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4-H News of La Paz County

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Calendar of Events

Forms, Newsletters and Leader Information Available at:

<http://cals.arizona.edu/lapaz/4-h/index.html>

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 2 4-H Volunteer Dinner and Planning Meeting, 6 pm, Parker First Baptist Church
- 13 Beef Ownership Deadline
- 20 Club Enrollment Paperwork Due
- 22 4-H Recognition Day, 2 pm, Parker High School Cafeteria---COUNTY EVENT
- 30 Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat, 5 pm, Parker Pop Harvey Park---
COUNTY EVENT

Important November Dates to Remember

- 6 Quality Assurance Workshop, 6 pm, Site TBD , COUNTY EVENT
- 9 Leadership and Officer Workshop, , 6 pm, Site TBD COUNTY EVENT



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News and Views



Parents.....We Need More Leaders!!!

Yes, YOU could be a 4-H Youth Development Volunteer!!! There are many positions available from being a leader of a small project group to special events coordinator, publicity, fundraising, fair superintendents, community service coordinators, the list goes on and on!

Volunteer applications are available by calling the Extension Office at 669-9843. All volunteers must be certified for the protection of the volunteer as well as the youth they work with. Training is provided.

Insurance Information- PLEASE READ!!!

The University of Arizona requires that all meetings and activities held by certified leaders must be on record at the Extension Office prior to actually taking place if the liability insurance is to be in effect. To make this as manageable as possible for you and the office, we are asking that you list all meetings and activities (other than official county and state events) which you will conduct this year on the extension form or on a sheet of paper. You must list the date, time, and location of each activity. This requires a little bit of planning, but it will be very useful. The Extension Office recommends making copies of the form and distributing it out to all of the members so they will be able to plan for the events. For those of you who are interested in purchasing animal insurance, contact Farm Bureau Insurance at 669-2437.

Beef Ownership Deadline

. Youth who plan on having a beef project should contact their club leader or the extension office to receive a beef ownership form. All ownership forms are due to the Extension Office by October 13th, 2006. The Youth Livestock Committee will contact each youth to set up a time to ear tag each animal.

Signing Up for an Animal Project and Need to Know the Basics?

State rules require that youth who sell market animals must be certified in Quality Assurance methods at least every 3 years. 4-H Agent Brent Strickland will provide you the training you need to be certified and provide helpful hints to make sure you and your animal have a successful year. The next Quality Assurance workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 6th.

Character Corner

Persistence

Nothing in the world takes the place of persistence.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

Author Unknown





Happenings



Get Involved in “Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat”

Community Service is important and all 4-H members are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile project that benefits the food bank in our community. Members and parents will be organized into small groups who will go house to house asking for canned food items.

The Parker area clubs will be collecting on October 30th. 4-H members should meet at Pop Harvey Park at 5:00 pm. **Parents are needed** to stay and help transport and chaperone each group as they go collecting. Trick Or Treat So Others Can Eat has been adopted as a state wide 4-H Community Service Project and it is an official county event for La Paz County 4-H. Identification nametags will be available for everyone to wear as they go collecting.

Bouse and Salome Club will also be conducting the event in their towns. Contact your club leader to get more information.

4-H Council has determined that youth who have an excused reason to not attend the event can still get credit if they donate 20 cans of food to the club leader or the 4-H Office by November 1st.



**LAST YEAR WE COLLECTED OVER 2,500 POUNDS OF FOOD
LETS GO FOR 3,000 THIS YEAR!!!!**



Important Animal Information

Beef- Ownership Deadline- October 13th

Suggested starting weight is 800 pounds. Beef can be no more than 24 months old at fair and weigh at least 1,000 pounds (Suggested weight is 1,250 pounds). Youth must be able to handle and control the steer alone with one lead rope.

All Other Animals

Ownership Deadline- December 2nd, also last day to enroll in 4-H animal projects.

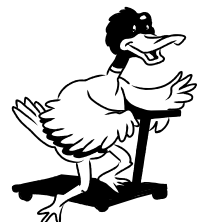
Swine- Suggested starting weight by December is at least 50 pounds. Swine must weigh between 210 and 275 pounds at fair.

Lamb- All breeds must weigh at least 100 pounds and not have their yearling tooth visible at fair.

