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## Calendar of Events

12	<b>4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office- 6:30 pm</b> <b>Entry Deadline for Parker Livestock Show</b>
13	<b>Quality Assurance Workshop, Parker First Baptist Church-7pm</b> <b>COUNTY EVENT</b>
18	<b>Parker Livestock Show, Parker Fairgrounds, 10 am</b> <b>COUNTY EVENT</b>
23	<b>Fair Entry Forms Due</b>
24-25	<b>Colorado River Small Stock Show, La Paz County Park</b> <b>COUNTY EVENT</b>
26	<b>Quality Assurance Workshop, Salome Elementary School- 6pm</b> <b>COUNTY EVENT</b>

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# Happenings

## **FAIR ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE**

Fair Entry forms for all 4-H projects are ready. Packets of all forms will be sent to all Community Club leaders in the coming week. Everyone is welcome to come by the extension office and pick some forms up for yourself. All entry forms are due to the 4-H office by 5 pm on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is no exception for this deadline. For more information on the indoor projects, contact Linda Masters.

## **ANIMAL NEWS**

Need to get ready for the fair? 4-H will be offering two animal shows during the month of February to help you hone your skills and get feedback from livestock judges. Both of these events are recognized county events.

The Parker Livestock Show will be at the Parker Fairgrounds on Sunday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> (More information in this newsletter).

The Colorado River Small Stock Show will be at the La Paz County Park on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Information can be found at the following website:  
<http://cals.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/smallshow.htm>

### Quality Assurance Workshops

The La Paz County Fair is the premier event for 4-H youth to showcase their skills and knowledge and to engage in healthy competition. The Quality Assurance workshops will cover animal care, fair rules, and an overview of what to expect at the fair. Parents, leaders, and youth are all invited. According to Arizona rules, all youth who auction a market animal must be certified in quality assurance every three years. The following workshops are county events and can be used as a pre-fair county event. (Youth are required to have at least two county events before the fair entry forms are due).

February 13<sup>th</sup> Parker Baptist Church 7 pm- 9 pm

February 26<sup>th</sup> Salome Elementary School 6-8 pm (even though this is past the fair entry form deadline, youth can write in down on the form to meet the 2 county event requirement).

### Reminder to 4-H Participants with Animal Projects

- Make sure you have attended a Quality Assurance workshop; you can't sell if you don't.
- Get those buyers letters out!
- Weigh your animal regularly.
- Make sure you read and understand the fair book rules.
- Take Herdsmanship seriously, it can hurt you in the pocketbook if you don't.

# News and Views

Report from Jolene McGuire on the National 4-H Congress

In November, I had the opportunity to represent La Paz County at the National 4-H Congress, which was held in Atlanta. I met with the rest of the Arizona group and we traveled together. While I was there, I got the chance to listen to some amazing speakers, attend workshops, and tour Atlanta.

One of the speakers I had the opportunity to listen to was Dan Thurman; his theme was, “Juggling for Life”, and I mean literally. First, he asked us if we believed he could do a round-off handspring. Some said yes and some said no, so he restarted his introduction with a round-off back handspring. The main focus of his talk was on juggling and balancing your life. He balanced a peacock feather and invited some members of the audience to try it. The key to balancing is to always look up at the top, which applies to goal setting. When we make a goal, we should always look at the top and at the whole picture. He also talked about his friend who was a skier. He said that if you look at the tree, you’ve done hit it. The key is to know what is around you but keep your eye on the path and around obstacles like trees. I’ve noticed how this applies to goals, once we make goals, we will see obstacles, if we focus too much on the obstacle, we will lose focus on the goal. Dan Thurman was a really good juggler. When juggling, you always have to look at the top because if you look at your hands, you will miss the next ball that was thrown. He could juggle swords, balls, shoes and other things, even while riding a six foot unicycle. He encouraged us to write a list of goals and set high standards. I encourage everyone to do the same. Don’t forget about your goals, focus on the top, don’t get stuck on what is impossible, and view the whole picture with the end result in mind.

During 4-H Congress, I was able to attend a few different leadership workshops, where we played games and met other 4-H’ers through speed meetings. Everyone was assigned to attend a community service project, mine was going to an elementary school. I also got to choose to go on a tour to a site in Atlanta. I went to the CNN Headquarters and was able to go on a behind the scenes tour, which was amazing. I had a wonderful time at National 4-H Congress and it is an amazing experience. If you ever have a chance, you should go.

## A Parent’s Role in 4-H

**Share** - Take an interest in your child’s 4-H project and activities. Listen, look, and offer suggestions, but avoid the temptation to “take over” and do things yourself. Learning by doing is the 4-H way. Your child learns by his or her mistakes as well as successes, if you provide encouragement.

**Prepare** - Parents can assist by helping a child understand the value of having projects, record books, presentations, or officer duties done on time, in a proper way. Also, be sure your child learns the importance of letting someone know if he or she cannot follow through as expected.

**Care** - Parents are expected to support their child's participation in the 4-H program to the best of their ability and to abide by the policies, procedures, and standards of behavior set forth by the 4-H Youth Development Program. Arrange to attend programs and events where your child is taking part. Your presence shows that you consider your child, and what he or she is doing, very important.

**Be There** - Your child will gain more from 4-H by attending club meetings regularly and by getting involved in 4-H Camp, 4-H Fair, and many other activities. Parents can be part of 4-H, too. Don’t just drop your youngster off at meetings - sit and observe. You are welcome. Get to know the club leader. Lend a hand wherever you can. However, try to remain objective and avoid “taking over” any activities. Remember, the club is for the kids.



