Happy New Year!

Dear Members, Parents, & Volunteers,

By the time you receive this newsletter the new 4-H year will have begun, October 1.

When I first came on board as the Instructional Specialist last September I was overwhelmed to say the least. Fortunately, we are blessed in Yavapai County with many wonderful and helpful members, parents and volunteers who were willing to come forward and give me direction and support as I fumbled through enrollment, record book judging and the banquet. Hopefully we will start this 4-H year with a few less bumps in the road.

While I don’t have a crystal ball, I know this coming year will bring many new and exciting challenges as we strive to “make the best better”. I can tell you that the search process has begun for hiring a full time 4-H agent.

In order to increase my ability to get information out in a more timely manner I am emailing as much information as possible to all active volunteers. If you are not getting my emails please let me know so I can include you on my list. I realize that some of you do not have email so I am trying to encourage those who do to pass the information on. I am also willing to fax information whenever that method would work better. Any suggestions for providing timely distribution of information will be gratefully accepted.

Horse project participants be prepared for a new and exciting event called Equine Challenge Day. Lindsey Kesterson is heading up a committee of youth, volunteers and parents who are planning a day to provide educational opportunities for youth enrolled in horse projects to challenge themselves through a variety of activities and guest speakers. The first is scheduled for November 6 at the Prescott Frontier Day’s Rodeo Grounds. A second will be announced for the Verde Valley area for early 2005.

Expo Committee is also busy working on preparations for the 2005 4-H/FFA Expo to be held next April. Their first goal is to have the 2005 Premium book available by November. All interested 4-H/FFA members, parents and leaders/advisors are encouraged to attend the Expo meetings which are held the first Tuesday of every month in the Shelby Hansen Room at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds @ 6:30 p.m.

So as you can see we are off and running for the 2004/2005 4-H year and this is only the tip of the iceberg!

Pamela L. Denney
Instructional Specialist, Senior
Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat
October 23-November 6, 2004

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat is a state-wide 4-H community service project benefiting your local community. Because many people go hungry each day, this is a call to action for 4-H members across Arizona to put their “hands” and their “hearts” into action to reach out to the community.

Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat is a simple community service. Here are some ideas on how you can make it work in your community:

- Conduct a food drive in your community or neighborhood as a 4-H Community Club
- Organize with Halloween Carnivals in your area, and have everyone donate a can of food to enter the door.
- Work with local grocery stores to set up a space to collect food from October 23 to November 6
- Work in partnership with other organizations, i.e. A volunteer center, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers–Big Sisters, to collect food for your community.
- HAVE FUN collecting food with your 4-H club and community organizations.

After the activity you should contact the 4-H office and let us know how many pounds of non-perishable food you delivered to your local food bank.

4-H Members Making a Difference in Their Community

COMMUNITY SERVICE IDEAS & OPPORTUNITIES

Brevard County, Florida 4-H’ers Need Our Help

I recently received notice from our state 4-H office that there was an awesome opportunity for our 4-H members to assist with the recovery effort following the hurricanes in Florida. In response I requested additional information and the following is what has been asked of the Yavapai County 4-H Program to date.

We have been assigned to assist a 4-H Club in Brevard County, Florida. It has been suggested that we could start helping in the following way:

The first thing a 4-H member can do is to write to Florida 4-H’ers (and their families) a letter of positive encouragement. If every 4-H member that is feeling lost and lonely in Florida received a copy of a letter from 4-H’ers in other parts of the country, giving hope and inspiration, it would help so much. Although it seems unusual, the daily routine of work, and regular meals is still a goal that is weeks away for many of these families. Often we start with the physical needs, but our agents have told us the first thing that we need to do is help with encouragement of the heart. We can't make this terrible thing go away, but we can help families dream about starting over and creating a better world.

Letters may be sent by postal service, or by email. They will then be compiled and directly to 4-H families via agents. This will also be a good way to introduce yourself, your 4-H projects, hopes for the future, and advice for Florida 4-H’ers.

