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The Countdown to EXPO begins!

A reminder - entries must be post-marked no later than April 8, 2000. Also, all fees must be included with entry forms. ENTRY FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FEES! Market entries must be accompanied by 5 Buyer Verification Forms and a signed Quality Assurance Statement.

As you may have noticed, the front cover of this issue of the Clover Communicator sports an even newer look. Please let us know whether or not this format works for you; do you like it better or not as much?

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LARGE LIVESTOCK NEWS

SAILA Open & Junior Livestock Show
When: April 8, 2000
Where: Verde Valley Fairgrounds, Cottonwood
Entry Deadline: April 8, 2000
ATTENTION! Due to lack of participation in the past, SAILA has opted NOT to conduct a livestock judging contest!
Entry Fees: (SAILA Members) Cattle, $10.00/head; Sheep, $7.00/head
(Non-members) There is an additional $5.00 office fee per individual.
For further information, contact the SAILA office at (520) 792-1060.

4-H AND FFA PREFAIR JUDGING CONTEST AND JACKPOT SHOW!
APRIL 1, 2000 AT THE ORME SCHOOL
All exhibitors are welcome with their animals (Pigs must have Premises I.D.)
Market and Breeding classes will be offered.
Registration: 8:00 am
Judging Contest: 9:00 am
Jackpot Show: 11:00 am
Entry Fee: $7.00  Note: This is a same day payback show; please submit cash!
For further information, call Heather Doty at: (520) 632-7601 ext. 2256

11th Annual Native American Indian Livestock Field Days
Hosted by Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation
Topics to be discussed include: Successful livestock business planning, Management for
drought, Culling practices, USDA programs, Livestock breeding and marketing, Horse
breeding and management, and youth programs, including: hands-on livestock care and
livestock/livestock related career opportunities.
Where: Fountain Hills, AZ
When: April 19 - 20, 2000
Cost: $25.00 (Adult) - $10.00 (Student)
(Includes 2 lunches & steak dinner)
Pre-registration: April 7, 2000; registrations received after April 7 - $30.00
Registration forms may be picked up at the Extension office or call: (602) 470-8086 ext. 325.

LAMB WORKSHOP
Sunday, April 9, 2000 at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds.
Workshop will begin at 12:30 pm.
For further information, please call Toni Socash at 634-3276.
Next Livestock Meeting: Thursday, June 15th; 6:00 pm at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds in Prescott, immediately preceding the EXPO Critique Meeting at 7:00 pm.

HORSE NEWS

HORSE SHOW RULES BOOK Review Meeting
There will be a Horse Show Rules Book review meeting on May 20, 2000 at 10:00 am. at the Maricopa County Extension office Ocotillo Room. The goal will be to review the book and make appropriate changes prior to printing the 2001-2003 Horse Show Rules Book. The deadline for submission of proposed changes is May 1, 2000. Proposed changes received after this date will not be addressed. All horse leaders and members are encouraged to attend in order to provide input and to register their vote. PROXY VOTES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.
Questions can be addressed to Larry Tibbs by calling (602) 470-8086 or by e-mail to Larry Tibbs at ltibbs@ag.arizona.edu.

NOTE: Larry has asked that each county notify him as to who our county reps will be. Please call the 4-H office if you plan to attend.

REMINDER! Next Yavapai County Horse Show will be April 15-16 at Orme School.
Entries Due: April 1, 2000
Entry Forms are available at the 4-H office.

NEXT HORSE COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 12th, Cottonwood Elementary School Library.
7:00 pm. Call the 4-H office for directions.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK!
April 9 - 16, 2000
Yavapai County 4-H Youth Development Program proudly salutes all our fabulous 4-H volunteer leaders!
4-H Japanese Exchange Summer Hosting Program
The goal of the 4-H Japanese Exchange is friendship. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese delegate during July and August, call the 4-H office!

2000 NATIONAL TEEN CONGRESS APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!
Open to 4-H members 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2000 or are currently enrolled as a high school sophomore. Application deadline is June 16, 2000.

Yavapai County 4-H members ages 13 and up should soon receive an enrollment packet for Arizona State Teen Congress, July 12 - 16, 2000 at the U of A campus in Tucson.

Yavapai County 4-H Council will be offering partial scholarships. Any youth interested in receiving a scholarship must pick up a Yavapai County 4-H Grant/Scholarship Form from the 4-H office and return it no later than 5:00 pm, April 19, 2000. Cost for this year’s Teen Congress will be $80.00 which includes meals, lodging, and workshops. Transportation will be extra.

