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My Heart to Greater
Loyalty, My Hands to
Larger Service, and My Health
to Better Living, for My Club, My
Community, My Country and My World*

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Congratulations to our Outstanding Volunteers!!

At the next Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum in Sacramento, Linda Stead from Southwest 4-H will be recognized as Arizona's Leader of Excellence. Congratulations Linda!

We have also nominated Jean Buzzard from Tanque Verde Livestock 4-H Club as the 30 year Volunteer from Arizona.

Linda Stead, Mary Ellen Roberts, Tawnee and Sheree Smith will be part of the planning team for the 2007 WRLF Conference in Arizona.

Strike It Rich in California at the Western Regional Leaders Forum

Only once every 13 years, California's 4-H volunteer leaders host the Western Regional Leaders Forum – affectionately known as WRLF. Eureka! We've struck it rich in 2005! **This year's WRLF will be held in Sacramento, California, on February 23-27, 2005.** Registration and detailed information can be found online at: <http://www.ca4h.org/WRLF2005>

The Forum provides an opportunity for 4-H volunteer leaders and staff to share their expertise and love for the 4-H program: their ideas and resources, skills to sharpen mentoring and teaching skills, and activities to engage youth in all aspects of the 4-H program. Engage your head, heart, and hands while learning to keep the 4-H program healthy! Come to WRLF 2005 to discover Sacramento's historic Old Town or ride the Napa Valley Wine Train on one of the many day trips offered as part of the festivities! Join enthusiastic youth and adults for dynamic presentations, great prizes, and "golden" ideas to **take back home and** use in your club or program. Strike It Rich in California!

Campbell Ave. Traffic Headaches

Starting January 31, 2005 and continuing until July 2005, Campbell Ave. between Prince Rd. and River Rd, will be under construction. During the construction time, we HIGHLY recommend that you use the Roger Rd. entrance (just east of Campbell) to the 4-H office and avoid Campbell Ave. if you can.

Consider using First Ave. or Mountain Ave. to Roger Rd. and then heading east to the Roger Rd. entrance. We don't know for sure yet how disruptive the construction will be but as with most road construction, if you can avoid it you should.

February 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 4-H Sales Corporation Committee Mtg @ CEO, 7:00 PM; Horse Project Ownership/Lease Deadline for Pima County Fair | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Pygmy Goat Showmanship Clinic @ CAC, 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. |
| 6 | 7 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 PM | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Arizona Classic - State 4-H Show, Pinal County Fairgrounds, Casa Grande |
| 13 Arizona Classic - State 4-H Show, Pinal County Fairgrounds, Casa Grande; Ranch Sorting Practice @ Rincon Creek Stables, 2:00-4:00 PM | 14 Small Stock Projects Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 PM | 15 Sheep Project Meeting @ CEO, 6:30 PM; Horse Registration Deadline | 16 Scholarship Workshop @ CEO, 6:30 PM | 17 Swine Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 PM; Dairy Goat Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00 PM | 18 | 19 Dairy Cattle Showmanship @ CAC, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.; Dairy Cattle Jackpot @ CAC, 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. Dog Pre-Fair @ CAC, 9:00 AM |
| 20 | 21 | 22 4-H Leaders Association Board Mtg @ CEO, 7:00 PM | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Sheep Jackpot Show @ CAC, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Companion Animals Show 'N Go @ CEO, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM |
| 27 Carcass Lamb Evaluation @ CAC, 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. | 28 | | | | | |

POCKET PET SHOW AND GO!

February 26, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

At the 4-H Cooperative Extension Office

Do you like hamsters, snakes, lizards, rats, mice, fish, ferrets, turtles, tortoises, sugar gliders, tarantulas?

Come and compete in three areas: Cat and Ferret Showmanship

Cat Showmanship and Ferret Showmanship will be demonstrated prior to competition. Ribbons will be awarded for all age groups. The overall top showmanship winner will receive an award.

Pocket Pet Posters

Enter as many posters as you like on your favorite pocket pets. Ribbons will be awarded for all age groups. The overall best poster will receive an award.

Pocket Pet Illustrated Talks and Demonstrations

Talks and demonstrations will earn ribbons. You do not have to bring your pocket pet, a picture or photo will do. The best talk/demonstration of the day will receive an award.

