to \$20 million per building, responding to consumers who need temporary coverage. The FAIR Plan has confirmed that maximum limits may be increased for policies that renew before the implementation dates above once the new limits have been implemented. When these policyholders request a new policy with higher limits, the FAIR Plan has agreed that:

1. There will be no additional administrative cost or fee to process;
2. Photo and inspection requirements will be waived; and,
3. FAIR Plan will not cancel the existing policy until it is certain the new policy with higher limits can be issued to avoid any coverage gap.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE HOLDS SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON CATASTROPHE MODELS

Also this week, the California Department of Insurance held its second workshop into insurers’ request to use catastrophe models in their rate plans submissions. Currently, Prop 103 limits an insurer to only using historical data in their submitted plan models. In the first workshop, the department sought information about the legal implications of implementing new forward looking catastrophe models. California Farm Bureau provided comments on those legal questions.

This second workshop looked deeper at the models directly, and the type of data that companies that develop models use to create the models. The reality is that there are different datasets used by the modeling companies, and so its possible that views of risk will have a range of outcomes.

California Farm Bureau has been advocat-

ing the past year for catastrophe models to be required to consider data related specifically to home hardening, defensible space creation, Firewise safe community designations, and government investments that all directly reduce risk. The department – in announcing their strategy to restore competition to the insurance market – stated that insurers must build into their catastrophe models in California these defensible space and hardening mitigations. This should help property owners to be incentivized to conduct those mitigations measures and help the effort to depopulate FAIR Plan policies by giving clearinghouse priority to those properties that have implemented that risk reduction.

This second workshop will help to inform the department as it proceeds with its goal to produce and implement new regulations by December 2024 as part of the Sustainable Insurance Strategy outlined last week to restore access to the competitive insurance market.

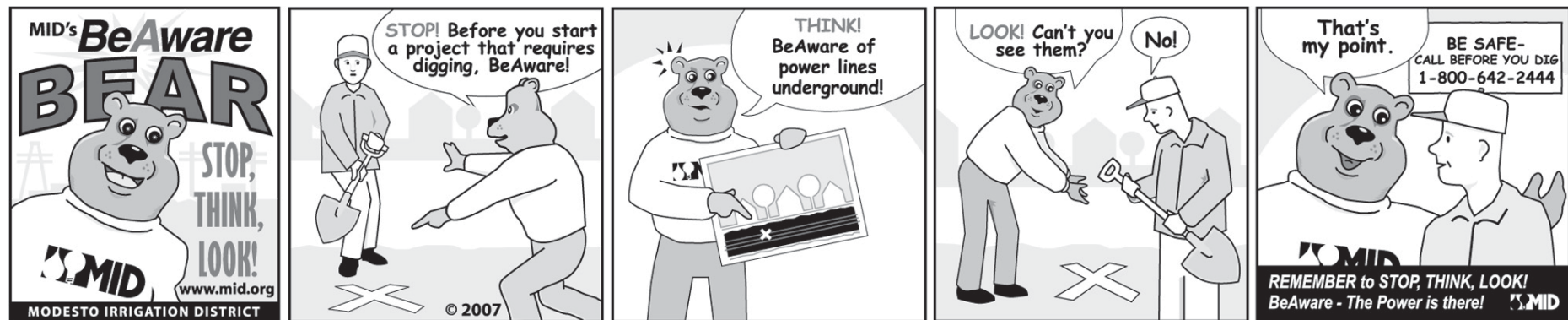
ACCEPTING PROPOSALS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR 2023 SPECIALTY CROP MULTI-STATE PROGRAM

The California Department of Food and Agriculture is accepting proposals for the 2023 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program. 2023 SPECIALTY CROP MULTI-STATE PROGRAM This is a federal grant program offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service. The purpose of the program is to competitively award funds to projects that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops by funding collaborative, multi-state projects that address regional or national level specialty crop issues, including food safety, plant pests and

disease, research, crop-specific projects addressing common issues, and marketing and promotion.

Specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture). All prospective applicants are encouraged to review the 2023 Request for Applications: https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2023_SCMP_RFA.pdf Additional information about the grant program , including application instructions and templates are available on the CDFA website: http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/Specialty_Crop_Competitiveness_Grants/SCMP.html Grant awards will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million per project and projects may last for up to three years. Specialty crop producer associations and groups, other state agencies, Tribal government entities, universities, non-profits, and other stakeholder groups and organizations are eligible to apply. All proposals must include at least two partners (referred to as "multi-state partners") with substantive involvement in the project, and the multi-state partners must be located in two different states to qualify for the program.

The deadline to submit proposals is 1:59 p.m. PT on December 22, 2023. Proposals must be submitted electronically to grants@cdfa.ca.gov. CDFA will conduct a webinar on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:00 am PDT featuring an overview of the proposal application. There is no cost to attend; however, space is limited and CDFA requests that attendees register in advance. Webinar registration link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3443709335194813016> All questions regarding the Specialty Crop Multi-State Program should be emailed to grants@cdfa.ca.gov. Please include “SCMP” in the subject line.



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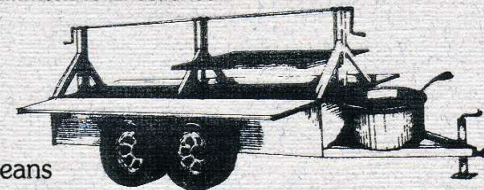
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My name is Hailey & I have been in Westport 4-H for 6 years. I like the fact that 4-H gives me a space to try new things and allows me to work on my public speaking. I like the that I'm able to make friends with people that like the same things as me. I like the fact that it also gives me the chance to work with animals that I might not do normally.

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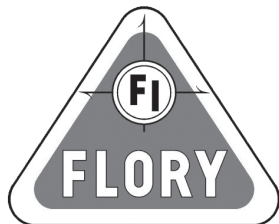
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My name is Bryan Berbereia I am twelve years old and in Sixth grade at Hilmar Middle School. This is my eighth year in Newman 4-H. I have two sisters, Bella who is also in Newman 4H and a senior at Hilmar High School and Vivi who is a sophomore at Merced College. This year the projects I am in are Leadership, arts and crafts, dairy, baking, and shooting sports. I am also one of the Sergeant at Arms for our club.

This is my first year being one of the sergeants at arms for our club. My jobs are to bring the Flag to each meeting, help set up the meeting room, and to make sure everyone is quiet and paying attention at the meetings. I am looking forward to being an officer this year.

This is my eighth year in arts and crafts. I like making things and entering them into the fair. I enjoy being in the project with my cousins. This is my fifth year in dairy and shooting sports. I like to go to the fair with my animal and being with my friends and cousins. I like being in shooting sports because I like shooting at the targets and trying to get a bull's eye, I have already gotten one so far. I hope get better at shooting sports and get more bulls eyes.

This is my first year in cooking. I like to cook and bake. I am looking forward to learning how to bake more things and eat them.

I enjoy donating to events the club does, like food, clothes, toys and this year I am collecting boxes for Operation Christmas Child. I have always donated to a boy my age things that I would like to play with. I also like to participate in pumpkin carving context, ugly sweater, and valentine's exchange. I also help with Flag downs and flags and wreaths at the Newman Cemetery. I like helping others.

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The projects I am currently in are shooting sports/archery, arts and crafts, and dairy. I have been in shooting sports for 3 years and I enjoyed doing it. I have been in arts and crafts for 6 years and we made lots of fun stuff.

I have been in a dairy for 3 years, this was my first year showing a replacement heifer and I got 4-H reserve champion. Today, I am going to tell you about last year's arts and crafts. Last year we painted a pumpkin, my pumpkin was very colorful. We used mod podge to put red, orange or yellow tissue paper on a wooden leaf. We also nailed nails to a piece of wood and used string to make a shape, I made a snowflake. We made a canvas art by putting multiple colors of paint in a cup and poured it on the canvas.