Goats- Must be dehorned and be less than 1 year old at time of fair.

Rabbits- Must provide pedigree at time of ownership deadline.

Horse- There is a desperate needs for a committee to help put on a Gymkhana, If you are interested in participating in the event or seeing that it continues, please contact Linda Masters.



Contact the Extension Office if you are looking for animals! We have numerous contacts for different breeders!!!!



Happenings



Interested in Being on 4-H Council?

4-H Council serves a vital role for La Paz County 4-H. They serve as the advisory committee to help direct and organize the 4-H program. Adults and Youth (over 13 years old) are encouraged to contact the Extension Office to learn more about this great leadership opportunity! 4-H Council Elections will be held on Recognition Day (October 22nd).

Farm Credit Services Southwest donates \$5,000 to the 2007 Western Region 4-H Forum!

Commitment to agriculture and the future generations of agriculture is a longtime tradition at Farm Credit Services Southwest (“FCSSW”). Over the years, FCSSW has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars and staff members have donated uncounted hours as a demonstration of that commitment.

For example, FCSSW has a superb track record in the support of agricultural education, with an emphasis on helping young and beginning farmers develop into successful entrepreneurs through their Young Farmer and Rancher Executive Institute. FCSSW has also helped dozens of college interns gain practical knowledge about careers in agricultural finance. In addition, this commitment to the future generations of farmers, ranchers, and people in rural America is demonstrated by their continued support of youth programs such as 4-H and FFA. Whatever is needed – a barbeque, a barn sale, scholarships, or board membership – FCSSW consistently promotes company-wide participation “to help the kids” and encourage their appreciation of our agricultural heritage.

Club News

McMullen Valley 4-H News

Hello! This is our 2006-2007 4-H Year, and we cant wait! Our first meeting (after sign-ups), was on Sept. 21st and we elected officers: President, Jaime Balderrama, Vice President, Cory Wolfe, Secretary, Nicole Edmonds, Treasurer Sarah Mendoza, Sgts. at Arms. Sandra Flores and Kiko Mendoza, Reporters are Dane Downes and Nathan Jones.

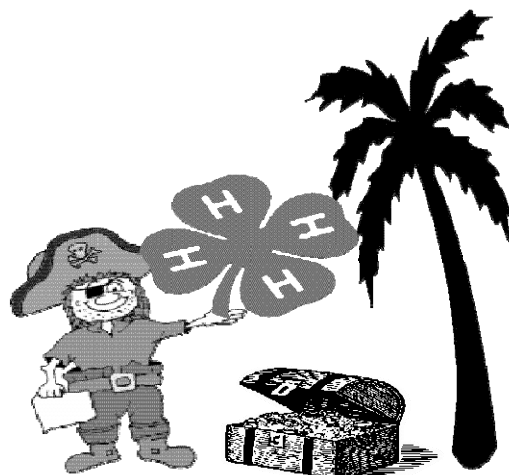
McMullen Valley has a total of 30 members, including 7 new members. We are all looking forward to showing and competing against all of our 4-H members and helping each other with what ever they may need. More news next month.

Nathan Jones and Dane Downes

Best N Better

Last month Best-N-Better Community Club elected officers. Congratulations the following:
Brian Goldsberry was elected President, Liz Ruvo was elected Vice President, Casey Mcguire was elected Secretary, Ryan Ruvo, Treasurer, Andrea Begin, Reporter, finally Sergeant of Arms, Jeremy Davalos, and Bronte Salamanca.
Andrea Begin

**2006 La Paz County 4-H Recognition Day
4-H: Our Greatest Treasure!**



All Pirates are invited to the annual 4-H Recognition program honoring all members, leaders, and friends of 4-H.

Date: October 22, 2006 at 2:00 pm

Place: Parker High School Cafeteria on 1600 Kofa Ave.

What to Bring: Your favorite dessert with a serving utensil.

Each Club should bring a Pirate-Decorated Dessert.

Special Prizes for club with the highest attendance, child and adult with the best pirate costume, and for the best decorated dessert!!!

Door Prizes Needed!

Each club is asked to donate 2 items for door prizes.

Questions????

Contact Brent at the Extension Office at 669-9843

Come Join the FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