Please join us and get ready for the fair. Come and find out what the Pocket Pet Project is all about. It is sure to be informative and a great time for 4-H members and adults alike. Drinks and snacks will be sold.

Questions? Call Robyn Morse at 574-2932 or Dianne Purcell at 744-4235

Important Announcement!!!

The date for the Rabbit and Cavy Classic which was scheduled to be held on March 5th has been changed. Due to difficulty with securing a location, we must change our date. We apologize for any inconvenience. **The Rabbit and Cavy Classic event will be held on March 19th** at the University of Arizona Campbell Farms starting with check in at 8:00 AM. We will have a rabbit and cavy show, showmanship, quiz bowl and written testing. Entry forms will be available through your 4-H rabbit and cavy project leaders.

We will be needing volunteers to help out in all areas. Please call Kay Moreno if you would like to assist at 886-9548. Donations for our food booth will be greatly appreciated as well. This event is always a lot of fun for the whole family, we hope to see you there!

As a result of the change for the Rabbit and Cavy Classic event to March 19th, we will now hold the rabbit and cavy pre-fair on April 2nd. This event will be held at the University of Arizona Campbell Farms from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Small Stock Meeting

The next Small Stock meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO. The topic of the presentation will be, "Handling Ethical Decisions and the Volunteer Dilemma". Volunteers or club reps need to attend for all projects.

Colorado River Show

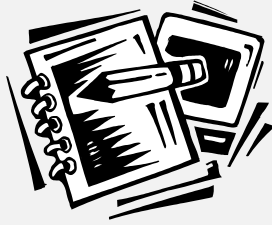
Congratulations to Sarah Robinson on winning the Senior Round Robin Showmanship Contest at the Colorado River Show last month. Sarah has won this two of the last three years.

FOR SALE: Registered, top show quality pygmy goat babies (Does and Wethers), out of "PGCH Whirlwind Farms Patented Quality".

Also, older bucks and does, from 12 months old on up, for sale. 4-H discount. Please call 797-2579 or 272-6686 and ask for Tori Palmer.

FOR SALE: Young male Tangerine dove and cage \$35.00. Show mini-rex bunnies \$25.00. Call Anne Scott at 574-3757.

**PIMA COUNTY
4-H AND FFA
PRESENTS:**



**MARKETING
LETTER INCENTIVE
PROGRAM**

In an effort to encourage 4-H and FFA members to write letters to perspective buyers of livestock and smallstock to buyers at the Pima County Fair, Pima County Junior Livestock Sales, Inc. and 4-H/FFA are co-sponsoring a letter writing incentive program. It is the hope of our sponsor and these organizations that young people will develop their marketing writing skills as well as discover new avenues of creativity within themselves.

Categories:

1. Established Buyer Letter - \$100 1st place, \$50 2nd place: to one (1) junior and one (1) senior member who writes the most creative, interesting letter to an established buyer. An established buyer is one who has purchased at the Livestock or Smallstock Auction in the last three (3) years.

2. New Buyer Letter - \$100 1st place, \$50 2nd place, to one (1) junior and one (1) senior member who writes the most creative, interesting letter to a new buyer, who is not related to the author. A new buyer is one who has not purchased at the Livestock or Smallstock Auction in any of the last three (3) years.

General Guidelines:

1. Clubs and Chapters will select the three (3) best entries *from each category* to send on to county-level competition. Only three (3) per category per club or chapter will be accepted.
2. Copies of buyer letters (both established and new) from each club/chapter must be received by the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2005.
3. Each letter submitted must be unique. A letter that is copied to a new and established buyer will automatically be disqualified from competition. Creativity is one of the key elements in this contest.
4. Junior members are those that are between the ages of 9 and 13. Senior members are those who are 14 years of age or older.
5. Marketing staff from a local business will judge the letters and decide on the winners.





Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, February 12, Pima County Fairgrounds

Girl Scout Thinking Day –Join the Sahuaro Girl Scout Council and some of our 4-H High School Exchange members for a fun-filled morning learning about other countries through arts and crafts and food. Our members, Eriko Oda and Nana Kubota and their host sisters will have a booth. We have also invited our own William and Andrew Duy to share their knowledge as well. There is a \$5 fee to come into the show.

Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MATSURI A FESTIVAL OF JAPAN 2005: Celebrating the Japanese Tea Ceremony--
Traditional Tea Ceremony,

Japanese exhibits, martial arts demonstrations, arts and crafts, children's activities, Bonsai displays, classical and folk dance, music, Taiko drums, comedic short skits, Lion Dances, and Japanese food. One of the things that should be a highlight is the Doll Festival which is part of the celebration for Girls Day, (March 3. Heritage & Science Park, 115 N. 6th St., (602) 262-5071. Julie will be taking a van if you would like to join us. Cost per person for transportation: \$5.00. Bring your sack lunch or money for food and incidentals.

Sashiko– Japanese Quilting. Are you interested in learning about this interesting and colorful art from Japan? Nana Kubota is planning on giving a short lesson about Sashiko soon. If you or your club is interested, please contact Julie. We will need to order supplies.

4-H IPC / IFYE Tsunami Relief Fund

Please see the attached letter for details for the Tsunami Relief Fund to support the communities affected by the disaster on December 26, 2004. The 4-H Council has joined the 4-H IPC and IFYE on the project, and will be collecting and processing donations.

Important Dates

Host families are needed for this summer: Approximately July 21- August 18. Please contact Julie for more information.

Do you want to go to Japan this summer? Applications are due on February 15. Please contact Julie for more information.

Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop

There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance Certification Workshop on Saturday, March 26, 2005, at the CAC from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please pre-register by calling 626-5161 and asking for Yesmin. Pre-registration is required. On the day of the workshop, check-in will be from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Everyone will need to sign-in, collect materials and pay for the workshop at this time. There will be a mid morning break with refreshments. The 8 Good Production Practices are covered through videos, hands-on activities, small group discussion and feedback and short lectures. Participants must stay for the entire workshop to receive certification credit. Please contact Bob Peterson at 626-5161 if you have any questions.

Sheep Jackpot Show Results

Norm Koenneker and our sheep volunteers held a county lamb jackpot show on December 19th. Our thanks to Pat Bray, UofA Livestock Judging team, for being our judge. Sixty-five lambs were judged. The Grand Champion Market Lamb was shown and owned by Amanda Williams, with Mary Jane Gilbert showing the Reserve Champion Market Lamb. Grand Champion Junior Showmanship honors went to Kris Croddy and Reserve Junior Showman to Janet Kinsey. Brandon Koenneker was Champion Senior Showman and Ashley Brooks Reserve Champion Senior Showman. Looks like another exciting year.

Swine Project Notes

Bobby Ethridge reported that 276 market hogs and 20 carcass hogs were tagged in January. There were 15 breeding gilts registered as well. There will be a February Swine Project meeting, on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO. We apologize that this is not on the calendar.

Market Lamb Scholarship Winners

Ray Schaeffer has provided funds to support two market lamb scholarships. Sheep project members had the opportunity to apply in November and December. The scholarships are based on need and may only be once. This year's winners are Nikki Putney and Caitlyn Sedig. Congratulations ladies.

2005 University of Arizona Livestock Judging Clinic Scheduled

The U of A Livestock Judging Team and Coach, Clay Bailey, have scheduled the Second Annual UofA Livestock Exposition. The Expo will be held April 29 - May 1, 2005 at the UofA Campus Ag Center, on N. Campbell Ave. The judging clinic will take place on Friday night and Saturday, with a livestock judging contest held on Sunday. There will be opportunities for judging beef, sheep, swine and a coaches session. Friday night's sessions will consist of a coach's clinic, novice and advanced sessions on note taking and oral reasons format. Saturday will consist of novice and advanced livestock evaluation, oral reasons and a coach's livestock evaluation section. Pre-registration is mandatory. The registration deadline is April 1, 2005. Those registering between April 2 and April 15 will be charged a \$10.00 late fee. Participants will receive great instruction, a t-shirt, stenographer's notebook, judging handbook, lunch and dinner on Saturday and lunch on Sunday. The fee is \$35.00 per person for all three days. For more information contact Bob Peterson at 626-5161 or Clay Bailey at 621-5810.