We also did shrinky dinks, I made a small dog, it was fun watching it shrink. The pastel crayon art was neat to draw an ocean sky. I had a very fun time in arts and crafts and if any other members would like to join I would recommend it. I would like to thank the Stanislaus County Fair for displaying my projects. In conclusion 4-H is a good experience for new members.



Camille Dowdell, Shooting Stars 4-H

I love 4-H not only for the countless opportunities it has given me, but also for the things it has taught me about myself, from the capabilities I possess to the sparks I am most passionate about. As well, I love how 4-H connects me to my community and teaches me how to advocate against issues I see.
















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Max Barcellos is active in arts and crafts, gardening and is looking forward to showing dairy when he turns nine.

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The 4-H Milk Bar is a very important part of the Hi 4-H Program and as the outgoing President of the Hi 4-H Club, I would like to thank the community for all of their support and I know everyone will continue to support the Milk Bar at the Stanislaus County Fair.

Hi my name is Cailin Casey and its once again time to enroll in the Stanislaus County 4-H Program. As I look back on my time in the 4-H program, there are several events and opportunities that stand out.

One of them being the Milk Bar at the Stanislaus County Fair. I know that the milkshakes at the Fair are the favorite of many fair goers, the exhibitors, leaders and even other concessionaires. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department is a big supporter of the Milk Bar as is Yosemite Farm Credit.

What most people do not know about the Milk Bar is that it supports the Stanislaus County Hi 4-H Program, which is a program for 4-H members 14 to 18 years of age. These members rely on the Milk Bar to assist them in funding for conferences, educational field trips and out of State exchange programs. But the money is not just handed over because you are a Hi 4-H member, you work for it. Running the Milk Bar is like running a business. There are mangers, day chairs and shift workers. The supplies have to be ordered, prices negotiated, shifts scheduled, equipment cleaned and there is even laundry to be done.

But there is the side that is equally as important; that is working with your friends; the ones you know and the ones you are about to meet. While putting

the shifts together, you might not always find a 4-H member who is available. So, you have to turn to your friends, your 4-H friends are doing the same. These are the people you are with all year long in school or at church.

This means asking your soccer team to help out, which means working a 4 hour shift for a milkshake. The Milk Bar has had softball teams, soccer teams, football teams, basketball teams, FFA officer teams and of course the die hard 4-H Mom's who are trying to take a break from the animal barns, who just happen to be walking by when you realize you are a man down.

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I joined 4-H as a Primary Member. I was able to do crafts, food projects, folkart and participate in the rabbit project group. I learned a lot of different skills, which lead to the projects I took when I turned 9 years old.

Primary members are 5 to 8 years of age. As a Primary Member, you enroll in the Primary project and meet with your project leader each month, just like other

members, but you also get to learn about other projects. At Community Club meetings, the Primary members have “break away” projects to keep them involved during the long business meetings. At our Club, they talk about and show their projects following the business meeting, so that other Club members can see what they did, and the Primary members learn to speak in front of an audience.

Primary members are encouraged to participate in the projects offered by their Club.

This gives them the opportunity to see what the 4-H program has to offer.



Our County provides noncompetitive events for Public Speaking, Creed, Favorite Foods Day, Small Animal Skills Day, Fashion Revue and Photo and Film Festival for the Primary Members.

I recommend that families look into the Primary Projects offered by their Clubs and enroll, it is a great experience for younger youth.



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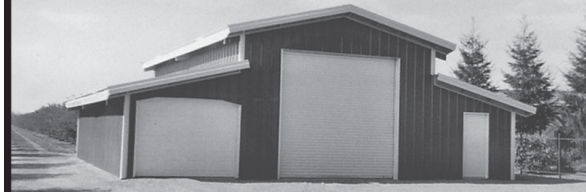
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The County Ambassador's take on leadership roles at County and State wide events. As Ambassador's we plan and serve as facilitators for Leadership Training Day, which is a day long training event for Club Officers. The event includes training for individual officer's positions as well as how to run a meeting using parliamentary procedure. In October, we plan and carry out Stanislaus County Awards Night. This event recognizes the 4-H members record book accomplishments, Fair merit awards, Star rank advancement and other honors achieved by 4-H members during the program year.

