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Glenn County 4-H Members and Leaders Recognized

We celebrated the accomplishments of outstanding 4-H members and recognized our wonderful leaders at the annual Star Awards and Leaders' Appreciation Event on Saturday, September 24, 2023, at Lake Elementary School.

The event planning committee had an ice cream bar full of various toppings ready for the guests to enjoy during the evening program. The *Celebrate* themed event was emceed by Lake 4-H Club Members, Addisyn Beams and Ellie Milne. Various awards were presented. To view the full program online, visit: https://ceglenn.ucanr.edu/Glenn_County_4-H_Program_286/County_Events/Star_Awards/.

Youth members have the opportunity to earn their Stars based on a member's participation in eight categories of the Personal Development Report in their Record Book. Members must complete a Record Book to be evaluated for a star ranking. The recipients of star ranks were as follows: Bronze Star: Ry Stoltenberg (Lake 4-H Club), Wyatt Boehm (Plaza 4-H Club), Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club), Isabella Morris (Willows 4-H Club), Allie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club), Eddie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club), Allan Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club), Nivia Guerrero (Capay 4-H Club), James Keeney (Capay 4-H Club), Brooklyn Berens (Clover 4-H Club), Makenna Berens (Clover 4-H Club), Ripley Springstead (Clover 4-H Club). Silver Star: Jake Flowerdew (Clover 4-H Club), Lane Lanzi (Clover 4-H Club), Ripley Springstead (Clover 4-H Club), Olivia Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club), Heath Douglass (Schaffert 4-H Club), and Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club). Gold Star: Allie Humphreys (Lake 4-H Club), Kaitlyn Battson (Plaza 4-H Club), Kora Battson (Plaza 4-H Club), and Blake Throm (Clover 4-H Club). Platinum Star: Jakob Munguia (Willows 4-H Club), and Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club). Emerald Star: Adrianna Hurlburt (Willows 4-H Club). A newly implemented program that encourages the youth to keep records and earn achievement levels, similar to the Personal Development Award and Record Book, is the Spark Achievement Program. Members must complete one activity in each category in the new Spark



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Achievement Program to earn their Achievement Pin. Earning their Achievement Pin, in the Junior Division: Emerson Jones (Lake 4-H Club) and Kennedy Jones (Lake 4-H Club).

Working hard to be involved in activities inside of 4-H and out, and maintaining good record keeping skills is not always easy. 4-H Youth Members are encouraged to do both. Recognizing the youth for their efforts in the Record Book Evaluation, earning a plaque, pin, and certificate in the Junior Division: 1st Place, Maddisen Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club), 2nd Place, Kamilia Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club), and 3rd Place, tie Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club), and Allan Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club). Intermediate Division: 1st Place, Maddisen Pool (Willows 4-H Club), 2nd Place, Allie Humphreys (Lake 4-H Club), and 3rd Place, Heath Douglass (Schaffert 4-H Club). Senior Division: 1st Place, Kora Battson (Plaza 4-H Club), 2nd Place, Emily Karle (Lake 4-H Club), and 3rd Place, Kaitlyn Battson (Plaza 4-H Club). Also being involved both inside of 4-H and outside, and maintain good record keeping skills while completing the Sparks Achievement Program Book also earning a plaque, pin, and certificate in the Junior Division: 1st Place, Kennedy Jones (Lake 4-H Club), and 2nd Place, Emerson Jones (Lake 4-H Club).

The Glenn County 4-H Five Presentation Award was earned by: Reese Zuppan (Schaffert 4-H Club), Dante Villicana (Capay 4-H Club), Leo Villicana (Capay 4-H Club), Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club), Megan Lohse (Clover 4-H Club), Kinlie Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club), Olivia Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club), Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club), Adrianna Hurlburt (Willows 4-H Club), Nivia Guerrero (Capay 4-H Club), Mayela Barajas (Capay 4-H Club), Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club), James Keeney (Capay 4-H Club), and Brandt Schager (Capay 4-H Club).

The A.W. Bramwell Memorial Plaque and certificate is presented to a first-time county presenter with the highest placing presentation in the Junior Division. Both, Josiah Calderon of the Clover 4-H Club and Brandt Schager of the Capay 4-H Club, received a perfect score and tied for the award. These two recipients also received Carell Kolousek Award as it is awarded to the presenter with the highest presentation points overall. Their names were added to the plaque that hangs on the wall at the UCCE Office and each are receiving a certificate. 4-H is a strong advocate for public speaking and encourages youth to participate in opportunities that further their confidence and growth. The Clover 4-H Club had the highest percentage of points and was awarded the 4-H Club Demonstration Trophy. 4-H Members earning a Blue Seal or Gold Seal at the county level



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have the opportunity to compete at Regional Presentation Day. Earning a Blue Seal at Regional Presentation Day was Alessandra Hernandez (Schaffert 4-H Club), and earning a Gold Seal was Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club) and Mellanie van Tol (Schaffert 4-H Club).

