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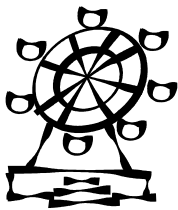
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April 2008

Calendar of Events

- 14 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15 Early Bird Registration for JOLT
- 17 Record Book Workshop, 6:30 PM, Indian Hills Library
COUNTY EVENT
- 24 Youth Livestock Meeting, 6:30 pm, Parker Library

A Look Ahead (What's Planned for May)



**A Record Book Workshop in Parker
4-H Camp Counselor Applications and Planning
Information on Summer Day Camps and 4-H Camp
A New County Event**

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Happenings

THANKS to Everyone for Another Great Fair!

The La Paz County Fair simply could not happen without the hard work and dedication of all of the terrific volunteers. A special thanks goes out to all of you!!!!

Have You Written Your Thank You Letters Yet?

Have you sent the donor of your award or the buyers of your project a thank you note yet? These businesses and people are very supportive of the 4-H program and your note is a small way to let each one know much they are appreciated. It would also be a nice to write a thank you to Leonard's Broadway Garden Center, 15900 S. Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225. They provided the feed for your animals at no cost. The letters do not need to be fancy, just a sincere note of gratitude. You might want to tell them some of the things you have learned in 4-H.

4-H Council Meeting on April 14th

A quick review of the fair will be part of the April meeting. Please bring any fair concerns or suggestions in writing so they can be discussed and appropriately acted upon. Other items will include summer 4-H opportunities and other upcoming programs.

Be a Part of the JOLT, Be a part of JOLTOPOLY!!

June 16-20, 2008

Camp Shadow Pines, Heber Arizona

JOLT is an Arizona Teen Leadership Camp - a camp designed for teens by a teen-adult partnership. JOLT is a positive environment that promotes personal development, team building and self-confidence. JOLT participants enjoy activities that build trust, leadership and communication skills. The dynamic staff and inspirational workshop speakers that JOLTers experience help make the week memorable. Conflict resolution skills and relationship building skills create the existence of the "JOLT Team" which instigates life-long friendships that are uncommon at other camps. Teenagers of various backgrounds, gather together from all Arizona locals to open their minds and to develop positive attitudes. JOLT is for teens, age 14 to 18, or that have graduated from the 8th grade.

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office or online at:

<http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/jolt>

The early bird registration is \$195 and is due to the Extension Office by April 15th.

The regular registration is \$205 and is due to the Extension Office by May 15th.

Character Corner

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. If at first you do succeed, try something harder.

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My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

Charles F. Kettering, American inventor (1876-1958)

4-H CAMP

It's time to start getting prepared for 4-H camp!!!! La Paz and Mohave counties have a great week of fun and learning planned for **July 13-17th** in the cool pines of Pinal County 4-H camp near Williams. Camp activities will include arts & crafts, archery, nature hikes, campfires, games, sing alongs, and MORE! Applications for campers are in this letter. Youth who are interested in being counselors should contact the 4-H office. Camp volunteers are desperately needed!!!

Camp Dates to Remember

Camp Planning Meeting	May 15th 6 pm at the Lake Havasu Library
Camp Counselor Applications Due	June 6th
Camp Counselor Try-Out	May 14th 10am- 4:00 pm, Kingman Fairgrounds
Counselor Training	TBD
Camp Applications Due	July 3rd
Staff Reports to Camp	July 12th
MoPaz Camp	July 13-17



National Volunteer Celebration Week is April 20-26

Somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is that mysterious creature we call a 4-H Leader.

These leaders come in all shapes and sizes, and may be male or female. But they all have one thing in common - a glorious twinkle in their eyes!

4-H Leaders are found everywhere - at judging contests, fairs, square dances, and talent shows. They always are preparing for, sitting through, participating in, or recuperating from a meeting of some kind.

They are tireless consumers of muffins, expert at taking knots out of thread, peerless coaches, and spend hours on the telephone.

A 4-H Leader is many things - an artist making a float for the Fourth of July, a doctor prescribing for an underfed calf, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and a shoulder to cry on when that dress just won't fit. Nobody else is so early to rise and so late to get home at night. Nobody else has so much fun with so many boys and girls.

We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary, but we can never repay them.

They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they've built, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, "Well done."

Author Unknown

