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CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CSHA) ANNOUNCES LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

CSHA Region 6, has announced that their annual scholarship for a graduating senior has been awarded to Bethany Pyke of Morgan Hill, CA in the amount of \$1,000.00.

CSHA was founded in 1942 for the purpose of fostering interest in all breeds of horses and forms of horsemanship throughout the State of California. CSHA has designed a wide range of programs which offer participants opportunities for growth and enjoyment regardless of their type of riding, breed of horse or experience level. CSHA is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

CSHA Region 6 encompasses a large territory (5 counties) with the majority of its members residing in Santa Clara County. A scholarship is awarded annually by Region 6 to an active member, equine enthusiast and graduating senior, who has shown themselves to be a well-rounded individual, contributing to their school and community.

Originally from England, Bethany moved to the Morgan Hill area in 2014 with her family and graduated from Live Oak High School in June of 2018. Bethany's love of horses began at the age of 8 and her four-legged friends have been constant companions to her in life as she has made her journey to graduating high school. Amongst her many accomplishments; Bethany was a member of San Martin 4-H for nearly four years sitting on the board for two and participating in their horse program. She has also given her time to the One Step Closer Riding Therapy organization and WERC (Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center) of Morgan Hill. When in High School Bethany also participated in FFA, showing her pig and steer and walking away with the Morgan Hill Grange Scholarship. A scholarship awarded to youth in Agricultural programs. She was also awarded the DEKALB Agricultural Accomplishment Award for her passion and dedication as well as hard work in the study of Agriculture science and industry.

"My experiences with horses and my other activities with Region 6 have helped me become the person I am today. It has given me confidence inside as well as outside the show ring, most importantly in my academic achievements. It has allowed me to make friends and stronger friendships".

Bethany will be staying locally for her initial continuing education attending a local community college. She doesn't quite know what her future holds; but she knows that it will involve working with animals of all kinds.

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