

EDUCATION

FHS student wins Best of Show for STEM project at the county fair



Viviana Lasley poses with her award winning project at the San Diego County Fair.

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook High School student Viviana Lasley, age 14, won the “Best of Show” ribbon for her science, technology, engineering and math project entry at this year’s San Diego County Fair. Lasley’s award was

for her construction of a life-size, working jack-in-the-box based on this year’s fair theme, “The Wizard of Oz.”

Her exhibit featured a pop-up tin woodsman and was named “Some Fair Over the Rainbow.” It is the

fifth year in-a-row that she has won the best of show award for her creations, which she began entering in fair competitions at the age of 10.

Submitted by James Lasley.

McGuire receives master’s degree in agricultural education



Kevin McGuire, a Fallbrook High School graduate received a master’s degree in agricultural education from California State Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo, June 16. Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Kevin McGuire, son of Michael and Annette McGuire of Fallbrook, received his master’s degree in agricultural education at the spring commencement of California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, June 16.

He is a Fallbrook High School graduate, class of 2009, where he was active in 4-H Club and Future

Farmers of America. He received his California teaching credential in agricultural mechanics from Fresno State University. McGuire has been teaching high school-level agricultural mechanics in California’s central valley for the past five years.

Submitted by Michael and Annette McGuire.

Girl Scouts San Diego Honors Fallbrook Volunteers



Fallbrook volunteers honored by Girl Scouts San Diego are, from left, Tanisha Garvin, Lis Phillips and Monica Lang. Courtesy photo

SAN DIEGO – During its recent Volunteer Celebration, Girl Scouts San Diego honored Fallbrook volunteers Tanisha Garvin, Monica Lang and Lis Phillips for their contributions to girl scouting.

Garvin received the Honor Pin for providing outstanding service in more than one service unit. An exceptional trainer for the Girl Scouts San Diego council, she was honored for empowering volunteers in the Fallbrook Service Unit and surrounding North County communities.

Lang was presented with the Appreciation Pin for bolstering the Girl Scout Mission in Fallbrook. As service unit communications chair, she was honored for creating a resource center and overhauling

online tools to make it easier for Fallbrook troops to reserve materials and equipment for their Girl Scout adventures.

Phillips received the Volunteer of Excellence award for partnering with girls to deliver the Girl Scout program. An expert at cultivating community for the Girl Scouts of Fallbrook, she was honored for planning eight events each year, highlighting Girl Scouts at local parades and community-based service opportunities.

“We deeply appreciate the achievements of this year’s Volunteer Celebration honorees,” Girl Scouts San Diego CEO Carol Dextrich said. “Their support is key to our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a

better place.”

Emceed by KUSI News co-anchor and Girl Scout alum Ginger Jeffries, the Volunteer Celebration took place at the San Diego Hilton Resort on Mission Bay. The awards program commends individuals who were selected by their peers for going above and beyond the duties of their volunteer positions.

Girl Scouts is a leadership development organization for girls. To learn about Girl Scouting opportunities for volunteers and girls in grades K-12, visit www.sdgirlscouts.org or contact Vee Vazquez at vvazquez@sdgirlscouts.org or (619) 610-0708.

Submitted by Girls Scouts San Diego.

Fallbrook resident graduates from California Connections Academy

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO – California Connections Academy Southern California, a tuition-free online public school serving students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade, graduated approximately 475 high school seniors at a June 19 commencement ceremony held at the Bren Events Center at the University of California Irvine, including Fallbrook resident Robert Rappendorf.

Hundreds of family members, friends, teachers and administrators gathered to honor the students’ accomplishments, with remarks from Jim Reardon, a governing board member of the Capistrano

Unified School District board of trustees, and top ranked graduates Daniel Park and Alexandria Gable.

Student scholarships totaled nearly \$1 million, with this year’s class headed to various higher education and career opportunities. Graduates will pursue higher education at institutions including Dartmouth College, University of Southern California, New York University, Brigham Young University, Chapman University, Loyola Marymount University, University of Hawaii at Manoa, and American University of Paris, among others.

Submitted by California Connections Academy.

Wiseman graduates from Baylor University

WACO, Texas – Baylor University conferred degrees on nearly 3,000 graduates during spring commencement exercises May 17-18, in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus.

Among those graduates was Fallbrook local Kyle Patrick Wiseman who received his degree in business administration and marketing.

Baylor University’s mission is to educate students for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment in a caring community.

Submitted by Baylor University.

Wilson raises Best of Breed rabbit at county fair



Samantha Wilson of Fallbrook 4-H shows off one of her award winning rabbits.

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The San Diego County Fair included a youth rabbit breed show in which Fallbrook 4-H Club member Samantha Wilson raised the Best of Breed for mini rex rabbits.

The 14-year-old Wilson, who completed eighth grade at Potter Junior High School this spring, showed three mini rex rabbits at the county fair including Tequila, a seven-month-old male who won the Best of Breed award.

The rabbit breed show has three award levels. The rabbits of each breed are first judged by color, the Best of Breed award is the second level and the Best of Breed winners compete for Best of Show. Wilson raised both the first-place and second-place ruby-eyed white rabbits.

“I wasn’t surprised. I expected that I would have the best,” she said. “I was very surprised to win Best of Breed, though.”

Tequila’s father, Shiro, took second place among ruby-eyed white mini rex rabbits. Shiro is one year old. Lovebug, who is seven

months old, was the second-place black mini rex rabbit.

Wilson has completed two years as a Fallbrook 4-H Club member.

“My parents convinced me to join as a little extra activity I can do. It was more to get out of the house, work on something,” she said.

Breed competition was more appealing to Wilson than market shows.

“I said I wasn’t going to do anything that I had to kill because I get too attached to them,” Wilson said. “We went over my options, and I chose rabbits.”

Last year was Wilson’s first year showing rabbits at the San Diego County Fair. She won Best of Breed for the American fuzzy lop breed, and that female rabbit was joined by other American fuzzy lop rabbits Wilson entered.

“I just branched into mini rexes between last year’s and this year’s,” Wilson said.

Wilson was born in Palm Springs, and the family also lived in Fresno and Sacramento before moving to Fallbrook when Wilson was 11. Wilson was at Live Oak Elementary School for sixth grade before her two years at Potter Junior High School.

She said that the rabbit shows motivate her to improve.

“I always learn something from these shows, and it’s nice to have a healthy competition,” Wilson said.