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## From the President

Welcome to the 2013-2014 Marin County 4-H year! We are excited to be celebrating 100 years of 4-H in California this year, as well as 100 years of the University of California Cooperative Extension. Now is a good time to reflect on how much 4-H has changed in the past century. Who knew that 100 years later, 4-H would be on the cutting edge of technology and science youth programs? With those in mind, this will be an exciting year for Marin County 4-H. I encourage everyone to incorporate science, engineering and technology into their club activities by inviting a scientist or engineer to speak to your clubs, or by participating in National Youth Science Day on October 9<sup>th</sup>, when youth from all over the country will design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey. The kit, "Maps and Apps," is available from the 4-H online mall.

I want to welcome a returning club to the county, the 'H' Lane Vaqueros! This club, led by Pat Duffy, will offer a horse project, open to members from any club, no horse required! Further details are in the newsletter.

We will have several County Council meetings this year, and as always, all members and their parents are invited to attend. Meetings are held at the 4-H office, and it is a great way to learn more about 4-H in Marin and to be involved at the county level. Dates for upcoming meetings are published in the newsletter.

Again, welcome to the new 4-H year. Let's make it a great one!

*Nancy O'Neill Shepardson*

President  
Marin County 4-H

## Mark Your Calendars

### September

- Sep 2 Labor Day  
Office Closed
- Sep 7 Thrive Interviews
- Sep 14 Community Club Leader  
Round Table  
10:00 A.M.  
Marin County 4-H Office
- Sep 26 Thrive Project Leader Training  
Marin Co. 4-H Office  
6:30—8:30 P.M.

### October

- Oct 6 Achievement Day  
4:00 P.M. Vallecito School  
Beginning National 4-H Week
- Oct 8 National Youth Science Day

### November

- Nov 7 Council Meeting  
Marin County 4-H Office  
6:30 P.M.
- Nov 8-10 State Leadership Forum  
Sacramento
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day  
Office Closed

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# Enrollment



## ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2013-2014 PROGRAM YEAR

Returning families are welcome to visit their online enrollment records and re-enroll for the new 4-H year. Both youth members and adult volunteers may complete their enrollment.

While enrolling, please be sure to double check your contact information: addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

To complete your enrollment, please print and complete a medical form for each family member. Bring this completed form and enrollment fees to your first meeting and give them to your club's enrollment coordinator. Fees for the 2013-14 program year are \$34 per youth member and \$12 per adult volunteer. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to your club.

Families are reminded that their enrollment will appear as "pending" until payment and confirmation is received in the office from the club. It might appear as though you have enrolled and something is missing or not current. Please work directly with your club leader to make sure your family has turned in everything that is needed.

Please visit [ca.4honline.com](http://ca.4honline.com)

Please contact Vicki at the 4-H office at 415-473-4207 with questions.



## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE DAY

October 9, 2013

This year, the National Science Experiment will be:

### 4-H Maps & Apps!

Designed by **Colorado State University Extension**, the year's set of activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey.

Members and leaders can learn more by visiting:  
<http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/>

## Club News

### SHOOTING SPORTS

Consider adding Shooting Sports to your projects this year! Enrollment will be at our first meetings on September 14th and October 19th at 9:00 AM sharp at the Valley of the Moon Trap Club. Directions to the location can be found at [www.vomtc.org](http://www.vomtc.org)

To save time, please enroll online beforehand by visiting

<http://cemarlin.ucanr.edu/Programs/4-H Program/4hOnline Enrollment/>

Bring a completed Medical form for each club member to the first meeting.

Please note new club members will need to successfully complete the required safety training on at least one of these two days.

Martin : 415—309—1563  
4H Shooting Sports

### Postal Shoot Results

Every year, the Shooting Sports 4-H Club participates in a 'postal shoot.' This is a competition where a paper target is placed out on a stand, and the competitor shoots at the target. When the shoot is over, the paper target is sent to the California State Shooting Sports committee for judging, comparing to all participants in shooting sports projects throughout the state.

This year the Club had 7 participants and happily congratulates Jack Aitken for his gold award.

Great job!