Our County Ambassadors assist with all County events, where ever needed. We serve as emcees for Creed and Presentation Day, Favorite Foods Day and Film and Photo Festival just to name a few.

Any organization, can call on a County 4-H Ambassador to speak at their meetings or events. We can talk about the benefits of the 4-H program, how to enroll, and the wide variety of projects and opportunities 4-H has to offer.

County Ambassadors, formally known as County All Stars are a very important part of the Stanislaus County 4-H program. To apply to be a County Ambassador, a member needs to be a graduate of the 8th grade. The member fills out an application, and sets up an interview with the Ambassador committee. No qualified member is turned away. Members need to be able to commit to the position for 2 years.... but...once an Ambassador, always an Ambassador. Many of our Ambassadors return to assist when needed, long after their term is up.



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Stanislaus County Farm Bureau News Article

By: *Inspector Melanie Pellegrino, Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office*

Summer has come to an end and the Autumn season is upon us. Around the County we see nut harvest in full swing, grapes cut from the vine, and melons, pumpkins, and sweet potatoes gathered in from the field. It's the season many of us look forward to all year, the kids have returned to school and the excitement of watching our 4-H and FFA students com-

pete at the Fair. Harvest is winding to an end, and we can finally think about putting our feet up and enjoy the comfort of the fall flavors that are now on the menu. However, as the dewy mornings, crisp air, and shorter days remind us that we have made it through another growing season, it's important to start preparing for the upcoming permit and certification period before the excitement of the holidays are upon us.

Entering October, it is important to remember that all License and Certificate holders are eligible for renewal. So do not delay in finishing up those last Continuing Education Credits now to ensure

your CDPR renewal applications are in the mail by the end of the month to ensure your renewals will be processed before the end of the year. To help you in that process, the Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office now has online services available for CE Classes, Registration Renewals, and Permits at www.stanag.org.

Furthermore, there are significant changes related to certifications of Private Applicators and category requirements for Qualified Applicators. In general, all private applicators who wish to maintain certification status will have to take the new competency exam sometime in the next few years depending on your expiration date. If you have any questions about your specific status and your timeline for compliance, please contact us at 209-525-4730 and our staff will gladly assist you to understand if and how these regulatory changes may affect you to ensure you are properly prepared for the next growing season.

We have also created review and PAC testing sessions to be able to facilitate the certification process. We highly encourage you to attend these sessions after studying the PAC study guide to ensure your success in passing the exam. Please visit our website to sign up or call our office for assistance.

We would also like to thank all our growers who have participated this month in both our empty pesticide container Recycling Program and those who have signed up to participate in the Pesticide Takeback Event scheduled to occur October 11th-13th, 2023. Our staff has worked diligently to make these programs and grants available to our agricultural community as they help protect the community and our environment by eliminating the unused and unwanted pesticides that comes with running farming operations.

We will continue to communicate any regulatory changes and information on pathways to facilitate a smooth transition to continued compliance via our website, email, mail, social media, meetings, and Farm Bureau News. All with the intent of reaching out to many growers and other pesticide applicators in a timely manner.



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Hi my name is Evan Martins, I am the Vice President for the Newman 4-H club.

I am also currently in Hi 4-H. For Hi 4-H, I attended snow camp. I had fun and liked to play in the snow. I also went to a pumpkin patch and went through a corn maze. I also went ice skating.

This year is my second year of working at the milk bar. This year is my second year of being the Newman 4-H Vice President. I can't wait for a new year of 4-H because the last meeting there was a lot more people attending it. I am in vegetable gardening, archery, photography, and arts and crafts. My favorite activity is photography.

I learned so much about photo taking than I realized. I won a reserve of show for one of my pictures entered into the photo/ film festival.

My vegetable garden has been doing very well. This year I planted tomatoes, carrots, pumpkins, two kinds of squash, and peppers for my project. I also planted cucumbers too. My cucumbers have been growing like crazy. I have to check them everyday because of how good they are doing. My pepper plants have been making plenty of peppers and I have a lot. My tomatoes have been doing good lately. I recently saw some beefsteak tomatoes.

