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4H ACHIEVEMENT NOT ALWAYS THE GRAND CHAMPION

Achievement isn't necessarily the member with the grand champion, but may be as subtle as that first time you stand before an audience and gropingly do a presentation or talk. So was the message that California 4H Diamond Star, Ralph Ermoian of Clovis brought to the Mariposa County Annual Achievement night program last week. Ermoian went on to note that 4H provides it's membership with many opportunities aside from that "Grand Champion". There's only one best recordbook or champion, but each of us has achieved much through 4H Club work by participating on committees, doing presentations, cooperating with others in various activities, learning new skills and "trying", he said. Concluding his comments, Mr. Ermoian hastened to note, that being the best, as a champion or the like, is important, but let's not lose sight of the fact that achievement comes in many forms and ways other than being "FIRST".

County All Star, Mike Grogan, was the emcee for the evening and introduced the various members of the program committee as they presented awards to the many recipients.

County Farm/Youth Advisor, Wain Johnson conducted the installation ceremony for the County 4H Council, installing Mr. John Brown III as the 36th president of the Mariposa 4H Council. Mrs. Julie Fouch was installed as the new Vice President,

followed by Mr. Dick Grogan as treasurer and Bruno Goulet as the Council's secretary. This years officers were challenged by Mr. Johnson to work together to develop a progressive and dynamic youth program for all youth of the county.

Special awards were presented to the outgoing Council President, Ms Marilyn Imbach for serving two years as its' leader. Special recognition was also given to 4H graduates Davie Gibson, who is now in the US Navy, and to long time 4H member David McConnell, now a freshman at Cal Poly. Mrs. Susan Wages was presented with a gift certificate from the Council for recognition of the seven years she served as the Farm Advisors secretary and her work with the leaders to provide them with necessary information and assistance.

Mrs Charlene Stormberg presented her annual outstanding record book awards to Senior 4H member Nicole Hammack, Triangle 4H club, and Junior member Kristen Baker, also of the Triangle 4H club.

Mike Grogan and Mark Kaljumagi presented a short program on their Washington, D. C. trip this summer with the 4H Citizenship Washington Focus group. World Focus attendee Shaun Neal also presented a slide presentation developed by herself and Wain Johnson, on the Citizenship World Focus program held this summer. Shaun also introduced her 4H Exchange student from Costa Rica, Geovanni Madriz. Geovanni is spending a semester here in Mariposa county.

The county Fair Banner Award was presented to the Cathey's Valley 4H Club for the fifth time.

Awards were presented to the following 4H members: Achievement Pins and Stripes presented by Julie Burton and Nicole Grogan to: 1st Year - CATHEY'S VALLEY - Hannah Boyle, Brandi Marquez, Ronnie O'Hagan, and Tanya Parker - 2nd Year - Heather Bradshaw, Alexandra Kidd, Justin Richardson - 3rd Year - Kristi Guenthart, Katy Richardson - 4th - Jeff Lester - 7th Year - Alyssa Boyle, Chris Neal - 8th Year - Stacy O'Hagan, Karen Shaw - 9th Year - Shaun Neal - CLOVER PIONEERS - 1st Year - Amy Binning, Katie Fouch, Jason Hansen, Roberta Lee, Matthew Lindsey, Anita Starchman, Aaron VanderKarr - 2nd Year - Jerry Bloom, Brenda Hill - 3rd Year - Dayna Deleissegues, Kelly Lindsey, Diana Strimling - 4th Year - Lisa Deleissegues - 5th Year - Larry Burton, Sandy Hill - 7th Year - Heather Mc Pherson, Suzie Yates - 8th Year - Julie Burton, John Gamble - DON PEDRO - 1st Year - Kimberly Crismon, Shelley Crismon, Dan Erickson, Shantel Vierra - 2nd Year - Jake Holland - OAKVALE - 2nd Year - Joshua O'Bannon - 4th Year - Keegan O'Bannon, Peter Wise - 5th Year - Harlan Hart, Hally Wight - 6th Year - Will Wight - 9th Year - Darin Preston - TRIANGLE - 1st Year - Jessica Beaudoin, Neal Douglass, Shannon Douglass, Joanna Downs, Justin Gish, Nathan Gish, Lisa Massarella, Tim Sturm, Alanna Wright - 2nd Year - Tricia Fieldsted, Michelle Ford, Chris Gartner, Becky Goulet, Danny Goulet, Arlo Hammack, April Rose - 3rd Year - Kristen Baker, Staci Benedetti, Tricia Horsman, Kaylie Searles, Kim Sturm - 4th Year - Robyn Gartner, Michael Grogan, Nicole Grogan, Michelle Horsman - 5th Year - Erin Gourley, Nicole Hammack, Kerry Searles - 6th Year - Davie Gibson, Marci Gibson, Anne Mc Connell - 7th Year - Toni Baker, Mark Kaljumagi - 9th Year - David Mc Connell -

100% Attendance Pins presented by Sandy O'Hagan to Cathey's Valley member Kristi Guenthart - Nadine Wight to Oakvale members Harlan Hart, Josh O'Bannon, Keegan O'Bannon, Hally Wight, Will Wight - Nancy Mc Connell to Triangle members Kristen Baker, Davie Gibson, Marci Gibson, Michael Grogan, Anne Mc Connell, and David Mc Connell - Judy Burton to Clover Pioneers members Amy Binning, Jerry Bloom, Julie Burton, Larry Burton, Dayna Deleissegues, Katie Fouch, Brenda Hill, Sandy Hill, Anita Starchman, Diana Strimling, and Aaron VanderKarr - 4-H Teen Leader Award Certificates sponsored by Bank of America and presented by Stacy O'Hagan to: Lisa Deleissegues and Nicole Grogan - White Hats presented to: Kimberly Crismon, Dan Goulet, Nicole Hammack, Harlan Hart, Sandy Hill, Jeff Lester, Geovanni Madriz, Kerry Searles, Hally Wight - Leadership Certificates presented by Mark Kaljumagi to: Kristi Guenthart, Alex Kidd, Jeff Lester, Lisa Deleissegues, Kerry Searles, Chris Neal, Nicole Grogan, Heather Mc Pherson, Erin Gourley, Mike Grogan, Shaun Neal, Stacy O'Hagan, Julie Burton and David Mc Connell - Star Ranks donated by Steve and Linda Hammack presented to: Bronze Star - Hannah Boyle, Heather Bradshaw, Dayna Deleissegues, Tricia Fieldsted, Michelle Ford, Katie Fouch, Becky Goulet, Danny Goulet, Arlo Hammack, Brenda Hill, Brandi Marquez, Lisa Massarella, Keegan O'Bannon, Ronnie O'Hagan, April Rose, Kaylie Searles - Silver Star - Kristi Guenthart, Lisa Deleissegues, Justin Richardson - Gold Star - Nicole Grogan and Nicole Hammack - Horsemastership Patches donated by Pat Strimling to: Level #1 - Katie Fouch and Brandi Marquez - Level #3 Brenda Hill - Level #5 - Sandy Hill