



*4-H members participate in community affairs including city hall meetings*

WESTMORLAND – The City of Westmorland, at their regular meeting on Wednesday, proclaimed the week of October 5th -11th as National 4-H Week.

As Imperial Valley All-stars and Star Route 4-H members stood holding a banner with the 4-H pledge embroidered into it, Nathaniel Arreyave a 4-H officer and senior, standing at the podium, introduced the 4-H members in the audience and then led everyone in the pledge.

New and previous 4-H members filled the City Council room's chairs as they waited to speak about the reason they joined 4-H. Members of the nationally well-known group stood in front of the Council members and presented their projects or pets at the meeting. One member brought her chicken she raised to show the council, as another held a small Lego jet he built for 4-H.

4-H is the nation's largest youth development and empowerment organization, reaching more than 6 million 4-H youth in urban neighborhoods, suburban schoolyards and rural farming communities. Fueled by university-backed curriculum and our nation's Cooperative Extension System, 4-H'ers engage in hands-on learning activities in the areas of science, healthy living, and food.

City Council Member and 4-H advocate Mary Ann Smith presented 4-H members with a notice of certification stating that the week October 5<sup>th</sup> thru October 11<sup>th</sup> will be proclaimed National 4-H Week in the City of Westmorland.

Before the meeting was drawn to a close, 4-H members gifted Council Members with homemade cookies in a decorated basket as a 'Thank You' for the proclamation for National 4-H Week in the City.

For more Information on 4-H or how to join you can go to [www.4-h.org/](http://www.4-h.org/) or you can contact the Imperial County 4-H office at (760)352-9474.

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