

May Tattler



A message from the editors:

“Wow, this is the last Tattler we are writing! This year has been so much fun. I want to thank everyone who has written an article and been supportive. I wish the next reporter, Jaanavi Thanamala, the best of luck, and I hope you enjoy this last issue of the year!” - Samantha Gianelli

4-H Updates

Fair

By: Samantha Gianelli

Just this last week, the Tassajara 4-H Livestock projects and other clubs went to the Contra Costa County Fair to show our animals. Some of the busiest being goats, lambs, and swine. We had 4 lambs, 7 goats, and 3 pigs attend and show. All of our livestock projects represented well. Congratulations to Naomi Osterman who won all of her showmanship, market, and breeding classes.



Another event that Tassajara represented well in was Master Showmanship. You get into masters by winning 1st or



2nd in Senior showmanship of your animal. This year, four of our members attended. These were Naomi Osterman, Nikhita Dhamrait, Cara Rubin, and Samantha Gianelli. I

am extremely proud of how we did and can not wait to do even better next year! Along with livestock, we also had small stock, photography and arts exhibited. Small stock involves everything from chickens to cavy or pigeons. The arts ranged from canning to photography. Tassajara made up most of the photography building, but we also had entries in the art and jewelry, among other categories. We definently represented our club well! Have a great summer!

State Field Day

By: Samantha Gianelli

State Field Day is coming up. It is being held on June 2nd, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm. at UC Davis. We are lucky that most state events are held so close to home. This is an educational event with many exhibitors and displays. One of the most well known are the numerous presentations and outfits. This the next stage on the line for all finalists from Fashion Review and Presentation Days. If you want to support our club and 4-H, along with gain useful knowledge, this is the event for you. More information can be found on the state 4-H website at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/. I hope to see many of you there!



Project Update

Photograph Meeting & Mounting

By Jaanavi Thanamala

As fair approaches week by week, and day by day, everything is starting to fall into place. I'm entering 10 single photos into fair and 1 storyboard. It is actually my first fair, so everything is very new to me.

At the photography meeting this last saturday, we were split into 4 groups. We are going to give our presentations at the next community meeting. All of our groups had a topic that related to photography. My group was presenting about photo stories, which was perfect since I'm doing one. We worked on our poster, and divided up our lines. I even drew a cartoon camera (which might I say, didn't look half as bad as I thought it would). I'm excited for our presentation!

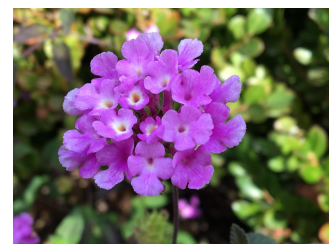
Today, I mounted my photos. I couldn't do it at the previous meeting because I had a debate tournament. Anyway, I thought mounting was a long and complicated process, but it's really not. With the help of my friend, I was able to get the hang of it. I did move at a snail's pace, but better slow than not at all.

We mount our pictures so they can be presented at fair. There, they get judged by judges, and we get our prizes. Prize money varies between category, places, and type of photos. I'm excited for the day, and hope many will show up to the event.

This experience is definitely different than what I usually get myself into, but it's a fun one nonetheless. I encourage anyone to do the photography project next year and send photos to fair!

Down below are a couple of my favorite photos that I'm entering into fair. Enjoy! Hope to see you at fair- and check out the photography exhibit!

Jaanavi's Photos!



Healthy Smoothie Recipe!

By: Hannah Mason

2 cups spinach
1 green apple
4 oz. water or apple juice
half a cucumber, sliced
1 1/2 banana cut into chunks
1 tablespoon of honey or agave
3-4 ice cubes



- 1) Put spinach, apple, and liquid into blender and blend until smooth.
- 2) Add the cucumber and banana, blend.
- 3) Add honey and ice, blend until ice is totally blended in.
- 4) Pour into a glass and enjoy!

Science Matters

Being in 4-H has exposed me to a range of experiences, and a lot of new and surprising opportunities. I learned about the Science Matters project, and I was really sure what I was getting into. But I joined reluctantly, and I ended up really liking it. First, I was lucky enough to be sent to the National 4-H Headquarters in Washington D.C. in January with my team for a retreat and agricultural learning experience. That trip was so much fun, it was a National conference so I was able to meet 4-Hers from Alaska, Ohio, Nebraska, South Carolina, and 30 other states. We were also able to hear all the other teams' ideas. A lot of them were doing their projects on agricultural education, because 7% of Americans think that chocolate milk comes from brown cows, which equals about 16.4 million people.

After the trip, it was time to get into what we wanted our project to be. My team and I spent some time brainstorming and coming up with different ideas that we thought were main issues in our communities. We decided that food waste was the main one. My school owns recycling bins but just combines it with the trash. Also, when you buy lunch, you are required to take a fruit, juice, or vegetable. And being the teenagers we are, we just throw out the healthy stuff. We also wanted to create a map that has better options for people in the local area. We worked with GIS mapping and created a map of Contra Costa and Alameda counties with options like food banks, food donation centers, food repurposing, and farmer's markets.

After working for a while, since the project was sponsored by Bayer, we were able to take a tour of the Bayer site in Berkeley. This was really interesting as the site isn't open for the general public. We also were able to present our project to some of the employees and hear their feedback and teach them about the 4-H program.

This project ends in June, we're hoping it continues next year because all the teams I know had a really enjoyable time. If you are interested in science and making a difference and creating an impact in your community, I highly recommend this project. I learned a lot about our counties and I had a lot of practice with speaking in public and also being able to be put on the spot and having to talk. This project has been a lot of work and pressure, but enjoyable altogether.