Help at the Food Booth During Fair

The Leaders Board Food Booth needs a few awesome people (18 to be exact) to help at the Fair. Eat well, have fun and meet new people! Remember, you could be one of the few, the proud, the first, to use the new Food Booth. Contact Richard or Mary Boxx-Hampton for details 690-5760.

P.S. The food booth now has curly fries.

Fair Food Booth Tickets

Food Booth tickets will be available once again this year at Fair Work Day on April 9, 2005. Support your food booth at the Fair and get a great deal doing it! Tickets make awesome prizes for herdsmanship, and barn duty. Remember, buy a \$20.00 ticket, get a \$5.00 ticket free, buy a \$10.00 ticket and get a \$2.50 ticket free.

P.S. the food booth now offers curly fries!!!

Leader Recognition Day, 2004

Over 150 people gathered on November 20 at the Hidden Valley Inn to recognize a group of volunteers and supporters that have made a difference to the Pima County 4-H Program. Congratulations to all these deserving individuals.

Award Winners:

(Descriptions of their accomplishments were listed in the November newsletter)

Arizona 4-H Hall of Fame Inductees

Mary Ellen Roberts
Linda Stead
Barbara Stockwell

Friends of 4-H

Peter Else and the Campus Agricultural Center
Jon Baker and the Pima County Fairgrounds
TRICO Electric

Distinguished Service to 4-H

Sue Rasmussen

Outstanding Service to 4-H

Pam Skomski
Richard and Mary Boxx-Hampton

Project Awards

These award winners were selected by people involved in the project. They could be leaders, donors, supporters, or someone who has simply been a tremendous help to the project.

Dog: The Heins Family
Pigeon: Cowboy Lorefice
Horse: HDS Inc., Doug Prall, owner
Beef: Judy and Arnold Burruel
Pygmy Goat: Robert and Bonnie Hatley
Shooting Education: Don Burtchin
Swine: Ron Garigan

Community Service Awards

These awards were presented to clubs for their outstanding community service projects. An application describing the effort was submitted and then selected by a panel of judges.

Sierrita Mountain Livestock - "Toys for Three Points Kids"
Southwest 4-H - "Trick or Treating Tailgate Party"
North West Outriders - "Canyon Crest Assisted Living"
Fountain Clovers - "Ginger Bread Houses"
Tanque Verde Livestock - "Cards for the Elderly"

The following letter is being distributed throughout the 4-H system:

1. The 4-H Tsunami Relief Fund has been created at the request of numerous 4-H members, volunteers and leaders as a nationwide 4-H program appeal for volunteer monetary donations. The 4-H tsunami relief fund has been established through a combined effort of the 4-H International Programs Committee, the International 4-H Youth Exchange Association of the USA (IFYE), the IFYE Foundation and the National 4-H Council.

The fund will be managed by the National 4-H Council with 100 percent of all donations directed to relief efforts in an attempt to ease suffering, aid recovery and minimize displacement of those affected by the devastating tsunami in December 2004.

The funds will be designated to an international relief organization chosen by the youth of 4-H through an online poll at the interactive website, 4HUSA.ORG (www.4husa.org). The poll question is:

“4-H donations for tsunami relief should be given to:”

Project Hope
Save the Children
UNICEF

Credit Card contributions may be made over the telephone by calling the National 4-H Council at 1-301-961-2817 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Clubs, volunteers, parents, agents, staff, etc. can send checks – written to “National 4-H Council (tsunami relief fund)” – directly to:

National 4-H Council
Attn: Tsunami Relief Fund
7100 Connecticut Ave.
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Contributions will be accepted through Monday, February 21, 2005. All funds collected will be distributed to the relief agency chosen by the youth of 4-H.

Thank you for helping in this very important relief effort.

