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4-H News of La Paz County

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Calendar of Events

- 1 Extension Office Closed**
- 6 Memorial Service for Woody Winans, 11 am, La Paz County Park**
- 8 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office**
- 29 Animal Leader Meeting, Site TBD**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of former La Paz County 4-H Agent and County Director, Woodie Winans. He passed away on Sunday, December 17th at his home in Patagonia. Woody dedicated his professional career to the advancement of 4-H Youth Development and Cooperative Extension. He is remembered fondly for his love of camping and outdoor discovery programs. Even though his last 4-H camp was seven years ago, youth still share stories that he told and sing the camp songs that he taught. All 4-H leaders and members are welcome to attend a memorial service for Woody at the La Paz County Park on January 6th at 11 am. Families are asked to bring a potluck dish. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the La Paz County 4-H Council to help support the program he was so instrumental in building.

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Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation by contacting the La Paz County Cooperative Extension office. Requests should be made as soon as possible to arrange the accommodation.

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Happenings

4-H Council Officers

The following were elected as officers for the 2006-2007 4-H Council:

President: Brian Goldsberry
President-Elect: Marissa Estrada
Senior Leader's Representative: Dawn Jacobson
Junior Leader's Representative: Sassy Jones
Secretary: Bronte Salamanca
Assistant Secretary: Molly Goldsberry
Treasurer: Dawn Jacobson

Important Animal Leader Meeting on January 29th

All animal leaders are encouraged to attend the annual pre-fair meeting on January 29th. The site is yet to be determined, (Most likely, the Parker First Baptist Church) at 6:30 pm. The meeting will discuss herdsmanship, round robin and new fair rules. The 2007 fair book will also be available. We will also discuss reestablishing a Large Livestock committee.

Mandatory Livestock Ethics Workshops

A new rule is in place that requires all animal exhibitors to be certified in livestock ethics training. 4-H will be holding workshops in February in Parker and Salome. Most of the 4-H'ers have attended trainings over the last two years and their certification is good for at least another year. **If you are not certified, you cannot sell an animal!**

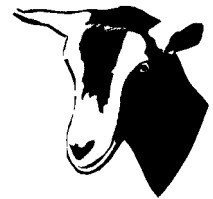
Fair Entry Forms will be Available Soon

Fair Entry forms for all 4-H Projects (including indoor and cloverkids) will be ready by mid-January. Packets of them will be given to leaders in the coming weeks, but feel free to drop by, say hi, and pick up some forms for yourself.

Completed animal entry forms are due to the 4-H office by February 23rd. There are no exceptions to this deadline). For information on indoor projects, contact Linda Masters at the Extension Office.

Reminder to 4-H Participants with Animal Projects

- Make sure you have attended a Quality Assurance workshop within the past 3 years; you can't sell if you haven't.
- Get those buyer 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

Club News

Teen Council

On November 5th at our club meeting, a sign-up sheet was put together to decide the items that we would add to our Thanksgiving basket (which is raffled off). Everyone had something to add to our basket (the turkey, potatoes, gravy, pumpkin pie, cool whip, cranberries, vegetables, etc..). After a debate on prices to sell our tickets, we came to the conclusion of \$5.00 per ticket. Each member had to sell 10 tickets. The money we raised was used to purchase Christmas presents for a needy family. We adopted a family with five children who were in need of a happy Christmas. The McVey family won the Thanksgiving basket and generously decided to donate it to a needy family. The mother told the case worker that “this will be the best Thanksgiving we’ve had in years.” After a short discussion, we decided to adopt that family for Christmas also. On December 3rd, we drove to Lake Havasu to spend the \$665.00 we had raised on Christmas presents. We also had dinner as a group. On December 8th, we received a call from Blake School to see if we could adopt another child. We agreed without hesitation. We let our 4-H members know so we could plan for this.

For the past few years, our club has learned that to give Christmas gifts to someone who would not have them is a gift of its own. The learning process is not for the young, but also for us of a much older age. We thank everyone who bought our tickets, donated money, time, homes, and refreshments. But mostly to the children who I have truly enjoyed working with. May all of you have a blessed and safe holiday season.

Circle of Friends

Happy New Years! This is Blanca Quintero with January’s edition. We have finally finished our painting for P.I.R.A.. It was a bit nippy, but so much fun. We hope they enjoy the new paint. The club helped out at the Parker High School Boy’s Basketball Tournament. Those who helped out were Allison Swick, Jessi Swick, Anabel Soloranzo, Ashley Swick, Alejandra Gonzalez, Janette Gonzlaez, and me. Celeste Atencio fro Best and Better took a turn freezing at the door. Thanks for volunteering, Mrs. Torres appreciates it.

All swine were eartagged at Eartag day. Later that day we weighed all our swine to get a starting point on the weight. We also attended the small stock clinic that afternoon. We would like to thank Dawn, Liz, Hailey, Lauren, and Brian for the rabbit clinic and to Brent for doing a hands-on job tattooing the rabbits. We thank Lisa Robinson and Roberta Hill for chaperoning our group that day. We attended the leadership workshop where Brent taught is points of leadership and true colors. Eleven members attended the Quality Assurance workshop where we learned, “never give your pig a shot in the buttocks.” On December the 16th, Blanca and Keona “K.K.” Tapija were Santa’s elves and handed out candy bags at the CRIT Christmas party give-away. Blanca tried to win \$100 in the singing contest.

Special Note

Four of the longest serving members in the Circle of Friends club, Ashley, Amber, Allison, Alicia, lost their father in a traffic accident. Sheldon Swick, Jr. helped the club out many times behind the scenes. He helped out the leaders and supported his daughters in their projects. We give our blessings to the family, and hope everyone will send your best to the Swick family.



Views

Dress for Success

When you represent yourself to the public, a potential employers, or any person or group whose opinion you are hoping to influence, your personal appearance makes a statement about you as a person. Some people are judged as neat, organized and efficient because of their dress and grooming. The dress and grooming habits of other individuals may cause them to be perceived as lazy, messy and unorganized. Remember, you are free to dress how you like, but others are free to come up with their own conclusions about you because of your dress. This can cause judges to mark you down at such events as Presentation Day and Fair. You don't have to buy new clothes, just be sure that your clothes are neat and pressed. That shows you mean business!

Character Corner

HOW TO BE SOMEBODY

Talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet

Make all your friends feel there is something special in them

Think only of the best; work only for the best; expect only the best

Be as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own

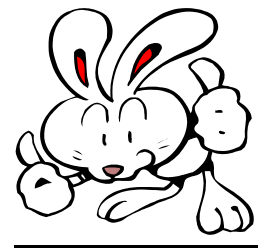
Forget the mistakes of the past. Press on to the greater achievements of the future

Give everyone a smile

Spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time left to criticize others

Be too big for worry; too noble for anger

Christian D. Larsen, Creed for Optimists



Holiday Wishes and Happy New Year from the La Paz County Extension Office!

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Susan Walter
Robin Cooper
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