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Glenn County 4-H Gets Creative!

Glenn County 4-H youth members participated in the annual Food Fiesta, Creative Arts & Skills Day Event. The event was held on **Saturday, January 13, 2024**, at the Federated Church in Orland, reports Glenn County 4-H Community Education Specialist Christine Kampmann. The Youth Committee Chair was Adeline Pacheco of the Clover 4-H Club, and the Adult Committee Chair was Catherine George of the Clover 4-H Club.

4-H members participating in the Food Fiesta Event Category brought delicious food dishes and crafted centerpieces to enhance their table settings. Each member was also required to set a proper table setting specific to their dish, with a nutritionally balanced menu, and a sample of an item from their menu.

Primary members received a participation ribbon and certificate. The Primary Members were Walker Dobbs, Mackenzie Rehse, Trent van Tol, Maysen van Tol, and Brooke Zuppan, of the Schaffert 4-H Club. The Food Fiesta Traditional Table Display Junior Division Gold Medal winners were: Adeline Pacheco, of the Clover 4-H Club, and Rylee Dobbs, of the Schaffert 4-H Club. The Food Fiesta Traditional Table Display Setting Intermediate Age Division Gold Medal winners were: Madileine Lefor, of the Capay 4-H Club and Mellanie van Tol, of the Schaffert 4-H Club.

4-H members also had the option to compete in the Food Fiesta Commodity Category receiving additional recognition for their food entries. Entries are made with locally grown or produced items and are evaluated on the incorporated use of the item in the dish. This year's categories included Dairy and Walnuts. In the Dairy Commodity Category, Adeline Pacheco, of Clover 4-H Club was the Junior Division winner and Mellanie van Tol, of Schaffert 4-H Club was Intermediate Division winner. In the Walnut Commodity Category, Rylee Dobbs, of Schaffert 4-H Club won the Junior Division.

Another opportunity for youth members to participate is by creating an ABA Project Display. Anything But Animals (ABA) table setting entrant can bring a full table display utilizing their 4-H project as a centerpiece. The



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projects or skills have been learned and completed within a 4-H project during the 2022-2023 and/or 2023-2024 program year. Earning a Gold Medal in the Junior Division was Jacinto Rivera IV, of the Capay 4-H Club for his display on Dummy Roping. Earning Gold Medals in the Intermediate Division were: Megan Lohse, of the Clover 4-H Club for her Quilting project, and Danica Pool, of the Willows 4-H Club for her Arts and Crafts and Quilting projects.

4-H Youth members also had the opportunity to compete in the Job Interview Contest. This contest is great to challenge members on their oral and written communication skills. The Interview Contest gives 4-H members an opportunity to practice real-life skills needed to apply for a job. Participants prepare a resume and cover letter for a job they choose from the job descriptions provided by the California State 4-H Interview Contest. Members will have their performance evaluated during a mock interview and receive constructive feedback from evaluators, using a standard evaluation rubric. Earning a Gold Medal in the Junior Division was Adeline Pacheco, of the Clover 4-H Club. In the Intermediate Division, earning a Gold Medal was Emiko Fairbanks, of the Stoney Creek 4-H Club.

A huge thank you to the Federated Church in Orland for allowing us to host our event at their hall and thank you to Capay Farms and Suhre Enterprise for donating the commodity prizes and gifts of appreciation. A special thank you to our evaluators: Cheryl Massa, Gene Massa, Lizzeth Mendoza, Leo Mendoza, Vickie Berens, and Jordan Thuemler.



Figure 1: Youth members with evaluators.



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Figure 2: Youth members pose with their Food Fiesta Event Category.

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