The 4-H Proficiency Awards were given to individuals who have a personal growth and have completed a level of “mastery” in their project. The intent of the proficiency program is to increase project skill performance, while allowing members to be motivated, creative, and to take risks. The following received a Proficiency Award and hat pin in their projects: Baking and Breadmaking- Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Adrianna Hurlburt (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Paisley Martin (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Reese Martin (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Haylee Philps (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Maddisen Pool (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Allan Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Allie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Eddie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Kamila Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Madalyn Sigala (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Kinlie Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club- Level 1), and Olivia Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club- Level 1). Beef- Heath Douglass (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 2). Bowling- Kate Amaro (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Ryan Chapman (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Mercedes Diaz-Gonzalez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), and Maddisen Pool (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1). Dairy- Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 2), and Heath Douglass (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 3). Meat Goats- Grace Hobbs (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Paisley Martin (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Reese Martin (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Reagan Niblack (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Allan Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Allie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), Eddie Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1), and Kamila Rodriguez (Willows 4-H Club- Level 1). Rabbits- Ayden Bill (Lake 4-H Club- Level 1), Brayden Pierce (Capay 4-H Club- Level 1), Camille Pierce (Capay 4-H Club- Level 1), Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 2), Emma Lepp (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 2), and Noah Lepp (Schaffert 4-H Club- Level 2).

Home Economics Awards were given to members who applied for and earned points by entering items in the fair, attending the Anything But Animals (ABA) Extravaganza, Food Fiesta, and giving a presentation. Medallions were given to top individuals in each project and pins and/or certificates to those earning the minimum points. A rosette ribbon was awarded to the Arts and Crafts Primary Members: Kate Goss



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(Schaffert 4-H Club) and Kendall Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club). In the Intermediate Division, earning a pin and a certificate, Adrianna Hurlburt (Willows 4-H Club) and Maddisen Pool (Willows 4-H Club). The top award winner, earning a medallion, pin, and certificate went to Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club). Baking- earning a pin and certificate in the Intermediate Division, was Adrianna Hurlburt (Willows 4-H Club). Foods- Primary Rosette ribbon was earned by Rylee Dobbs (Schaffert 4-H Club). Quilting- Junior Division: earning a pin and certificate, Madison Jones (Schaffert 4-H Club) and Kinlie Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club). The top winner earning a medallion, pin and certificate was, Megan Lohse (Clover 4-H Club). Intermediate Division: earning a pin and certificate, Olivia Vasquez (Clover 4-H Club), the top winner earning a medallion, pin and certificate, Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club).

4-H Youth Members had the opportunity to participate in Livestock Judging and ABA Judging. Scores were combined, creating the County Top Judging Award. In the Junior Division: 1st Place, Madalyn Sigala (Willows 4-H Club). Intermediate Division: 1st Place, Mercedes Diaz Gonzalez (Willows 4-H Club), 2nd Place, Danica Pool (Willows 4-H Club), 3rd Place, Melanie van Tol (Schaffert 4-H Club), 4th Place, Eli Wheeler, (Schaffert 4-H Club), and 5th Place, Riley Gilcrease (Stoney Creek 4-H Club).

Many years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Gomes felt that special recognition should be given to an outstanding dairy member and that all dairy members would be invited to apply for the Dan Gomes Family Memorial Outstanding Dairy Award. This year, the Dan Gomes family Memorial Outstanding Dairy Award was awarded to Heath Douglass from Schaffert 4-H Club.

Each year the Glenn County 4-H Mary Lanzi Home Economics Clothing Perpetual Award is presented to a top clothing/sewing member. Mary Lanzi was a 4-H leader in Glenn County for over 40 years. She planned the 4-H Fashion Revue for years and was always crowned the winner. It is her memory that this award was initiated. Megan Lohse, of Clover 4-H Club was the 2022-2023 winner.

Several awards were awarded to the 4-H leaders and community members throughout the night. The "Meritorious Award" is given to an organization, business or individual who traditionally is not currently active in the 4-H Program but has made an impact on our organization. This 2022-2023 4-H program year Meritorious Service Awards goes to the Willows Tractor Supply Company in recognition of their generous support to the



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Glenn County 4-H Program.

A perpetual plaque recognizing leaders who have devoted eight years of service was started in 1959. This year we recognized the following leaders: Hank Jongsma (Plaza 4-H Club), Anna McLain (County-Wide), and Jacklyn Stokes (Lake 4-H Club).