‘JOLT 2000 - Once in a Lifetime’
Registration packets are available at the 4-H office for this year’s JOLT Teen Leadership Camp.
When: June 5 - 9, 2000
Where: Camp Shadow Pines (Heber, AZ)
Cost: $90.00 (if registered by April 15, 2000); $110.00 for registrations post-marked after April 15, 2000
Deadline: May 15, 2000
A partial registration reimbursement may be available for 4-H members who submit a Yavapai County 4-H Grant/Scholarship form to the 4-H office no later than April 19, 2000.

BIG HELP WEEK - April 9 - 15, 2000
This year’s campaign is: “Make Your Mark - Help Your Park”. Kids across the U.S. will be working hard to make their local parks a better place to visit and enjoy. Why not make a difference in your local park.

For additional ideas on how you can make a mark in your park, fax a request to: Big Help Week (202) 729-8105.
Ear Tags Are Available at the 4-H Office. Remember, should your animal lose its tag, please notify the 4-H office so you can be reassigned another tag number!

ATTENTION! There will be a MANDATORY Exhibitors’ Meeting Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 pm, for all Cattle, Sheep, and Goat exhibitors and on Thursday, April 27th, 6:00 pm, for all Swine exhibitors. VITAL INFORMATION WILL BE DISCUSSED!

$$$$ CLUB FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITY $$ $$
Be a ‘Manure Mover’! 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters interested in raising a few hundred dollars cleaning stalls and other livestock areas after EXPO should submit their intent to the 4-H office no later than 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH. Selection of the club or chapter will be made via lottery drawing on THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH AT THE NEXT EXPO MEETING. Clubs or Chapters submitting their intent should understand that stalls must be thoroughly cleaned to the YAVAPAI FAIR BOARD’S SATISFACTION on their inspection, Monday morning, May 1, 2000. PAYMENT WILL BE HELD UNTIL CLEANING IS OFFICIALLY O.K.’d BY FAIR PERSONNEL.

KAREN CLINGMAN MEMORIAL AWARD. Following are the criteria on which this sheep exhibitor’s award will be made:
* Applicants must submit their current 4-H or FFA record to the Sheep Superintendent on check-in at EXPO.
* Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Sheep Breeding Project.
* Applicants must make an oral presentation at the 4-H Presentations Contest, Friday, April 28, 2000 entitled: “How My Sheep Project Today Will Impact the Sheep Industry Tomorrow.”

EXPO T-Shirt Order Deadline: Friday, April 7, 2000. If you need special sizes, we must receive your order! T-Shirts will be distributed in the Mackin Building during EXPO. AFTER SPECIAL ORDERS ARE PICKED UP, IT WILL BE ‘FIRST COME FIRST SERVED’!

ATTENTION CLOVERKID SHOWMEN! It has been decided by the EXPO Committee that Cloverkids who wish to participate in Pygmy Goat, Dairy Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, or Cavy showmanship may use their own animal. Cloverkids who will be using their own animal MUST make provisions for removing their animal from the EXPO grounds IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOW.

EXPO APPLAUDS...
All our 4-H and FFA EXPO Committee members have worked very hard to make this the best EXPO yet.
SPECIAL THANKS goes to Angela Alder, Clyde McBride, and Leddy Hughes. Leddy was able to obtain over $800 in awards donations from the Seligman area! OUTSTANDING!
Ducks Available at Lynx Lake
They’re Ba-aaack! Last year, the U.S. Forest Service enlisted the help of 4-H’ers to round-up domesticated ducks and geese that had been abandoned at Lynx Lake. Several more have reappeared despite the fact that abandoning domestic waterfowl at a U.S. or State Park is illegal. These ducks are currently available for adoption - You Catch, You Keep! Please call the Bradshaw Ranger District office at 445-7253 for further information.

Next Small Stock Meeting
Thursday, April 13; 6:00 pm.
Teskey’s Restaurant, Mayer

Attention Cavy Exhibitors!
Tags are available for your cavies. Please call the 4-H office to make arrangements to have your cavy tagged. This tag number must appear on your EXPO entry form.

National Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth
June 11 - 17, 2000 at St. Joseph’s Youth Camp, Mormon Lake
The Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth is recognized as one of the Nation’s best natural resource workshops for youth. It is designed to introduce the concepts of natural resource conservation and management to high school age youth. The week-long program provides hands-on training in such areas as basic ecology, geology of Arizona, wildlife ecology and management, forestry, range management, soils, recreation, cultural resources, and watershed management.

Approximately 40 youth will be selected through an application process. To receive an application contact: Kelly Kessler, Workshop Coordinator, 2500 Desert Links Dr., #15104, Tucson, AZ 85715, phone: (520) 290-4179 or e-mail at kmkessler@adwr.state.az.us. Application deadline is April 7, 2000. A $100.00 tuition fee is required, however, financial assistance is available.

