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My Head to
Clearer Thinking,
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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Bill Estes Recognized as Western Region 4-H Volunteer of the Year

Please join us in congratulating Bill Estes III as the Western Regional 4-H Leader of the Year for 2007. Bill will be awarded a plaque at the Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum in Boise, Idaho, March 6-9, 2008. The reviewers loved the letters of recommendation according to our contact at National 4-H Council. Here are a few of the comments from those letters.

Mr. Estes is like a youth magnet! From what I see all the youth have great respect for him. He is always kind, patient and willing to share his wisdom. Mr. Estes works well with youth, he encourages their participation at events, which, with his support youth feel empowered to make decision, to follow through and take on new challenges. (Volunteer recommendation)

The thing that I find personally outstanding about Mr. Estes is that he understands that we 4-H members have different needs depending upon our age and outside commitments. For example, young members love him because he really makes learning fun and really tries to encourage them to experience 4-H fully. Since I am in high school, he understands that I have to put school first and that most of us have part time jobs. Mr. Estes never puts a guilt trip on us, making us choose between school or 4-H. Don't get me wrong, he still makes us all into participating members, and requires us to meet all the requirements of our club and 4-H, he just does it in ways I know I can handle.

(4-H Member)

The Tanque Verde Community club is one of the clubs in our county that shares resources, both volunteer resources and junior leaders. If someone from a different club wants to be involved with a project in his club, Bill and his volunteer core accept them without requiring that they actually join his club. Conversely, Bill encourages his Junior Leaders to be involved with other groups and to help both the volunteers and members of those groups. The Pima County 4-H program is extremely competitive and often members are not interested in helping others learn what they need to know to be successful. Bill, the other volunteers in the club and the members have effectively countered this issue.

Once again, Congratulations Bill. Keep up the excellent work.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE

Interested youth and volunteers wishing to be certified in Livestock Quality Assurance need to register by calling the office, 626-5161 and have Jennifer put your name on the list for Saturday, March 8, 2008. Pre-registration by Monday, March 3, is required along with a \$10 registration fee. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the door. The program will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Participants must be present for the full program in order to be certified. Plan to arrive early.

Reminder: those individuals exhibiting small stock meat pens, or large livestock are required to attend the Livestock Quality Assurance class.

DAIRY AND BOER GOAT NUTRITION AND SHOT CLINIC

Robles Ranchers 4-H Club is hosting a county dairy and Boer goat shot and nutrition clinic on Saturday, February 9th at the Robles Community Center 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Information will be presented which will include feeding of breeding stock and a demonstration of proper injection techniques and injection sites. 4-H/FFA members are welcome to bring their own goats and receive CDT shots after the seminar. The cost of the shots is \$1.00 per head. Please contact Kim Harris at 822-3131, or kharris@sc.pima.gov.

SHEEP TEAM GROOMING CONTEST

Anyone in the 4-H/FFA program exhibiting at the 2008 Pima County Fair, who is interested in participating in this event at the fair must sign up with Damon Jordan, by March 18th or 1st fair workday. Teams will consist of three members, which will be drawn randomly on Thursday of fair week. The lambs for each team will also be drawn through a lottery. The rules for the contest will be posted by March 18th as well. The Contest committee members are Chris Croddy, Kobie Jordan, Robbin Milam, Tabatha Yoemans. We thank them for accepting the responsibility for putting this fun event together.

SMALL STOCK PROJECT MEETING UPDATE

Maura Dobbins and Kristin Schlenker have agreed to be the general project chair person and recorder, respectively through the end of the year (August). At that time it is hoped that other volunteers will step forward to assist in leading the volunteers during the 2009 4-H year. Please consider these roles.

Just a reminder, that as of January 15, you must own and have in your possession the animals or birds you are planning to exhibit at the Pima County Fair.

WINTER POINT SHOW PHOTOS AVAILABLE

Photos from the Horse Winter Point show (English, western, roping and gymkhana) are available for viewing and purchase at <http://www.radiantlifeimages.com/> The photos will be on-line until Feb. 20, 2008. Be sure you don't miss out by waiting too long.

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The next Sales meeting will be Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO. Meetings are open to those interested in the livestock and small stock auction.

FOR SALE OR FREE

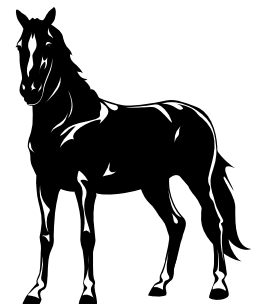
2 four year old unregistered pygmy does, sisters, would like to see them stay together \$50 call 647-3871

2 older pygmy does, great pets, one has horns, free to good home call 647-3871

1 boer/pygmy whether, great personality, would make a good companion goat, free to good home call 647-3871

RAWHIDE WRANGLERS TRAIL RIDE

Rawhide Wranglers will be having their next trail ride on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 10:00. Please call Deb Wood @ 682-6811 for location.



