Everywhere we look in Santa Clara County, there are signs of spring. It’s an exciting time of year for 4-H members. The 4-H project year is coming near conclusion. Some members are perfecting their cookie recipe or finishing an art project to enter for the fair. Some are carefully transporting baby animals to their pens. A few anxious members are helping to deliver baby goats. Others are repeatedly rehearsing their showmanship routines. It’s a time of completion, and new beginnings. In this edition of Timely Topics, be sure to read through it all. There are stories of what has been happening in our county, as well as calendar items that you won’t want to miss.

**An Artist in Our Midst**

Jayden Cardoza of Homesteaders 4-H Club, submitted a magazine collage, “Bob, The Rooster,” for the **4-H 2018 Youth Art Calendar** and was chosen for the month of May. He created this collage in Homesteaders 4-H Arts and Crafts Project. This was also his stills submission for the 2017 Santa Clara County Fair that won a First Place Ribbon in the Two-Dimensional Art category. Congratulations to Jayden!

*Here is a link to the 4-H Shop to purchase the 4-H 2018 Youth Art Calendar: [https://shop4-h.org/products/2018-art-calendar](https://shop4-h.org/products/2018-art-calendar)*

**A Writer Among Us**

Dustin Geringer recently worked with the editor, wrote and contributed an article that was published in the Almaden Times Newspaper. Please click on the link to read more about how 4-H, America’s largest youth development program empowers youth. You may recognize the 4-H members pictured on the front page! This photo was taken at the Joann Fabrics event.

*Almaden Times - Apr 20, 2018*
In February, Rolling Hills 4-H made Valentine’s Day Cards for seniors! During the February General Meeting, and the JOANNHearts4-H event, we made over three hundred cards, filled with fun jokes and riddles!

On February 11th, distributed the cards at Sunnyview Retirement Community, a retirement home for seniors in Cupertino. We hand delivered the cards to seniors around the building, all of whom enjoyed the humorous riddles. It was quite fun to hand out the cards to the residents, who had a great time reading them! And even better still, since we made so many cards, we had plenty extra at the end, which we placed out on the dinner tables in the main dining hall! It was a good experience to give out the cards to the residents at the retirement community.
Santa Clara County 4-H Favorite Foods Day was held on March 3rd. It is an annual event where 4-H members demonstrate creativity in designing a table setting; as well as their knowledge about food safety and nutrition. Each participant prepared a One Dish meal, a dessert or a salad and a menu that highlights the “favorite food” that they made. Volunteer judges evaluate their table setting, prepared favorite food, and their presentation. Also at the event, was the 4-H MyPlate Challenge. This is where 4-H members create a meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner) that shows how to build a healthy plate using the USDA’s MyPlate recommendations, take a picture of it and write a description about the meal along with the nutritional facts and display it on a poster. This is a great way to participate in Favorite Foods Day if you can’t be there the day of the event because it's all done ahead of time. After the judging of all the entries, everyone enjoyed tasting each other’s creations. Participants at the event were invited to enter their own vote for “People's Choice.” The People’s Choice categories were for favorite dessert, One Dish meal, salad and place setting. At the end of the day four of the All Stars presented awards and thanked the judges and volunteers. Below is the list of the participants. Everyone was a winner. It is not required that you are in a cooking project to participate in this event. We hope to see lots of delicious entries next year! For more information about the USDA MyPlate recommendations, visit the website online at: https://www.choosemyplate.gov/MyPlate

Favorite Foods Day Winners:

| Rachel Wong | Pleasant Acres 4-H Clover  |
| Nathan Hann | Coyote Crest 4-H Clover  |
| Zunairah Khan | Pleasant Acres 4-H Clover  |
| Dahlia Stanford | Stevens Creek 4-H Clover  |
| Katelyn Tsai | Rolling Hills 4-H Clover  |
| Brandon Wong | Pleasant Acres 4-H White  |
| Rhedyn Arnett | El Sereno 4-H Gold  |
| Jessica Heneghan | San Martin 4-H Blue  |
| Alexi Stanford | Stevens Creek 4-H Gold  |
| Jewel Heneghan | San Martin 4-H Gold  |
| Donnella Wood | Rolling Hills 4-H Blue  |
| Audrey Spaid | Stevens Creek 4-H Gold  |
| Lauren Zera | Stevens Creek 4-H Gold  |
| Saige Mendoza | Hilltop 4-H Gold  |
| Emily Dougherty | Coyote Crest 4-H Gold  |
| Kate Straub | Sunset 4-H Gold  |
| Omar Khan | Pleasant Acres 4-H Red  |
| Anna Clayton | Stevens Creek 4-H Blue  |
| Aaron Alger | Coyote Crest 4-H Participation  |
| Anna Dougherty | Coyote Crest 4-H Gold  |
| Chloe Tuckness | Pleasant Acres 4-H Gold  |
| Ethan Ho | Sunset 4-H Blue  |