In October, I learned that you can plant a succulent into styrofoam, so I planted a succulent in a styrofoam pumpkin. I planted seeds in small pots and I planted tomato, carrot, and pumpkin seeds. I also used clear plastic covers to recreate a greenhouse. This meant that they would stay moist for longer.



My group also was able to go to the Merced Junior College plant sale. There I brought Beefsteak tomatoes, a few types of peppers, and two types of squash.



Hi, my name is Sebastian Davis, my spark is community service and friendship because I love helping out. Mostly I love all the friends and memories I have made.



Hi, my name is Troy, and my spark is the beef project. This is my spark because, it's fun knowing that you care for and lead a 1,400 lb animal.

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Hi, my name is Daisy Yosty. My spark is creativity. This is my spark because it allows me to express myself in new and different ways.



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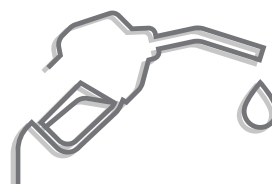


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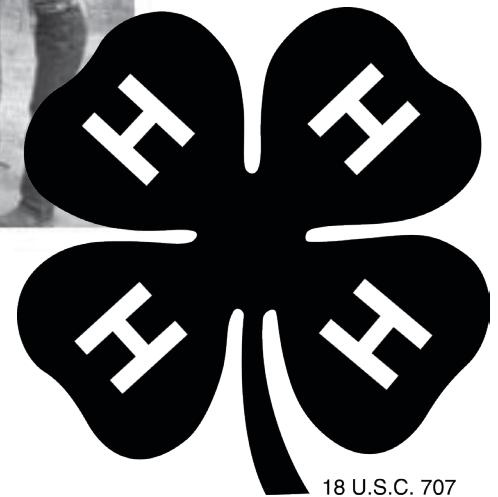
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Fair is all about making new friends and memories that will last for a lifetime. This year at fair I was busy. I won 4-H Reserve Heavyweight Market Lamb Tom, and I was so surprised. It took a few days for me to realize that it is a big deal. I won my class with my Breeding Ewe Toddles placed with my pair of breeding ewes Jeri & Toddles. I participated in 4 of the Outstanding 4-H Exhibitor Interviews. I was awarded the Ag Mechanics & Ag Horticulture Outstanding Exhibitor. I entered my other projects arts & crafts, welding projects, flowers, plants, and has a club we did a garden plot. I won a best of Show with a button art of a lamb. Entered a woodworking lamb for a special person in my life. As a club, we won the John Thurman Award. Also, on sale day at fair, I got to raise the American Flag with Aly from my club raise the American Flag that was flow over the United States Capitol with Congressman Duarte, Kim Williams.

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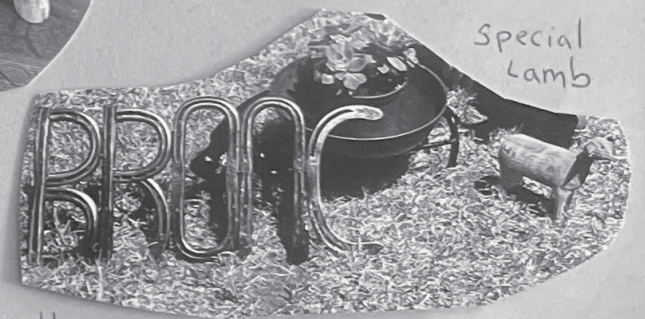
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Dairy Judging Team Travels to the East Coast

Submitted by Paris Cabral

The MJC Dairy Judging team headed to the east coast to check out all breeds of dairy cattle and get in some practice to prepare for the upcoming national fall collegiate dairy contests. This trip would consist of 2 dairy judging competitions and traveling through 4 states for team members Tyler Miranda - Turlock, Paris Cabral - Turlock, Morgan Ramirez -Merced and coach Nicole Morris. The team earned 2nd place honors at the Big E in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 16th, winning the Brown Swiss High Team award and Tyler Miranda was 4th Overall. That evening they traveled south 335 miles to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. After a full day of judging at the All-American Invitational Dairy Judging

Contest, the team had a great day in a very competitive contest. Walking away with 4th High Team in the Post-Secondary Division, Tyler Miranda was 9th High Individual and Paris Cabral was 10th High Individual. The team will be traveling to Madison, Wisconsin next week to compete at the World Dairy Expo.