CLOVER KID ADVENTURE DAY

Go on a treasure hunt, launch a rocket, design a Valentine’s Day card, have fun with trick photography and create a delicious lunch. ATTENTION KIDS 5-8, we will be holding a 4-H Clover Kid Project day at the Pima County Cooperative Extension Saturday February 9th, from 10:00-3:00. Registration is required. \$12.00/person. Please call Elizabeth Sparks 626-5161, esparks@cals.arizona.edu

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COMMUNITY SERVICE NIGHT

Come for an evening of community service!

Make sack lunches for the homeless and make beads for the Ben’s Bell Project.



Tuesday February 5th from 5-8. Contact Elizabeth Sparks for more information. 626-5161 esparks@ag.arizona.edu

4-H ADVENTURE LEADERS UPDATE:

The Adventure Leaders have been busy in January, assisting with groups on the ropes course, visiting ghost towns and helping younger 4Hers explore caves.

In February, we are going on a “Scuba Adventure” at The Dive Shop. We will also be hosting a belay training on March 8th.

We would love to have a few more teens involved in this great group! For information about joining this leadership program contact Elizabeth Sparks 626-5161, esparks@ag.arizona.edu

4-H EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Pima County 4-H Executive Council will be meeting the first Thursday of each month beginning February 7, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meetings are open to 4-H members, volunteers, parents and those interested in promoting and supporting the Pima County 4-H Youth Development Program. Please contact Julie Hernandez at 780-0719, if you would like to place an item on their agenda. You can find the Council’s by laws and standing rules on the Pima County 4-H web page: <http://cals.arizona.edu/pima/4-h/index.html>.

FAIR WORK NIGHT/DAY

Please mark these dates on your calendars. Tuesday, March 25, 2008, is Fair Work Night. Beef, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goat, Boer doe and Swine members please meet at the Pima County Fair Grounds as early as possible beginning at 3-4 p.m. to put up pens, arena, alleys and the surrounding panels. You will need to bring your own gloves and pliers, etc.

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to noon or whenever, is Fair Work Day. The rabbit, cavy, pigeon, poultry, pygmy goat, and dairy goat members please come prepared to work. You will need to bring your own gloves and work tools.

FAIR PREMIUM (RULE) BOOKS AVAILABLE

We just received more fair books. They are available on a first come, first serve basis until gone. You will also find fair books at the most Michaels’ stores and public libraries.

CAMP SPACES

Several families have called asking about camp spaces at the Pima County Fair. Application forms and rules for camping spaces are in the fair premium book or they may be down loaded from the SWC Fair web site;

<http://pimacountyfair.com/index.htm>. Then click on the premium book in the center of screen and scroll down to Camp Rules or Camp Spaces.

SCHOLARSHIP DUE DATE CORRECTION
Some of the scholarship packets had a cover letter with the wrong due date. **The correct due date is: Feb. 8, 2008 at 5:00 pm at the 4-H Office.** Scholarship packets are still available at the 4-H Office or on-line at: <http://cals.arizona.edu/pima/4-h/forms.html>

February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pygmy Goat Showmanship @ CAC, 9:00; TVL Cake Decorating @ CEO, 2:00 pm
3	4 Horse Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00;	5 Community Service Night @ CEO, 5 - RSVP Elizabeth	6	7 Executive Council Mtg @ CEO, 6:30	8	9 Beef Clip & Showmanship @ CAC 9:00-6:00pm; Dog Pre-Fair @ CAC, 9:00 am; CloverKid Adventure Day @ CEO, 10:00; Dairy Goat shot clinic @ Robles Comm. Center 10:00am
10 Beef Clip & Showmanship @ CAC 9:00-6:00pm	11	12	13 Shooting Sports Ldrs Mtg @ CEO, 7:00	14	15	16 Pigeon Project @ 4760 S Agave Ranch Rd, 11:00; Poultry Showman @ CAC, 9:00
17	18	19 Sheep Proj. Mtg @ CEO, 7:00pm	20 Dairy Goat Meeting @ CEO, 6:30pm	21	22	23 Lamb/ Mkt Goat Carcass Drop Off @ CAC, 9-11:00am
24	25	26	27 Dog Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00	28	29	

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15th of the month

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Looking ahead to March....

- 1 Rabbit / Cavy Pre-Fair @ CEO, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 3 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 4 P.C.J.L.S.I. @ CEO, 7:00 PM
- 6 Executive Council Meeting @ CAC, 6:30 pm
- 6-9 WRLF - Idaho
- 8 Quality Assurance Workshop @ CEO, 8:00 am
- 10 Small Stock Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 12 **Shooting Sports Fair Entry Forms Due**
- 15 March Madness Pygmy Goat Show @ CAC 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 15 Pigeon Project @ 4760 S Agave Ranch Rd, 11:00 am
- 18 Sheep Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 19 Dairy Goat Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 20 Swine Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 22 Dog Quadrathon @ CEO, 8:00 am
- 22 Dairy Cattle Pre-Fair @ CAC, 10:00 am
- 26 Dog Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 29 Rabbit / Cavy Classic @ CAC, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- 29 - 31 National Conference

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