| Alexi Stanford | People’s Choice-Table Setting  |
| Audrey Spaid | People’s Choice -Dessert  |
| Ethan Ho | People’s Choice-One Pot Meal  |
| Anna Dougherty | People’s Choice Favorite Salad  |
| Alexi Stanford | High Point- Beginner  |
| Saige Mendoza | High Point -Novice  |
| Emily Dougherty | High Point-Junior  |
| Anna Dougherty | High Point -Senior  |
| Emily Dougherty | Gold- My Plate  |
| Kate Straub | Blue-My Plate  |
| Anna Clayton | Red -My Plate  |
| Anna Dougherty | Gold- My Plate  |
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Favorite Foods Day Table Setting Entries:

![Table Setting](image1)

![Table Setting](image2)

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**Youth Poultry Show**

*Article and photos submitted by Caroline Spencer*

On March 10, I went to the Stanco Youth Poultry Show in Modesto with 2 of my chickens. There was also a station to practice judging birds, a chicken obstacle course race, a poster contest, and a photography contest. There were over 600 birds and more than 30 kids in my class of showmanship. I wasn’t satisfied with my performance because I didn’t place in showmanship. I learned that I need to study way more and that there is a lot more competition at big shows like this. The Stanco show is the biggest youth show in the world. I bought 2 new chickens, a Belgium Bearded d'anver and a Modern Game for our project members. It was an overall great experience and I can’t wait to go back next year.
Collaboration & Outreach Award

*Sponsored by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation.*

This category may be awarded to a member, volunteer and/or group for increased public awareness of the 4-H Youth Development Program, involving new youth and adults in 4-H, reaching out to communities that have historically not benefited from 4-H, and creating partnerships with other youth development organizations.

*Awarded to Jada Ho, Stevens Creek 4-H* The application for McClellan Ranch Tours demonstrated the outstanding work of your group throughout.

Robert Brownlee Science Award

*Sponsored by the Robert Brownlee Foundation.*

The Robert Brownlee Foundation was established in 1987 to provide financial awards for creating and maintaining innovative programs for youth. Robert Brownlee (1942-1991) was a visionary, whose practical inventions were elegant solutions to complicated technical problems, and whose generosity continues to extend that vision to science education for young people. This category may be awarded to two members and one volunteer for utilizing science inquiry and experiential learning in 4-H work to help youth increase knowledge, skills and competencies and improve their attitudes about science. This category includes increasing science awareness and use in 4-H projects by testing predictions and making sense of observations.

*Awarded to Astoria Ho, Stevens Creek 4-H*

Innovative Ideas Award

*Sponsored by the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation.*

This category may be awarded to a member, volunteer and/or group for new, fresh and creative 4-H work at the local, county and state levels. Innovative 4-H work includes inventive educational activities, research ideas, service-learning projects and other activities.

*Awarded to Rolling Hills 4-H Music Project*

Congratulations to all!
Service Learning Project with HomeFirst’s Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter
By Gavin Bowen and Ryan Chi

This past winter, Rolling Hills 4-H Club had a service learning activity to benefit HomeFirst’s Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter. Our goal was to prepare a meal and assemble toiletry kits for the shelter’s 140 guests.

HomeFirst, a county-wide organization providing shelter for the homeless, serves over 4,000 adults, veterans, families, and youth annually. Its Boccardo Reception Center is Santa Clara County’s largest homeless services center. According to HomeFirst, their goal is to continue "eliminating barriers to housing and creating stability for everyone we serve."

Our project got underway in early January. To fund the project, we decided to personally request the help of both club members and local businesses around the area. The results were better than we could have hoped for: we received donations from Whole Foods, Orchard Supply Hardware, Safeway, Lucky, Trader Joe’s, Target, Costco, Foothill Produce, Walgreens, Zanotto’s, Sprouts, Donald Call, DDS, Ronald A. Nakano, DDS, and Constant, Kouvaris, & Contro Orthodontics. Thanks to the generosity of these companies as well as our own club members, we were able to fund our entire meal through donations alone.

At our March general meeting, club members of all ages worked together to assemble toiletry kits. Afterward, members of the executive board teamed up to prepare 12 trays of lasagna. On March 9th, we arrived at HomeFirst’s Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter to pass out toiletry kits and serve a dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, mac & cheese, fruit, and desserts. All of the guests really enjoyed the meal and were happy to receive the toiletry kits (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, lip balm, soap, dental floss, and bandages).

In summary, the project was a success. It was a good learning experience to not only serve the community but also see firsthand the difficulty of being homeless. Thank you to all of our donors for making this possible!
El Día del Niño (Children’s Day Celebration) is a national observance in Mexico, and it has been celebrated every year on April 30th since 1925.