Florida 4-H Hurricane Letters
Florida 4-H Program
3103 McCarty Hall B
Gainesville, FL 32611-0225

As I obtain more information directly from the agent in Brevard County I will pass it on to all of the Community Club Leaders.

Please let me know if you will be participating so I can effectively coordinate our efforts in reaching out to these 4-H members and their families.

Let’s demonstrate that Yavapai County 4-H members know the true meaning of “Making the Best Better”
4-H Museum at MAC Is Still Accepting Items to Display

As noted in previous newsletters a 4-H Museum is opening in October at the Maricopa Agricultural Center. This museum will be a place, not only to reflect on the history of 4-H in our state, but also to look ahead and see exciting possibilities in our future. This museum is for all to share the memories of the Arizona 4-H Youth Development Program.

Many items have already been contributed and will be displayed by decades. However, they are still accepting items and even have a loan form if you only wish your items to be on display temporarily. Please contact either Yavapai County Extension Office or email me at pdenney@ag.arizona.edu if you have something you would like to contribute to the display.

4-H Museum Contribution Ideas
* Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies
* Photos
* 4-H Stuffed Animals
* Halter, Brushes/combs, etc., to prepare animals for show
* Banner
* Flag
* 4-H Signs
* Catalogs, Books/Booklets
* County Fair Stuff
* 4-H Clothing (hats, shirts, etc.)
* Etc., Etc.

4-H is a Family Affair!
Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, we could easily be replaced at work? But the family we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. So, why do we pour ourselves more into work than into our own families? Invest your time wisely.

Do you know what the word FAMILY means?
Father
And
Mother
I
Love
You

A Note From a Concerned Leader:

Most of you may not be aware of the fact that at the Yavapai County Horse Committee meeting each September “rule and/or procedures” changes are proposed and discussed for the upcoming year. At the November Committee meeting these issues are voted on. This is our way of “making the best better.”

After two years on the Horse Committee I have witnessed several rule changes and they have all been for the sake of safety. After all the first rule in our official Yavapai County Rule Book reads “Safety first.” Hours and hours have been spent creating a rulebook that represents a “safe environment” and an “equal playing field”.

I can only think of one subject that has put safety on the back burner. That subject would be riding helmets. Some members of the Committee feel that we would lose members if we instituted a riding helmet rule at Yavapai County 4H (riding) events.

I do hope that the safety of our members is not compromised for the sake of a few that may choose to leave the group rather than wear a riding helmet.

We can watch all the “Helmet Safety” videos and hear all the stories but none of them will matter until something happens to a member in our county. I don’t want to watch it happen or wait until it’s too late for one of our members. I urge the members of the Horse Committee to really think this through before voting. We not only “learn by doing” but we also “learn by example”. Let’s send a message of safety to our members.

Thanks for taking the time to read this,
Patti Marrs
Cornville Conquistadors
Horse Committee Corner
Horse Committee Meetings Scheduled-
The Horse Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m.

November 10, 2004 - Camp Verde, AZ
Camp Verde Recreation Center

December 8, 2004 - Prescott, AZ
Mackin Bldg. Prescott Frontier Day’s Rodeo Grounds

Member Representatives: Each club is encouraged to send a member representative to attend the horse committee meeting in addition to the leader. The same member does not have to attend each month. They will have full voting rights.

LAST CHANCE!
October 30, 2004
3rd Annual Yavapai County 4-H Horse Committee
Open Gymkhana Fund Raiser
Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

Calling all 4-H members, parents, and volunteers. Bring your friends and neighbors for a fun filled day of gymkhana activities for all ages. This is the final Saturday of this progressive Gymkhana. Money raised will go to the Yavapai County 4-H Horse Committee to assist with scholarships, hardships, year end awards and education days.

