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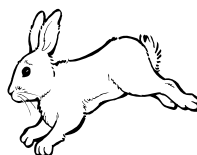
4-H News of La Paz County

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★ ★ **March 2007** ★ ★
Calendar of Events

- 10 Fair Set Up Day, La Paz Fairgrounds, 8 am — **COUNTY EVENT**
- 13 Indoor Projects due to Fairgrounds, 4 pm
- 14 ALL Animal Projects due to Fairgrounds, 3 pm
- 15 Opening Program, Livestock Arena, 8:45 am

Detailed fair schedule located inside the newsletter!



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Happenings



Last Minute Fair Reminders

1. Read the newsletter and the fair book for detailed fair information.
2. Every club should participate in the 4-H parade of clubs and awards program prior to the auction on Saturday, March 17th. All club officers (neatly dressed) will be introduced as they march into the arena with their club banner. Those participating should report to the livestock arena no later than 11:30 am.
3. Be sure to get the buyers letters out!
4. 4-H Council has determined that attending both fair set-up day and fair clean up count as a **single county event**.
5. There have been rumors of 4-H youth not planning on submitting an end-of-year recordbook because they plan to show their animals through FFA next year. Parker FFA and La Paz 4-H have an agreement in place in which if you are in bad standing in one, you are automatically in bad standing with the other. 4-H Council has determined that youth who do not submit a completed recordbook will be ineligible to sell an animal project at the following county fair.
6. La Paz Youth Livestock has decided that exhibitors will be required to wear halter number that corresponds with the animal's ear tag. Youth with more than one animal will have multiple halter cards to match the animal that they are showing. It will be their responsibility to ensure that they are wearing the correct number.

Stall Cards and Herdsmanship Info

Stall cards are available for all large and small stock animals will be available at the 4-H office after the fair set-up day. Please remember that herdsmanship is an important part of the fair experience. Take time to organize your members so that they will understand the importance of this job and know when they are expected to be on duty. Involve your member's parents in helping to organize the work schedule, decorate pens, and assist the leaders at the fair.

WASHING TIMES

There will be no set schedule this year. It will be first come, first served.
No washing allowed after 8:30 am. Absolutely no clipper grooming allowed on the fairgrounds. All animals must come ready to compete.



Animal Information

Don't Forget To Write Letters to Buyers!

1. Fair set up– March 10th at 8 am.
2. Fair clean up– Will be on March 18th (after the hauling trucks leave)
3. Parker Lion's Club and Youth Livestock will do herdsmanship.
4. Snaps are needed for the pens to secure your animals. No lock/key locks allowed. Snaps can be purchased at the hardware store for less than a dollar.
5. Round Robin will be held Saturday, March 17th at 9 am. All Grand and Reserve Showmen are eligible.
6. **AUTOMATIC WATERERS ARE ALLOWED THIS YEAR.**
7. After the fair is complete, the youth should write a thank you note to Leonard's Broadway Garden for providing animal feed. 15900 S. Broadway Blythe, CA 92225.
8. All sifting will take place starting at 3:00, March 14th. **ALL SIFTING RULES AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** Sifting is done by an unbiased committee of knowledgeable persons appointed by the Youth Livestock Committee. All animals must meet standards and requirements set forth in the fair book and pass inspection of the committee. **SIFTED ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER SIFTING.**
9. **ALL 4-H MEMBERS AND PARENTS MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES AND PROCEDURES SET FORTH BY THE LA PAZ COUNTY YOUTH LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE AND THE LA PAZ COUNTY FAIR.**

Club News

This month Best-N-Better held their meeting on February 13th by Brain Goldsberry. Casey McGuire read the Secretary report and there was no Treasure Report. Molly Goldsberry read the 4-H council report. In old business, Liz Ruvo is still doing a community service fundraiser for the La Paz County Animal Shelter, asking for donations for food and blankets for the animals. We also went over our fundraiser committee. In New business we made and passed a motion to sell food at the Livestock Show on the 17th. We talked about the Colorado Small Stock Show on the 24th-25th. Brain Goldsberry adjourned the meeting.

Attention All Clubs:

We want to hear about your fair experiences!!! Submit an article to be published in the April Newsletter. Articles can be emailed to Brent at bstrick@ag.arizona.edu.