During El Día del Niño, children are recognized as an important part of society, and the day focuses on the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children.

Last April 27th, Mamas Unidas and Washington United Youth Center invited 4-H Youth Development Program in Santa Clara County to join them during this special celebration.

During the event, 183 youth and adults gathered at the Plaza Brenda Lopez in Downtown San Jose to enjoy games, food, music, and a toys raffle. 4-H volunteers from Sunset 4-H Club and the 4-H Computer Science Pathway Project offered a virtual reality activity to demonstrate the application of technology in education. Using the virtual reality headsets, youth and adults explored Volcanoes around the World, Sharks, Dinosaurs, and different Marine Ecosystems.

Participating in El Día del Niño helped 4-H YDP in Santa Clara County to raise awareness about the benefits and importance of promoting STEM education in the community.
Thank you to all of the Rolling Hills members who participated in the countywide community service project for 4-H, and to JOANN's for generously donating the space and all of the materials. 22 Rolling Hills youth, as well as several members of the community, helped make over 130 Valentine's Day cards with funny jokes, riddles, and artwork. We also had an outreach table and had a great time spreading the word about 4-H to community members! It was a lot of fun. Be sure and also read the article about how we distributed the card at a local retirement community.

Did you know…

4-H youth are 1.9 times more likely to get better grades in school and 2.1 times more likely to report high school engagement.
Cumberland Elementary School Virtual Reality Experience

Article and photo submitted by Caroline Spencer

On February 14, some middle schoolers and I went to an elementary school to bring them a virtual reality experience. Some of my friends and I were trained by Claudia Damiani, 4-H Representative, to be the teachers of the expedition. Next, we taught some middle schooler students from the school garden club how to teach the elementary kids. We all went on a Wednesday morning to lead the elementary school kids in a virtual reality about plant adaptations in rain forests. We led two 5th grade classes and both classes had a lot of fun. They all learned something about plant adaptations and loved looking around at the surrounding landscapes. We will be doing this activity again soon with two other classes. We hope they will have fun with it!

Handbook for New Families

Now available on our Member Resources page. This handbook was created to help new families get to know the resources and activities available in 4-H in California. A County Contact Sheet is also part of the resources available, so you can keep your local 4-H contact information handy. This handbook will be updated regularly; please share any comments and suggestions for improvement with your county 4-H Advisor or Program Representative. Handbook for New Families
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New this year: The ANS Symposium is now open to 4-H teens! Please [click here to register](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/) Space is limited to 10 teens and 30 adults.

A professional development opportunity for 4-H staff, key 4-H adult volunteers, 4-H teen youth and Future Farmers of America (FFA) supervisors/teachers that focuses on best practices in animal care and positive youth development. Topics include: animal health, biosecurity, animal welfare, and careers in veterinary medicine.

**June 19 – 20, 2018**

**UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine**

Registration deadline: June 6. Space is limited to 10 teens and 30 adults!

No Registration fee! Travel reimbursement up to $150

For more information, please visit the ANS Symposium website:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/)

**4-H Animal Science Symposium 2018**

For more information, please contact:

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Logistics questions: Jessica Bautista, jbautista@ucanr.edu

**Symposium Highlights:**

- Interactive and informative sessions
- Review of new legislation regulating the use of antimicrobials and how it impacts 4-H participants.
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the UC Davis Veterinary Teaching Hospital
- Speakers from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, UC ANR, commodity and industry groups.
- Species experts will be on hand to answer questions and facilitate discussions about animal health and care.

For more information, please visit the ANS Symposium website:

[http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/Symposium/)

For any program-related questions, please contact [Martin Smith](mailto:mhsmith@ucdavis.edu)

For any logistic related questions, please contact [Jessica Bautista](mailto:jbautista@ucanr.edu)
The application for the Santa Clara County Council 4-H Scholarship is now available online.

**Scholarship Application**

**Purpose of Scholarship**

- The UC 4-H Youth Development Program is committed to promoting higher education. This scholarship award of $500 to $1000 serves to recognize youth for their achievements in 4-H and their community.

**Applicant Qualifications**

- Current 4-H member in good standing
- Individual enrolled in a Santa Clara County 4-H club
- Enrolled or planning to enroll in at least half of the full-time course load as defined by the applicant institution
- Have been a 4-H member for the past 2 years
- May only receive this scholarship once

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Alameda County 4-H

*Submitted by Charles Go, Alameda and Contra Costa County, 4-H Advisor*

Teen Vogue featured four 4-H youth from a nationwide pool of applicants for an article on young women and agricultural science. Of those youth, Abril Delgado, a member of the CA 4-H Science Matters team, proudly represented Alameda County.

You can view the story [here](#).
“Head” Award: Cheryl Beckwith and Curtis Ullerich
4-H members pledge their head to clearer thinking. The volunteers receiving this award contribute their clear thinking to 4-H by leading and sharing their knowledge or skills. These volunteers also honor and practice youth-adult partnerships.

