



2. Mekyla McCullen All Star Project

Mekyla is proud to announce her Dairy Goat Awareness for kids series in a 4 part video. She raised dairy goats for several years. She will introduce youth to the joys of raising goats, milking, cheese making and showmanship. Stay tuned for the first video on March 28th. (we will post on the 4-H website). Dairy goats have wonderful personalities and provide milk and cheese to many homes in our community. We would invite you to join the Dairy Goat project and make some goat cheese!

Emerald Star Projects:

1. Elizabeth Nino Emerald Star Project- March 29th at Calaveras School

Calling 4-Her's to clean out your bookshelves! Elizabeth has designed a book drive for the families in our community to receive free new and used books. She is collecting books for donations until March 25th at McAbee feed store.

Elizabeth is asking for additional donations of books and help distributing books on March 29th at Calavas school. Come help set up her booths at 11:30 am. The event starts at noon to 3 pm. She is teaming up with the free lunch program at Calavas school. This is a wonderful way to encourage families to read.



March 29th - Calaveras School 1151 Buena Vista Rd, Hollister at 11:30 am set up - Event starts at noon until 3 pm.

2. Elena Nino Emerald Star Project - March 29th at Calaveras School

Looking to donate your gently used clothing or new clothes to a good cause. Well look no further, Elena Emerald Star project is the right place. She is collecting childrens and adult clothing to be given to the community until



March 25th at McAbee Feed store. 4-Her's come join the fun on March 29th at 11:30 am to help set up the clothing book at Calaveras school in Hollister.

The event starts at noon until 3 pm. The families can pick up a book and a new outfit at the same time!

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3. Tyler Abercrombie Emerald Star Project - TBA



Tyler is creating a play structure for special needs preschool. He is designing the structure and play equipment to help develop the kids motor skills as well as eye hand coordination. Tyler has a team with his advisor that will help him cut the materials and assemble the play structures. After the play structure is assembled and sanded, Tyler will announce the date 4-H members can come and help paint the play structure. Many children will benefit from this project.

4. Emily Drost Emerald Star project - wrap up

Congratulations on the successful completion of your project. Emily provided 81 arts & craft projects with a card written by 4-Hers with words of kindness to seniors in rest homes and special needs high school students in our community. The recipients were so grateful to receive these arts & craft projects with your letters.

5. Tyler Kashiwagi Emerald Star project - wrap up

Tyler collected clothing and hygiene supplies for the homeless in our community. The items were donated to Our Father's House. Your donations will make a difference to many people. Thank you for your support.

6. Taryn Wright Emerald Star project - wrap up

Your support of Taryn's Emerald Star project produced a truck load of items such as dog food, cat food, pet toys, blankets and beds for animals in the shelter. The shelter staff were overwhelmed with our 4-H donations for their facility. Thank you for your support in making the animal in the shelter comfortable and happy until they find their forever home!

7. Seth Nino Emerald Star project- wrap up

You have made a difference in the lives of our Military service men and women with your letters of inspiration and kindness. Seth was able to deliver 92 letters to VHW in town and send letters to a friend serving in the military to share with this service team. Military service personnel always look forward to receiving letters or packages from home. Thank you to all the people serving and retired in the military!

Thank you to all the 4-Hers hosting an All Star or Emerald Star project! I greatly appreciate the support 4-H families provide to our All Star & Emerald Star projects in time and donations that benefit our community in many ways. I look forward to the next proposal for an Emerald Star project. I encourage you to think outside the box for your Emerald Star project. If you are interested in submitting your application, please send it to Danielle Nino and Julie Katawicz. The application and contact information is on the 4-H website under I&R.

New Leadership/Interview Project:

We have been invited to participate in a new interview project with Cornell Institute on aging (CITRA) program. Youth will work with 4-H leaders and 4-H staff on how to interview a senior in our community. The benefit for the youth is improving their interview skills, creating interview questions, and

learning from seniors life experiences. The youth will summarize their findings from the interviews with seniors. We will get together for a presentation and group discussion after the interviews are completed. The benefit to our seniors that participating is they get to share their life experience with youth. The project must be completed by June 30th. If you are interested in participating please contact your leadership 4-H leader or 4-H office by email at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu.

Presentation Day - Wrap Up

We hosted our first ever 4-H virtual county presentation day on March 6th. A shout out to the 10 youth that participated in this event. Congratulations to all the participants for an outstanding job on presentations. Thank you to the committee and All Stars for making this event a success!

Fabulous Poster Contest- Wrap Up

We received 29 Fabulous Educational Posters turned in by 4-Her's. We are proud of the quality of educational posters turned to the committee. Our committee is still in the process of judging the posters. We will contact the youth when the poster can be picked up and the location.

4-H Farm Agreements

1. 4-H farm agreements are due to the 4-H office by May 1st.
2. Place in drop box outside of conference room or email to 4-H office

COVID-19 Meeting requirements & Office updates:

As of March 1st, we can now meet inside & outside in person up to 25% capacity of the room or area outside up to 100 people including 2 adult leaders. We still have zoom meeting links available. Please email the 4-H office if you need a zoom link for your 4-H meeting.

Our 4-H office will be working remotely until June 30, 2021. You may contact the 4-H office by email or phone at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu or (831) 205-3180.

Our 4-H statewide conference will be virtual this year through August 1, 2021.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our families.

- Here are some resources for online and 4-H projects:

http://cesanbenito.ucanr.edu/4-H_Program/Online_4-H_Project_Resources/

1. We have also posted the information on the front page of our 4-H county website under COVID-19 training for 4-H leaders.

We encourage meetings in person up to current covid regulations, zoom, or other media resources. We have many online resources to assist leaders with project meetings. We are happy to schedule the zoom meeting and send the link to the 4-H leader to distribute to the 4-H members. Please send your email request to the 4-H office at jkatawicz@ucanr.edu with the date and time of the meeting at least two days prior to meeting.

We are waiting for an update on the virtual conferences dates for Youth Summit Conference and State Leadership for 2021.

Tech Talk Seasons:

We understand the difficulty many 4-H families, 4-H leaders and staff are facing changing our 4-H program to a virtual platform. We have an opportunity to form tech support with training seasons in January 2021 to June 2021 from Scott Mautte with our 4-H state office staff. I have personally worked with Scott the last 6 years. He is a tech genius. We can all gain many new skills to help our 4-H youth and expand our 4-H program in our community.

The platform of tech talk is a space for leaders, teens, adults and 4-H staff, from beginners to experts to get personalized help in working through the challenges they are facing delivering 4-H in a virtual environment. This time is informal and the content will be created by participants from the questions and challenges we are facing in the virtual delivery.

Hosted monthly from January to June 2021

2nd Tuesday 7 pm - 8 pm

4th Saturday 10 am - 11 am

Registration: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=32650>

See the flyer posted on our 4-H county website for more information under events.

Next 4-H Council zoom meeting is April 26th at 7 pm by zoom.

Dara Tobias will be providing an update on the county fair in October at our April meeting. I would encourage everyone to attend the zoom meeting. If you would like to have a topic added to the 4-H council agenda, please email or text the 4-H office. We encourage youth to submit Emerald Star applications to I&R committee and 4-H office for April.

Happy Easter,

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