Recognized as the New Family of the Year this year for jumping right in and embracing 4-H and all the opportunities it brings, was the Coleman Family, Tyler, Maddie, Gus, and Emmy. With a positive spirit, Maddie and Tyler have pitched in to help at various county 4-H events and at the club level. Maddie even jumped in to take on 4-H Camp for the first time and Tyler was right there with her to work with the 4-H Youth Camp Counselors and 4-H Members.

The Leaders 4-H Ringleader Award was awarded to Stoney Creek 4-H Club Key Leader, Rosie Inzunza. The recipient for this award is chosen by the UCCE Office staff and goes to a leader who have shown unique approaches to solving problems, are resourceful in accomplishing goals, the ability to motivate other volunteers, and who are pleasant to work with. The 4-H Program admires these leaders for their leadership skills, their countless hours of preparation for meetings and events, and their ability to put the members' interests first.

Each year, an outstanding new leader with five years or less of volunteer service is selected as the recipient of the "Room 707 Award." The leader's name is engraved on this perpetual plaque and the 4-H Council pays for their registration to attend the annual 4-H Leaders' Conference. This year's recipient of the Room 707 Award was Dana and Austin Yount. Austin and Dana came with a lot of motivation and hands on learning activities for the Capay 4-H Swine Project. They took pride in the youth, their animals, and even the display at fair. They both encouraged youth to critically think and problem-solve.

The 4-H Vision Award is given to a leader who is instrumental in developing youth to become productive citizens and one who has adapted to the changing program in a positive way that benefits the kids. This year's recipient was Abby Alves of Willows 4-H Club. Abby has been very actively involved in the 4-H program and instrumental in the success of the fundraising events and leading committees. If Abby is aware of a member's goal, she will find a way to provide an opportunity for them to excel. She is always encouraging



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the club to participate in community service opportunities and in 4-H events. Abby always shows a passion for the program and brings wonderful ideas.

Another award that was presented was the Leaders 4-H Mission Award. This award is given to someone who creates a supportive environment for youth and adults, enabling them to reach their fullest potential. They are the kind of person who is creative in providing educational programs and motivates and encourages youth to participate in real-life experiences that the 4-H program has to offer. Meghan Rodgers was the 2022-2023 recipient. With a short time frame, fond memories, and determination, she brought back 4-H Camp. Meghan encouraged youth and built relationships with the Teen Counselors and staff and provided a memorable experience for several youth. Meghan is also the Schaffert 4-H Club Foods and Arts & Crafts Leader. She brought creative ideas to each project meeting and taught the kids how to prepare food from scratch. Meghan is truly a 4-H leader on a mission.

The Lifetime Service Award was awarded to Katie Boles of the Lake 4-H Club. She has been a leader with Lake 4-H for 11 years and the club leader for six. She has demonstrated continual and loyal service in perpetuating the goals and mission of 4-H. Through her years of involvement in several fundraisers, events, conferences, community service projects, and supporting 4-H families. Katie has gone the extra mile over the years, and it was a pleasure to recognize her for the 2022-2023 4-H program year.

We recognized the Karle Family as the recipient of the Loving Cup Award for the 2022-2023 year. The annual "Loving Cup Award" is given each year to outstanding 4-H leaders or 4-H supporters. The whole Karle family made a huge impact on the success of camp; Emily was an amazing Youth Director- prepared behind the scenes, was the time management coordinator, and was hilarious on stage, Carson came to camp and when we faced obstacles, he was the first to jump in and take on a huge leadership role. He was inclusive of the youth and lifted them all up throughout Camp. Betsy and Mike spearheaded the hike to Bumpass Hell in Mount Lassen National Forrest. Mike and Betsy came prepared with plant identification and knowledge of the nature in the area. As though being adult volunteers at camp isn't enough, they both also lead 4-H Projects. Mike is the County-Wide Vet Science Project Leader and Betsy is a Lake 4-H Club Dairy Project Leader.



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This year we presented a Special Recognition Award to Raquel Costa-Taveres. Raquel showed up for camp so her primary member could attend camp. With an emergency, 4-H Camp was left without a cook, that is until Raquel stepped in and took on the role. With a positive attitude, willingness, and true leadership, she provided wonderful meals, snacks, and organization the duration of camp.

We would like to thank the Lake 4-H Club Committee members, volunteers, and our emcees for the event. Thank you to all the members, parents, and leaders that attended. Also, thank you to Shane Humphreys and Lake Elementary School for providing us the opportunity to host our event at your beautiful school.





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