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The Clover Connection



*I Pledge
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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PIMA COUNTY FAIR 2008

Hard to believe that the Fair will be upon us in less than 6 weeks. A couple of things to note:

*Fair packets were sent to each family in mid February. The packet has information on purchasing fair passes, coupon books, etc. If you did not get yours in the mail, contact the 4-H Office so another one can be sent.

*Included in this newsletter is a Fair schedule. Please recognize that this schedule often changes before the Fair actually starts. Be sure to check with your leader on show times and important deadlines.

And for another perspective on what constitutes winning.....

THE GIRL WHO WON BEFORE ME

"Ah," I think to myself. "My project looks better than hers. Can you believe it? Someone would actually make a plant hanger that looks like that. The knots aren't straight, some of them aren't even tied right. Her strings at the bottom aren't even close to being straight. What a fool! Why would anyone bring that to the fair? Now mine. I'm what you call a perfectionist. I don't do or bring anything unless it's perfect. I sure don't want people laughing at or talking about me unless it's good. We're getting closer to the judge. It's her turn now. I can just see that line she's going to give the judge about the rotten job she did. " Here goes--yes, she made it herself--(the judge must be blind if she couldn't tell that), picked nice colors, (yes, I guess they're okay if you like pink.)

"Alright, now we get to the constructive criticism. (Love those words.) She could have tied the knots tighter, the judge is showing her how to cut her strings straight. Now she's giving her a little more mumble jumble." "The time has come - the ribbon please. It's a white." "But wait, she's excited. Maybe I should tell her that a white means third place, and everyone gets a ribbon. She's even showing it to her mom and dad. Ah, here comes her project leader to congratulate her. On third place? Really, come on now." The judge is talking to me. "Oh, yes, I made it myself, and I picked out the perfect matching shades of green. I even made the ceramic pot myself." (A little bragging never hurt) "I got a blue. Always do. Mom and Dad aren't here. My project leader is working today. Maybe I can show it to the girl in front of me. No, I guess not. She's too happy with the one she got. "I wonder, maybe it's not the color of the ribbon after all."



Old Pueblo Hall Premium Book Update



- Due to the large number of Photography entries last year, we will be holding photography judging at the Pima County Cooperative Extension Office, Thursday, April 3 from 5:00 - 8:00pm. Please contact Elizabeth Sparks, esparks@ag.arizona.edu / 626-5161 if you plan on coming.
- 4H Auction listed on page 64 will not be taking place in Old Pueblo Hall this year
- The Favorite Foods Show on page 61 has been canceled.
- As a reminder, there will be no food available for purchase on check-in night, April 12th.



4-H ADVENTURE LEADERS UPDATE:

What are 4H Adventure Leaders? The Adventure Leaders are a teen group that learns essential leadership skills through helping on the high ropes course, leading activities with younger 4Hers, and assisting on high adventure day trips.

In February, the teens facilitated games, churned butter, made lunch and had a blast with the 24 clover kids that attend the "Clover Kid Day". Teens also got a chance to explore underwater in our "Discover Scuba" class.

In the next month we have two opportunities to attend the belay training on the "4H High Ropes Course". March 8th or March 30th. Please contact Elizabeth Sparks 626-5161 esparks@ag.arizona.edu if you would like information about this program.

WANTED, FOR SALE OR FREE

**I am interested in obtaining two horses, one for very young, inexperienced riders and one for beginning/intermediate level rider. I also need about 15 panels. Please call Becky at 219-5563.

**I would like to find a good home for Harriet "Harry". She's a spayed Netherland Dwarf. We think she's a little over a year old.

You can email jag-art@cox.net or phone me at 349-9227.

**Small animal kennel (Cage) setup. 6 double stacked, 22" W x 24" L x 19" H. Stainless steel kennels with pull out trays, food and water dishes, and frame. Call Bob @ 626-5161 for more info. Best offer.



HAVING A HARD TIME CAPTURING THE RIGHT PICTURE?

Special Photography Workshop with Tucson's own Britta Van Vranken! Britta is a world class photographer who will give us insight into:

1. Finding our own style in photography
2. Tips and Tricks with digital cameras
3. How to use light in photography
4. Taking great candid's

This is a great opportunity to take some amazing photographs that you can enter into the fair! Thursday March 6th from 4:00-5:30 at the Pima County Cooperative Extension Office. Cost: \$5.00 per person. Space Limited, registration required. Contact Elizabeth Sparks 626-5161, esparks@ag.arizona.edu

MARCH MADNESS 4-H PYGMY GOAT SHOW

3/15/08 Campus Ag Center (CAC)
Registration at 8:30 am. To preregister, contact Maura Dobbins, 749-2403 after 7 pm.

POULTRY HEALTH EDUCATION

Virginia Latas from AZ Bird Clinic will be giving an Educational presentation for all members and leaders on Poultry Health, March 10th at the CEO from 5:30 to 6:30. Please plan on attending.

FAIR UPDATE – CAMP SPACE REQUEST

Please make Checks / Money Orders payable to PIMA COUNTY FAIR for requesting camp space. This is a correction to the orange sheet that was in the fair packets.