4th Place High Team at All-American IYDJC Tyler Miranda - 9th Overall, Morgan Ramirez and Paris Cabral - 10th Overall.



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Morgan Ramirez, Tyler Miranda & Paris Cabral prior to competing at the Big-E in Springfield, Mass.

"4-H Member to 4-H Alumna to 4-H Intern"

Aging out of 4-H is that sort of rite of passage at a time when young adult 4-H'ers are easing their way into full-on adulthood. These youth members continue in 4-H until they reach the age of nineteen and can no longer participate in 4-H as a youth member. While some move onto other paths, most go on to give back to 4-H in one way or another. Discovering a way to do both has become a delight for Eve Dowdell, a 2022 4-H alumna. She completed her 4-H youth career and is embarking on the road to 4-H adult volunteering and state internship.

Eve Dowdell was pinned "4-H Alumna" at the State Leadership Conference. During the ceremony, Eve was announced as a recipient of both the Golden Clover Award and the Diamond Clover, the highest achievement for which a 4-H member is recognized. As well, 4-H members, leaders, and representatives from all over California bid her farewell on her 2021-2022 term as State Ambassador. Eve is the first State Ambassador from Stanislaus County in five years; that's since Gabriella Germann, a Stanislaus County native, served on the 2016-2017 State Ambassador team.

Eve's notable 4-H skills and accomplishments enabled her to shine as State Ambassador. She and her team developed a campaign centered on encouraging youth to begin living their legacy now. While her team was responsible for implementing CA 4-H Youth Development Programs, creating educational workshops for County 4-H Ambassadors, and facilitating educational programs for other States' Ambassadors, Eve had the availability and specialized skillset to represent her team at Ag Day at the Capitol and on various State 4-H committees. She was invited to present informational sessions for the State 4-H staff towards advancing the CA 4-H social media platform. Using her talent for publicizing wacky Tiktok's to classy Instagram stories, Eve designed and

shared content to boost the presence of the CA 4-H brand, the State Ambassador's platform, and CA 4-H Ag.

Eve's passion for 4-H, communication, and pink showed through in all of her social media promotions. With little effort, anyone could see how 4-H is an avenue to cultivate her sparks and share them with her community. She seized every opportunity to mention her favorite things and how they relate to her 4-H experience. Her videos supporting upcoming 4-H events or honoring heroes, National American Sign Language (ASL) Day, and National Pink Day were her way of connecting with her fellow members in her own unique way.

Among her role as State Ambassador, Eve has had many successes in 4-H that led to significant contributions during her 4-H years. Her service as County President of Hi 4-H (yes, the ones who make the delicious milkshakes at the county fair!), President of Shooting Stars 4-H (her home club of eleven years), and Staff/Counselor on the County Camp Committee are just a few of them. She served her third term on the State 4-H Advisory Committee and helped run the first State Camping Conference since the pandemic. Eve thrives on communicating with 4-Hers across the state and supporting them in their endeavors. Whether through club work, county programs, or national opportunities, her caring and influencing attitude promotes a sense of belonging and gives 4-H members the prompting they need to believe they can achieve their



goals, master skills, and positively impact their communities. She says seeing young 4-H'ers taking advantage of all that 4-H has to offer reminds her of her own early 4-H years, when her eyes dazzled at the sight of older 4-H'ers in the spotlight.

Over the years, Eve has been an outstanding role model who has connected to and affected the lives of many. With great compassion, competency, and character, Eve has shown that she embodies the essence of a true leader. Her influence has mostly been recognized in her commitment to 4-H project leadership. Particularly, projects such as ASL, Dance, Communications, and Embroidery, where she embraced her sparks, are her favorite projects to lead. Through all her project roles, her magnetic personality inspires others, adults and youth members alike, to succeed in facing life's challenges with integrity, determination, and a smile. Eve continues to serve 4-H members as officer advisor for Shooting Stars 4-H club, county co-advisor for the Stanislaus Hi 4-H Committee, and assistant to County Ambassador teams. Most recently, she started as a student intern in Marketing and Communications for the UC ANR State 4-H Youth Development Program.

