4-H members put their green thumbs to the test

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4-H members of all age groups throughout Imperial County brought their 4-H Plant Science Projects to the Tractor Supply in El Centro to have them displayed and judged at the 4-H Plant Show held April 6.

Exhibits were judged on cultural perfection, foliage, size, health and general appearance.

Classes included bulbs, house plants, cut flowers, flower bowls, herb gardens, fruits and vegetables, trees and shrubs, cacti and succulents, dish gardens and terrariums, and miscellaneous.

A total of 16 plants were submitted for judging. Clubs that participated were Calexico, Meadows, Mulberry and Star Route 4-H clubs.

Judges bringing their expertise this year to the table were Betty Miller, Herb Holdridge and Brian Jones.

This event was hosted by the Seeley and Star Route 4-H Clubs. Special thanks to Jennifer Holdridge, Seeley 4-H Club and Mary Ann Smith, Star Route 4-H Club and the numerous members and leaders that took on the heavy lifting while sharing their enthusiasm.

Medal winners

Class 1: Bulbs
Intermediate — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Class 2: House Plants
Intermediate — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Class 5: Herbs
Junior Novice — Ellie Moiola, Mulberry 4-H Club
Senior — Kirk Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Class 6: Fruits and Vegetables
Senior — Kirk Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Class 8: Cactus and Succulents
Intermediate — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Class 10: Any Other/Miscellaneous
Intermediate — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club

Best of Show Junior Novice — Ellie Moiola, Mulberry 4-H Club
Best of Show Intermediate — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club
Best of Show Senior — Kirk Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club
Overall Grand Champion — Kirk Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club
Overall Reserve Champion — Emarie Johnson, Star Route 4-H Club