“Heart” Award: Sandi Geringer and Jason Bombardier
4-H members pledge their heart to greater loyalty. The volunteers receiving the heart award commit their heart to the 4-H Youth Development Program. This is exemplified by their very thoughtful and caring treatment of others, and their concern for the success of the 4-H program.

“Hands” Award: Diane Guerin and Mike Davis
4-H members pledge their hands to larger service. The recipients of this award commit their hands to larger service. These volunteers look outside of themselves to support youth development in 4-H and in the community.

“Health” Award: Holly Dane, Ken Lieu, and Colleen Alger
4-H members pledge their health to better living. The recipients of this award contribute to the 4-H Youth Development Program through health education, safety support at county events, or health and safety-based project leadership.

Emerging Leader Award: Julie Wood and Lori Longo
The recipients of this award have three or fewer years of service as a 4-H volunteer. They are known as the ones that jumped in with both feet, contributing their time and energy to developing youth at a club or county level. These volunteers are eager to learn and provide more opportunities for Santa Clara County 4-H youth.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Joanne Haggerty
The recipient of this award has dedicated countless hours to the 4-H program. As a 4-H youth and now as a 4-H volunteer, they represent the 4-H Youth Development Program on a continuing basis. They volunteer their time to the program, mentor youth and other volunteers. They inspire others and lead selflessly.

Outstanding Ranch Volunteer Award: Aaron Teagle, Chris Allan, Holly Wilson, Katie Oxford
Ranch work can be demanding work. The recipients of this award never shy away from hard work. This award is for a volunteer that tirelessly contributes to the success and opportunities for youth at a 4-H ranch, supports other ranch volunteers and leads by example.

Outstanding Camp Volunteer Award: Jennifer Graybeal and Stan Alger
The recipients of this award commit their Head, Heart, hands, and health to the success of camp. They are year-long ambassadors of 4-H camp.

Outstanding Outreach Team Award: Nicky Call, Alycia Call, Rebecca Call, Alexander Call
This award is for a team of volunteers that provide outstanding ambassadorship of the 4-H YDP to the surrounding community.

Outstanding Club Leadership Award: Christine Robison and Julie Ho
The recipient of this award is being recognized for outstanding leadership at the club level. They have a positive impact in the club and often mentor other volunteers.

Please visit the Santa Clara County 4-H Facebook Page to enjoy a short video of the evening.
https://www.facebook.com/SCC4H/videos/1253908794754132/
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Martial Cottle Spring Festival, May 5, 2018

4-H Youth Development Program
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Are you a Senior 4-H Member that is graduating high school and off to higher education in the fall?

Please share your story in a paragraph or two about your 4-H experience, the influence of other 4-H youth, volunteers, etc. We’d also love to know your plans for the future. Where will you be next year? What will you study? And, do you have any plans to participate in 4-H?

Your contributions will be shared in the last Timely Topics of this year.

Send your story via email to sjweaver@ucanr.edu by June 18, 2018
**County Council Meeting**
The June County Council Meeting will not be held due to many adults and youth at 4-H Camp. The next County Council Meeting will be held on July 10, 7:15 pm at The ESUHS Cafeteria, 830 North Capitol Avenue, San Jose.

**Santa Clara County 4-H Camp**
Campers that are signed up will receive a welcome letter, packing list and details in a few weeks. Camp is now full. Campers **June 12 – June 16, 2018**
Staff **June 11 – June 17, 2018**

**Clover Day at 4-H Camp**
**Friday, June 15, 2018**
9am – 6 @ Camp Butano, Pescadero
There are a very limited number of spaces left for Clover Camp, sign up 5-8 year old 4-H members here:
http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=22267

**Santa Clara County Fair**
level: county – All Ages
location: San Jose
when: August 2 - 5, 2018
This event is open to public spectators!
The fair entry book is available, the deadline for fair applications is **online by 6/25/18**

See the complete information here: [https://www.thefair.org/comp](https://www.thefair.org/comp)

**2018 – 2019 Program Year Enrollment**
Beginning in July, watch your email for updates.

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**California Focus**
Learn how Youth Voice has power
[Learn more on our Event page](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/)

**State Leadership Conference**
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[See the list of tours](http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/)

**Expansions campus life**
Live in the dorms, eat in the dining halls, and attend workshops in university lecture halls, led by University faculty and staff.
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**With one thing in common:**

**You will gain a lifetime of memories.**

**California Focus, June 22 - 26, 2018**

Getting to know each other with games and fun!
Campaigning for your party’s candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Treasurer, Controller and more for the mock election.
Meeting with your state legislators (potted! State Representative Cecilia Aguiar-Curry with 4-H delegates)

Register by May 21
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