As Eve is no stranger to achievement, she is making headlines at Modesto Junior College (MJC), where she pursues Communication Studies. Her contributions on campus have put her in the spotlight as ASL Club officer, President of Alpha Kap-



pa chapter of Sigma Chi Eta, and member of the 2022-2023 Intercollegiate Speech & Debate Team. Her time on the Speech & Debate team has earned MJC the Hornet Cup, 1st Place Sweepstakes Award, and the Phi Ro Pi 2023 National Award. Eve began her competition year as Top Novice at the Golden Gate Opener, then took two 1st Placings at the Mustang and the Paul Winters Invitationals for her persuasive speech performance. In her speech, she advocated for the deaf community by calling for ADA accommodations in drive-throughs. She went on to claim 3rd Place at the Northern CA Forensics Association Championship and 1st Places in both Communication Analysis and Persuasive Speech at the Hornet Tournament. These accomplishments are a credit to all her years of learning by doing in 4-H. Eve says she pulls from her experience toolbox, having learned and taught the value of resiliency, civil discourse, motivating others for impactful change, and building connections. Eve is a tremendous source of encouragement and guidance with a tenacity for working with individuals from various cultural backgrounds, lifestyles, and mindsets.

Eve adds, “Whether I am tutoring or facilitating a campus life event, I want to be an approachable light and friend to the students of MJC. I’ve been privileged with opportunities to employ self-management. Now I want to contribute my skills, insight, and perspective, and give back what I have been so generously given. As I develop my own passions and knowledge, I am only fulfilled knowing that I have also influenced another’s growth and sparked their passions. Like 4-H, MJC has a powerful foundation, helping students grow in their field of study. I’m thankful to be a contributor to that growth.”

Eve's greatest passion remains in her faith. She regularly makes time to support youth mentorship and volunteers as a bible study leader and on the prayer team for her church, JC Fans. Let’s celebrate and thank Eve for sharing her time, gifts, and positive attitude for the benefit of our 4-H youth and our community.

Hi, my name is Raylen Barcellos. I am 12 years old and I am in 7th Grade. I have also been in Newman 4-H since I was five years old. I am the 2023-2024 recreational leader. I have one sister and two brothers .and I also have 3 dogs and 2 cats. I attend school at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Patterson California. Other things I am involved in are fall baseball in Merced, flag football in Hilmar in January and I bake with my family. I have been in shooting sports (archery) I have been in it for 3 years, I am also involved in dairy and arts and craft. I have been in dairy for 3 years and in arts and craft for 6 years. The Newman 4-H Shooting Sports: Archery group, was involved in the mailed in the second annual CA 4-H Hybrid Archery Tournament. I shot 20,30 and 40 yards and I would like to thank the Stanislaus County Fair for letting me turn in my project and I got second place. My family and I went through the barn and saw it on display I also have my own personal compound bow with my own arrows. I would like to introduce this project to other kids in 4-H because it is really fun to shoot a bow and you learn a lot of stuff like the safety of using a bow. In conclusion, Archery is fun because I can practice archer with my family.



Tiffany Lionudakis Stanislaus County Leader's Council Co-President

I’m 4-H Proud of all the members that never give up. The ribbons, banners and pins are great when earned, but sometimes it’s only your 4-H Family that knows the fears, doubts, and disappointments you’ve overcome in the process. I’m 4-H Proud of the members willing to share their struggles, to brainstorm with others, and find new ideas to try. I’m 4-H Proud to be an Alumni of and current Volunteer for Stanislaus County 4-H, helping members find their sparks and watching them help each other grow, succeed, and continue to “Make the Best Better.” 4-H is built around “Learn by doing” experiences that foster positive youth development.



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