Sign Up-9:00 a.m.
Run at-10:00 a.m.
Barrels, Poles & 3 Other Patterns
To be posted at each event.
$5.00 per Pattern
Age Groups:
* 5 & Under (Stick Horse Only)
* 6-8 years old (Stick Horse Only)
* 9-13 years old
* 14-17 years old
* 18 & over
Stick Horse to Run First

For More Info Contact:
Tiffany @(928)632-7657 or
Donna @ (928)632-7104

Equine Challenge Day
Saturday, November 6, 2004
8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Prescott Frontier Days
Rodeo Grounds

This activity is open to all Yavapai County 4-H project members between the ages of 9 & 19, interested in learning more about the 4-H horse project and desiring to challenge themselves through a skillathon and judging contest. There will also be guest speakers, a parent’s meeting and an opportunity to participate in a community service project sponsored by the Yavapai County Horse Committee. Lunch is to be provided. Registration forms are included in this newsletter.

Pre-registration is required and due by Friday, October 29, 2004 to:
Pam Denney
Yavapai Cty Cooperative Extension Office
840 Rodeo Dr. Bldg C
Prescott, AZ 86305

Space is limited so get your registration in early.

Pre-registration is required and due by Friday, October 29, 2004 to:
Pam Denney
Yavapai Cty Cooperative Extension Office
840 Rodeo Dr. Bldg C
Prescott, AZ 86305

This event is required for any member wishing to participate in the 2005 Yavapai County 4-H Horse Shows. A second Equine Challenge Day is planned for early winter 2005 in the Verde Valley. Date and location to be announced.

Participation in this event also goes towards meeting judging requirements as outlined on the Yavapai County Membership Completion Requirements form.

For questions and additional information please contact Pam Denney @ (928)445-6590 ext. 253 or @ pdenney@ag.arizona.edu.
New 4-H Project Offered: Cowboy Poetry

A pilot program in Cowboy Poetry for Arizona 4-H members will be discussed Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Shelby Hansen Building at the Rodeo Grounds in Prescott. Anyone interested in attending a discussion on formation of a group for learning to write and perform cowboy poetry should contact Pam Denney at 445-6590 or Sally Bates at 636-9545.

Cowboy Poetry has become a catalyst for writing and performing poetry that contains history and culture of the West. This art-form has become a nation wide production at many levels, and several states have numerous cowboy poetry gatherings throughout the year. However, there is a short supply of interested and up-coming young poets who are involved.

4-H has long been recognized as a strong program in educating young people in self-confidence, decision making, community involvement and learning new ideas and production methods.

With all this in mind, steps are being taken to follow the leadership of the Montana 4-H program for writing cowboy poetry. If interest is substantial, a group will be formed early in November, and if you're interested in helping or becoming a member, please make plans now to attend the meeting. If you can't attend, please contact either Pam or Sally to express interest and obtain information.

Be A Part of the Future Direction of 4-H in Arizona

We currently have an opportunity for an interested adult to serve a one year term on the newly formed Arizona 4-H Youth and Adult Council as one of two adults and two youth representing Yavapai County.

The role of this council is:

• To determine the future direction of local, county and state’s response to youth development needs, strategies and resources through a youth and adult council representative of the culturally diverse community.
• To design and assist in the development of training sessions and educational opportunities for youth and adults
• To help in the recruitment of additional individuals to carry out these activities (may work with subcommittees to carry out activities and events.

The first meeting will be a retreat held November 13 and 14th at the Chauncey Ranch in the Verde Valley.

Yavapai County's team currently consists of teen members Sarah Walker (1 year term), Amberley Barteau (2 year term) and adult member, Marie Somers (2 year term).

Please contact Pam for further information.
The USDA Wants to Help You, Learn by Doing
By Katie Radosevic
Comville Conquistadors 4-H

Did you know you could qualify for assistance to purchase livestock, build a greenhouse or even a milking parlor? The United States Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency is there to help you. If you are 10-20 years old and have an idea to make money or start your own business you can borrow up to $5,000 on your own.