### **Would you like to learn about horses?**

'H' Lane Vaqueros will offer a horse project that is focused on all aspects of horses and their care, including anatomy, nutrition, vet care and training. Members of other Marin County 4-H clubs who are serious about learning about horses are welcome to cross club into 'H' Lane Vaqueros as a project.

While horse projects are considered "large animal" and not allowed for primary members, 'H' Lane Vaqueros will have a project for younger members where they can study breeds, care and anatomy.

Older members will also learn horsemanship and hands on care.

Meetings will be held:

**The 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month  
3:30—6:00 P.M.  
171 'H' Lane, Novato**

**Next meeting on September 20th**

For more information please contact Pat at:  
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# STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

By Zoe McCormick, Tamalpais 4-H Club

This summer I attended the 4-H state leadership conference. The conference is for 4-H high-schoolers. It is held every year at a different UC campus. It was held this year at UC Davis. The people who attended the conference stayed in dorms set aside for visiting groups using the campus, and ate at the cafeteria. Each county was grouped together and had an assigned chaperone, but Marin county only had 2 people attending so we stayed with the people from Sonoma county.

Each person attended 2 sessions on Friday and 2 on Saturday. My first session was a tour of the nearby raptor center. We saw and learned about raptors. Then I attended a session called "Can Can Robot." We were assigned the task of creating a robot out of a paper cup, a small motor, and pens, to draw something. On Saturday, I had a session about networking, where I learned a lot of interesting tips. Then I had "Create An Explanation." We had to create and test an explanation for "mystery tubes", which have strings that move in unusual ways when pulled. I enjoyed all of the sessions, and I learned a lot.

Friday morning, we completed what is known as a "service learning project", which is a community service project that has learning involved. There were three projects, planting apple trees, making blankets for an animal shelter, and making owl boxes. We were divided into three groups, and I ended up making owl boxes. I really enjoyed the project, and it was gratifying to see how many boxes we made.

In addition to sessions and service, there were motivational speakers. There were 2 motivational speakers, Scott Backovitch and Chris Boleman.

In addition to the serious things, there were fun things. We had a centennial celebration, a swim party, and a neon dance party. The centennial celebration had games and food and music. The swim party took place at the UC Davis rec pool, and in addition to swimming there was a zip line, food, a rock climbing wall, and more. The neon dance party was awesome. Kids wore neon colored clothing and it glowed under the black lights.

The whole event was organized by the state ambassador team, with help from the technology leadership team. The two teams did a great job, and I thought the event was wonderful. I strongly encourage others to attend next year. I plan to!



# Remembering Ellie Genazzi



*Judges Ellie Genazzi and Terry Gray compare notes during the Western Weekend Fair's dog show.*



One of our own, Ellie Genazzi, passed away on August 26, 2013. She was 21 years old. Ellie was born in Petaluma, but grew up in Pt. Reyes. She graduated from Tomales High School and was currently attending SRJC with aspirations of being a nurse. Most recently, Ellie worked for the bakery department at Sprouts in Petaluma. She was very artistic and talented, especially when it came to gardening and baking, even perfecting her grandmother's pie crust recipe. She won several awards for her gardening, knitting, sewing photography and baked goods entries in the Sonoma-Marín Fair. Ellie was also an animal lover her 4-H projects included rabbits and dogs. Ellie was a very active member of the Pt. Reyes and Nicasio Clubs, as well as 4-H Camp where she shined in many roles during her years of service and winning the "Hardest Worker" award.

She was not only an honorable competitor with her projects skills but was a judge and creator of a complete Marin Biology project that contained water quality exercises that her younger brother, Freddie, used again at Marin's Jr. Naturalist Camp in 2009.

In an interview in 2006 with the **Pt. Reyes Light** Ellie said, "she hopes that one day she'll have a 4-H award or honor named after her for the work with the group she's done and plans to continue. "I want to have everyone know that I did something great in 4-H. I want other kids who aren't in 4-H to see me and want to get involved. Just having the kids look up to you is nice."

Most of all, people will remember Ellie for her huge heart and love of her family first. Her radiant personality and happiness were contagious.

The Genazzi family requested donations to 4-H in Ellie's name, and the County Council will select the manner in which the funds will go to support the youth of Marin while honoring Ellie's name. Suggestions are welcome and can be sent to the Marin 4-H Council, courtesy of the 4-H office.

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