FAIR WORK NIGHT

Fair work night is Tuesday, March 25, 2008. We will start at 4:00 PM or as soon as you can get there. Please bring gloves and pliers / wire cutters. All hands are needed in order to get the job done. Pima County Beef Project will again sponsor the sausage food booth on work night. Come hungry and ready to support the beef project.



4-H APPROVED FUNDRAISER

Grand Prize 2008 Lexus Sports Luxury Sedan Charity Raffle 2008 is sponsored by Tucson Conquistadores. Tickets are available to sell at the cost of \$10.00/ticket through March 15th.

Community Club or Projects keep \$5.00 for 4-H only use. \$5.00 for each ticket, entry stubs and any unsold tickets to be returned to ticket contacts below by March 15, 2008. \$2.00 of which will go to the Conquistadores for costs. \$3.00 will stay with the Executive Board to fund Round Robin Awards, scholarships and leadership opportunities for 4-H youth. If Community Club or Projects Coordinators would like tickets contact: Sue Frey at 245-5055 or Maura Dobbins at 749-2403. You may obtain tickets on your own through the Conquistadores however this is a 4-H approved fundraiser and \$3.00/ ticket must go to the Executive Board and \$2.00/ticket to the Conquistadores.

SPRING TRAINING GAMES

How would you like to earn money for your club and see the spring training games? Here is your chance to do both, by selling raffle tickets at the Spring Training Games. Pick the day you'd like to sell tickets and contact Maura Dobbins at tucmaura@earthlink.net / 749-2403. Please see enclosed schedule.

CAN YOU SEE THE STARS?

Join thousands of other students, families and citizen-scientists hunting for stars during February 25 through March 8, 2008. Take part in this international event called GLOBE at Night to observe the nighttime sky and learn more about light pollution around the world.

GLOBE at Night is an easy observation and reporting activity that takes approximately 15-30 minutes to complete. Citizen-scientists record the brightness of the night sky by matching its appearance toward the constellation Orion with 1 of 7 stellar maps of different limiting magnitude. They then submit measurements on-line at www.globe.gov/globeatnight/.

The five easy star-hunting steps, for which more information is provided on-line, are:

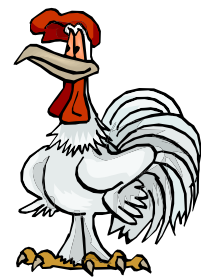
- 1) Find your latitude and longitude.
- 2) Find Orion by going outside an hour after sunset (about 7-10pm local time)
- 3) Match your nighttime sky to one of our magnitude charts.
- 4) Report your observation on our website. (Observations can be made February 25 through March 8; you may report through March 15).
- 5) Compare your observation to thousands around the world.

Helpful and user-friendly ancillary materials such as a teacher packet and science standards, a family packet, and student games and information are provided on-line at www.globe.gov/globeatnight/.

During the inaugural event in 2006 over 18,000 people from 96 countries submitted 4600 observations, including data from every U.S. state. In 2007, the number of observations almost doubled! Help us exceed 10,000 observations in 2008!



7th annual High in the Pines Small Stock Show



What: 4-H small stock (rabbit, cavy, poultry and pigeon) showmanship competition, breed judging and quiz bowl. Fun for everyone. There will be animals available for sale/trade.

When: May.10, 2008. Registration @8:00. Show @ 9:00

Where: 1200 W. White Mountain Blvd. (Blue Ridge Junior High gym).

Please bring tarps to put under carrying cages. Thanks

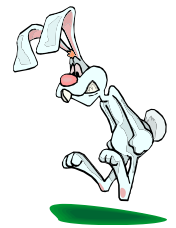
Raffle: Please bring an animal-related raffle item to help with expenses.

Fees: \$2 per animal, \$2 per showmanship class post-marked before May. 3, 2008, \$4 day of show.

More info? Contact Kristin Godwin @ adore_my_angora@yahoo.com or Carol Godwin @ cgodwin@brusd.k12.az.us (532-1634)



High in the Pines Small Stock Show Entry Form



Send form and fees to: High in the Pines Show, P.O. Box 194, Vernon, Az 85940.e-mail:godwin@brusd.k12.az.us

Fees: \$2 per animal, \$2 per showmanship class post-marked before May 3, 2007. \$4 day of show. Checks payable to Blue Ridge 4-H

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

County _____ Club _____ Leader _____

Age as of Jan 1, 2008: _____ (Junior member/ Senior member)

breed	variety	ID#	Class	Sex	Fee
Rabbit showmanship	novice	junior	senior		
Cavy showmanship	novice	junior	senior		
Poultry showmanship	novice	junior	senior		
Pigeon showmanship	novice	junior	senior		
Total fees					

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15th of the month

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626-5161 or Fax 626-5849

Looking ahead to April....

- 1 P.C.J.L.S.I. @ CEO, 7:00 PM
- 1-3 National Conference
- 3 Executive Council Meeting @ CEO, 6:30 pm
- 5 TVL Cake Decorating @ CEO, 2:00 pm
- 7 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 12 Fair work day, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, bring gloves & work tools
- 15 Sheep Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 17- 27 PIMA COUNTY FAIR!
- 23 Swine Carcass Evaluation @ Meat Lab, 10:00 am

To contact the Agents / Staff:

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