There’s Still Time to Register for the National Beef Ambassador Program
The event will be held June 3, 2000 at Mayer Days in Mayer. If you are 15 - 19 and interested in polishing your speaking skills, while at the same time promoting the beef industry, give Trudy Berkmeier a call. Her cell phone/voice mail is 713-9346. It is not necessary to be enrolled in the Beef Project to participate!
What is the Real Purpose of 4-H Livestock Projects?

Pillar #5 - CARING
Promoting the well-being of people and things in a young person's world. It denotes action and not just feeling.
- Feeds and waters animal daily
- Provides clean barn/stall for animal
- Treats animal humanely at all times

Call For Agenda Items

The Puppy Raising Advisory Council of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. will hold its Semi-Annual Meeting Friday, May 5, 2000. Puppy raisers and Guide Dog Leaders are invited to submit agenda items to the Puppy Raising Department or to:

Pat Lawson (602) 839-4447 (phone)
(602) 491-0612 (fax)
or e-mail at makentrax@flash.net

EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

We have had several inquiries concerning group entries for educational displays and projects, since the EXPO Premium Book does not list group entries. For clubs or chapters wishing to enter as a group:

* On the entry form after Exhibitor Name, list GROUP
* Under Description, describe the entry
* Under Division, list the Division (A, B, C...Q, etc.)
* Under Class, put the number ‘4’

For 4-H and FFA members who are competing with their group for a Herdsman Award, and have created an educational poster they would like judged independently, fill out a Blue entry form, list each poster you are submitting individually, and submit .50 cents per entry. PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR FORM THAT YOUR POSTER(S) CAN BE LOCATED WITH 'X' CLUB/CHAPTER IN THE SWINE BARN, SHEEP, ETC., ETC.

Please call the 4-H office if you have any questions!

HORSE AROUND PLAYDAY

Entry Forms for the ‘Horse Around Playday’ will be available in the 4-H office on April 7th. The Playday will consist of exciting games that test your skill as a rider. Pre-entries will be due April 21, 2000, but entries will also be accepted the day of the event - April 28, 2000 at 6:00 pm. Call the 4-H office for more information.
MORE EXPO EXTRAS...

2000 YOUTH PREMIUM FOOD PRESERVATION AWARDS
To acknowledge youth achievements in the art of home food preservation, Alltrista Corporation is offering four (4) coupons (valued at $5.00 each) toward the purchase of Ball brand or Kerr brand Home Canning Products and four (4) Ball Blue Book home canning guides.

The best exhibit submitted by a youth utilizing Ball or Kerr jars, sealed with Ball or Kerr Two-Piece Vacuum Caps, shall be selected from EXPO 4-H/FFA Projects, Division D, Classes 2, 3, 5, & 7. There shall be ONE winner in each class. Each winner will receive one (1) home canning product coupon and one (1) canning guide.

EXPO 2000
T-Shirt Order Form

Name __________________________ Club/Chapter __________________________

Address __________________________ Phone __________________________

Size and Quantity (Child L, Adult M, L, XL, XXL) $8.00 each

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(XXXL, XXXXL) $10.00 each

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Mail To: EXPO Committee, 2657 Village Dr., Cottonwood, AZ 86326
Make Checks Payable To: Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Committee

Free Education Kits Available From World Wildlife Fund
Education kits containing information about "Pennies for the Planet", an annual program for kids, linking environmental education with environmental action, is available by simply by sending an e-mail to the World Wildlife Fund at Pennies@WWFUS.ORG.

This year's "Pennies for the Planet" will kick off on Earth Day, April 22, 2000 and will run until December 31, 2000. The program highlights the Chihuahuan Desert, East African Deserts, Marine Ecosystems, and the Sumatran Islands. Lots of information on the species, habitats, and environmental challenges facing these regions are covered.
TWO PAIR BANTAM CHICKENS. $8.00 per pair. Call Leslie at 445-1474

TWO PYGMY GOAT DOES.
6 - 12 months old. Registered carmel doe and unregistered black & white agouti.
GOOD HOME IMPORTANT! Call April at 567-4133.

SUPERINTENDENTS NEEDED FOR 2000 STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW!
Needed are superintendents for the following areas: Western Rail, Trail, English Rail, English Jumping, Gymkhana, and Roping. A Barn Manager may also be needed. Call Larry Tibbs at (602) 470-8086 ext. 346.

Will EXPO Conflict with your child’s Stanford 9 Testing? Check with your school.

Don’t forget the Yavapai County Cooperative Extension Web Site:
http://ag.arizona.edu/yavapai/

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