Sincerely,

Patreese Ingram, Chair
4-H International Program Committee

David J. White, President
IFYE Association of the USA

Norm Bauer, President
IFYE Foundation

Don Floyd, President & CEO
National 4-H Council

Congratulations to ANLS Horse Show Winners

Congratulations to the winners at the ANLS Horse Show. Congratulations to Lesley Richards of Silver Spurs who won the Western Junior High Point Overall and was second in English Junior High Point Overall; Stephanie Strakbein of Silver Spurs for Western Senior High Point Overall; and to Tanner Henry of Silver Spurs who was the Gymkhana Senior High Point Overall runner-up. Congratulations also to the other show participants -- Alex Chadwick, Kristen French, Genevieve Ure, Brodie Henry, Braelyn Henry for some top finishes.

RANCH SORTING PRACTICE

All levels
February 13, 2005
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Rincon Creek Stables
6600 S. Old Spanish Trail
(520) 647-7111

Redington Riders Pre-Point Gymkhana

Last time to practice before fair!
Saturday, March 26, 2005

Vail Feed Store Arena
\$2 per event for time only

FULL SNACK BAR AVAILABLE!

Beat the crowds at Fair Work Day,
Mastership Testing will be available!

Tweeners Camp

Tweeners Camp, for ages 11-13, will be held February 19 - 21, 2005 at Huachuca Oaks (close to Sierra Vista. Cost is \$76.00 which includes meals, lodging, t-shirt and activity supplies. Call the 4-H Office, 626-5161, for registration papers and additional info. Registration is due Feb. 10, 2005.

Southern Arizona Youth Expo April 9, 2005 Tucson Electric Park 1-4 pm

This year Pima County 4-H will be participating in the 2005 Youth Expo which will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the Tucson Electric Park. The program will begin at 1 pm. The program includes activities representing a host of youth programs including 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and many other groups. Even though this event is happening on the same day as 4-H Work Day at the fairgrounds, you can still get by TEP for a great event. This year the 4-H programs will include challenge, health, and GPS activities. If you would like to showcase your 4-H activity, please contact Julie at 626-5161 for more information.

Attention 4-H Teens:

Now is the time for you to be planning your summer activities. Why not include some really great experiences like 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus, JOLT, Teen Congress, Road Trip or whatever else is planned this summer. As with all things, changes will probably happen, so check out the State 4-H Website. <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/youth>

Need Money for College?

College is an ever increasing expense. 4-H Scholarships can help cover that cost. 4-H scholarship applications will be available from the 4-H Office by February 4, 2005. There are a variety of scholarships from numerous sources and the best part is, you only have to fill out one set of forms! Every 4-H member in Pima County that intends to go to college in fall 2005 should apply. Call the 4-H Office (626-5161) to get your application. Applications are due March 4, 2005.

There will be a Scholarship Workshop on February 16, 2005 at the 4-H Office at 6:30 pm. The workshop will cover the 4-H Scholarships, what they are, how to fill out the forms, how to get some advantages in the process. The workshop will be over by 8:00. Hope to see a roomful of applicant

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**CLOVER CONNECTION
INFORMATION DEADLINES**

15th of the month

For Clover Connection Information contact:
Curt Peters, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
626-5161 or Fax 626-5849

Looking Ahead to March...

- 1 4-H Sales Corporation Committee Mtg. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
- 6 Dairy Goat Pre-Fair @ CAC, 10:00 am. to 12:00 pm.
- 7 Horse Project Mtg. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
- 11 Scholarship Applications due by 5:00 pm @ CEO.
- 12 Pygmy Goat March Madness @ CAC, 7:00 am. To 9:00 pm.
- 13 Dairy Cattle Pre-Fair @ CAC, 10 am. To 3:00 pm.
- 14 Small Stock Projects Mtg. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
- 15 Sheep Project Mtg. @ CEO, 6:30 pm.
- Large Stock Work Night @PCF, 4:00 pm. until done.
- 17 Swine & Beef Project Mtgs. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
Dairy Goat Project Mtg. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
Dairy Cattle Project Mtg. @ CEO, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Rabbit/Cavy Classic @ CAC, 8 am. to 6 pm.
- 22 4-H Leaders Association Board Mtg. @ CEO, 7:00 pm.
- 25 Horse Project Fair Point Show Entry Deadline
- 26 Horse Project Gymkhana - Mastership - Vail Feed Store 12 pm.
Quality Assurance Workshop @ CAC, 8:30 am. to 12: 30 pm.

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