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## Club celebrates National 4-H Week

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Magnolia 4-H new members host Molly Pole (left) and primary partner Ellie Hoskins organize some paperwork during a drive-through celebration event on Monday in Brawley. PHOTO VINCENT OSUNA

BRAWLEY —Magnolia 4-H held its annual Pep Rally on the Plaza Monday evening, but owing to pandemic concerns, this year's event was unlike any of those that preceded it.

The Brawley-based club traditionally gathers in a crowd in front of Plaza Park to celebrate National 4-H Week, which began Sunday.





Magnolia 4-H community leader Kari Smelser (right) helps a parent complete a registration form during a drive-through celebration event on Monday in Brawley. PHOTO VINCENT OSUNA

The week is intended to highlight all things 4-H and the positive impact it has had on youths throughout the nation.

This year the club decided to celebrate 4-H Week in a more socially distanced fashion.

Informational booths were set up 6 feet apart from each other behind City Hall. Club members and adult advisors were present to help any new or interested members who stopped by.

Awards were given for the 2019-2020 year. There was also a car-decorating contest, with a prize awarded for the most 4-H spirit.



Magnolia 4-H primary officer Cheyenne Cox, 12, waits for a guest to stop by her booth during a drive-through celebration event on Monday in Brawley. PHOTO VINCENT OSUNA



Donations such as blankets were also accepted for the Feed the Need charity in Brawley.

Magnolia 4-H, which has been in existence since 1924, is the second-oldest 4-H club in the Imperial Valley.



Sister and brother Savannah (left) and Brian Zarate, of Magnolia 4-H, hold a sign that reads "Magnolia 4-H" during a drive-through celebration event on Monday in Brawley. PHOTO VINCENT OSUNA

As new members were enrolling Monday, Kari Smelser, the club's community leader, said Magnolia drew in 93 members last year.