



Placer County 4-H Newsletter

Spotlight Story: Esther J.

County to Colorado

By: Esther J. Eureka/Granite Bay 4-H Club

The journey may have ended in Colorado, but it all began in the barn. Last year, I decided to undertake the State Challenge by competing in the Trashion Fashion Category. The goal was to create an outfit from at least 75 percent used non-fabric materials. Inspired by my ever-hungry market lambs, I created a Super Egg, Farmer's Best, and Lamb Slam themed outfit. The dress, hat, shoe accessories, clip, and purse were all crafted from feed sacks and fully lined with bedding bags. After our Bi-County Fashion Review was canceled, I was excited to learn that county Fashion review was not a prerequisite for the 2022 competition.

While competing on the state level, I had a wonderful time meeting the other contestants, especially in the trash category. The outfits were amazing, an astronaut outfit made entirely of refrigerator bags, a young girl who was sponsored for her outfit by the feed company itself, and a high school student with an artistic dress with all sorts of materials incorporated. When I succeeded at State, I was invited to attend Western National Roundup in Colorado and would be further impressed by the works of wonder stitched by the incredible state winners.

After a quick two hour and fifteen minute trip, my surroundings had changed drastically. Gone was the sun just peeking through the clouded sky in a world where 60 degrees constituted a jacket; now, a light snow covered the ground and sidewalks were slick with ice. Contestants from all corners of America had come to the hotel to compete in contests ranging from Hippology to Consumer Decision Making. The evening of our arrival, a coach information meeting was held where we learned that the competition was graded in three categories: garment, interview, and modeling. The next day, contestants and coaches alike gathered to take (the above) pictures and listen to an overview of the day's events. We would interview at our assigned times and then return for the modeling segment. The contestants practiced modeling, then left as interviews began.

As shown in the photo, the outfits and seamstresses alike were outstanding. One girl had drawn, designed, and printed her own dinosaur fabric then crafted a romper. Another had crocheted her entire dress adding in beads to accentuate the Flapper style. The most impressive to me however, was the real life Belle who walked across the stage. All the outfits were exceptional and each girl had her own story, just like me, of trials and struggles that went along with their outfit. In the end, I won Reserve Champion in modeling, and 4th place overall for interviews.

Traveling to Colorado for the Western National Roundup was an amazing opportunity made special by the individuals I met along the way.



Event Highlights

Job Interview Workshop and Contest

by Ashtan S., Ophir 4-H Club

The workshop and contest is very beneficial in learning what a job interview will be like and how to make a resume and cover letter. It was worth going to for gaining experience and to relieve a lot of nerves that will come in doing a real interview as you know what to expect.



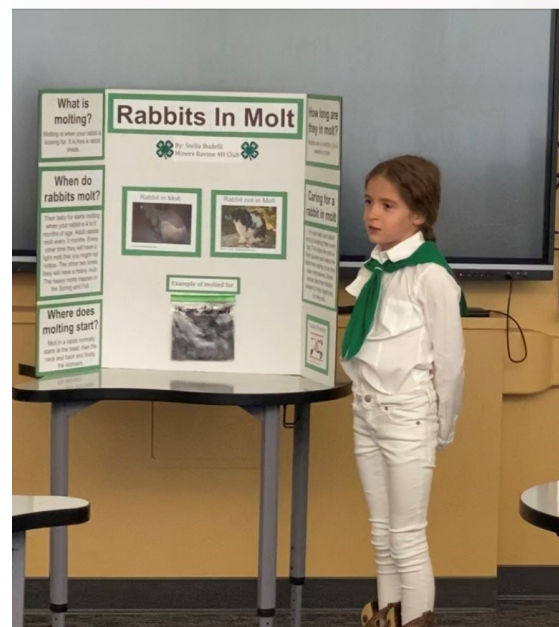
County Presentation Day

My First Presentation Day

By Stella B., Miners Ravine 4-H Club

This was my first year doing presentation day. I had a great time. It was very fun and my poster was about Rabbits in Molt. To prepare for presentation day I made a poster and practiced my presentation at the rabbit project meeting.

At presentation day I was nervous as I was waiting to do my presentation but once I started I was fine. There were 2 judges and 10 other people in the room. After we were done and waiting for are scores I made new friends. The score I got was gold, which means I can compete at regional presentation day. Overall, presentation day was fun!



County Skit Night

by Kayla Tofte

The First Annual Placer 4-H Skit Night was an absolute blast!! 4-H members from all across the county got the opportunity to gather to share skits and laughs. Placer Hills 4-H hosted and shared their prepared skit. This was followed by three rounds of impromptu skits. Members had a lot of fun and got to practice their public speaking!



Upcoming Events 2023 :

March 29, 2023: Volunteer Workshop: Lesson Planning for Project Meetings

April 20: Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Night

May—TBA: Animal and Still Exhibits Youth Fair [Learn More](#)

May 6: Placer 4-H and Hulbert Award Scholarship Interviews [Learn More](#)

May 13: Placer County Ambassador Interviews [Learn More](#)

May 27: State Field Day- UC Davis [Learn More](#)

June 22-25: Placer County Fair

September 7-10: Gold Country Fair

Other Important Dates/Deadlines:

April 3: Placer 4-H and Hulbert Award Scholarships Open - Due April 21. [Learn More](#)

April 3: County Ambassador Applications Open - Due May 5. [Learn More](#)

April 21: Placer 4-H and Hulbert Award Scholarships Due.

May 5: County Ambassador Applications Due.

SENIORS!!

Be on the lookout for a registration survey for your 4-H Class of 2023 Graduation cord.

Resources

[2022-2023 Fair Project Completion Form](#)

Form needed to be filled out, signed and submitted to 4-H club leader for fair requirements

[Spark Achievement Manual](#)

Manual covering important information pertaining to the New 4-H Achievement program that will be gradually replacing the Star Rankings

*All junior members (ages 9-10) will begin this new achievement program this year, but may keep any current rankings earned in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 4-H year. Members should convert their efforts to the Sparks Achievement Report.

[Record Book Spark Report Forms](#)

Record book form required in addition for the Sparks Achievement Program

[Record Book Forms](#)

Record Book forms required for competition and fair

Activity Corner

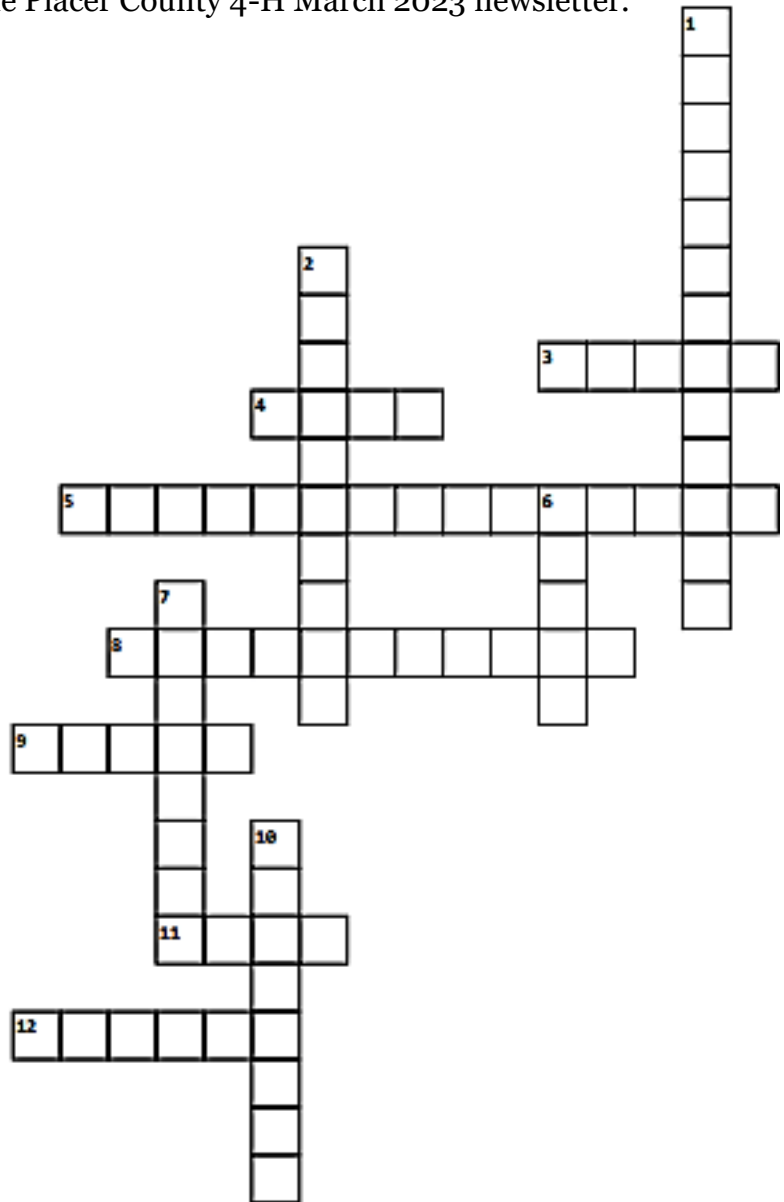
Complete the following crossword and submit it to ktofte@ucanr.edu for a fun prize. All answers can be found throughout the Placer County 4-H March 2023 newsletter.

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3. This is the month that Ambassador and Scholarship applications are open during.
4. Junior members who have earned their star ranks in 2021-22 or 2022-23 will _____ their ranks and convert their efforts to the Sparks Achievement Report.
5. Fashion category Esther competed in for the fashion revue
8. This fair occurs September 7-10.
9. This is the number of impromptu rounds that were presented at the Skit Night.
11. This was the score Stella earned at presentation day.
12. This fair occurs June 22-25.

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1. This was the name of Stella's poster for Presentation Day.
2. According to Ashtan, the job interview workshop and contest really helped settle his nerves for real interviews by allowing him to gain _____.
6. The _____ achievement program is available for new members and members ages 9-10.
7. Esther won Reserve Champion at the Western National Roundup Fashion Revue in this grading category
10. What state did Esther travel to for the Western National Roundup?



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