In conjunction with my dairy goat 4-H project, I have started a small business manufacturing and selling goat milk soap. My soap is selling so well that I can easily expand but I lack the capital to make that happen. So, after reading a short paragraph in the March Clover Communicator about youth loans offered by the USDA and Farm Service Agency, I made a call. After answering a few questions, a packet was mailed to me and the loan process was started.

Connie Skinner, the Farm Loan Manager was very helpful and supportive. She explained the requirements of the loan and what I needed to do to obtain it. When I was ready, Ms. Skinner came to my home to review all the paperwork and make sure I understood all the loan requirements. The best thing was that she talked to me, not to my parents. She asked me all about the cost of making soap and keeping my goats. We talked about who buys my soap and how I was going to get the money to repay my loan. Ms. Skinner read the business plan that I had prepared and I signed all the necessary papers. Next I received final approval papers and signed them too.

To date, my loan has been approved and I have a closing date this month. I look forward to making improvements to my small goat dairy. I will admit, some of the process was a bit confusing and signing papers that put a lien on my goats gave me a strange feeling. But all said and done I feel this is a wonderful opportunity for me and I have learned so many things about owning and operating my own business.

If you are looking for money to buy livestock for market, to breed stock for profit or to build a milking parlor the USDA and Farm Service Agency is there to help you. I would highly recommend the youth loan program for anyone who is a serious businessperson, even if you are only 10 years old.

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J.O.L.T. & Teen Congress
Try Them You Might Like it!
By Amberley Barteau
Hassayampa 4-H

J.O.L.T. is a leadership camp that teaches skills in cooperation, patience, getting along with others and leadership. I would encourage everyone to participate in this camp because it is very enjoyable and kids get a chance to learn lots of new things. The skills you will learn can be taken back to your own club and taught to the other members or to kids in school. J.O.L.T. is open to all teens, ages 14 to 19 (4-H members and non-members). So go ahead and try J.O.L.T., you may like it!

Teen Congress is a 4-H teen camp that teaches leadership skills and how to apply them which can really help kids in lots of different ways. Mainly this camp teaches kids how to work together and provides opportunities for community service. It has various workshops about a wide variety of things. One of the more interesting topics this year was a discussion on violence and what causes it. Another one taught us how to be better 4-H officers.

My favorite part of Teen Congress was the dance. We got to dance, visit with friends, just hang out, and have a lot of fun. Teen Congress was a blast and everyone I know who has attended has had a great time and plans on participating again. I encourage anyone who is considering going, to try it. It will be fun and you will learn lots of things to help you in life.

Editors Note: Both of these leadership opportunities occur during the summer.
**International 4-H Youth Exchange Brings Japanese Youth to Sedona**

By Faith Goimarac
Cornville Conquistadors 4-H

Through 4-H, my family hosted a girl from Japan. She was one of 15 delegates that came here to Arizona to experience American life for one month. Her name was Remi, and she was 15 years old.

Unlike most, she was quite proficient in English. I could tell she was a very smart girl. Some of the activities we did were: swim in the creek a few times, shopped the little souvenir shops in Uptown Sedona, camped and canoed for two days, toured Tucson, visited a historic park, ice skated, shopped in Phoenix twice, went to a zoo, miniature golfed, hiked, went to the movies, went out for doughnuts, and explored a cave near Flagstaff.

We had a few relatives come to visit during her stay, and so we took everybody to our favorite Sedona places.

At home she liked to play board games. Believe it or not, she was a great Scrabble player.

We cooked quite a bit. In Japan, the mother cooks everything. Remi had never really cooked before. While she was here, we canned peaches and made blackberry jam. She helped with dinner, and we cooked for fun too.

She loves basketball. While she was here, my whole family went to a park and played basketball with her. She loved to go grocery shopping and do other errands around town. She thought that the stores were very big.

She made a few friends while she was here and got invited twice to their house! She was very happy about that.

Here’s some information to help future host families: Japanese don’t show much emotion. We could hardly tell if she was having fun or was bored. This was a little frustrating at times. It was difficult to always be entertaining her, as she didn’t show interest in much. Other host families said the same thing. This was our only problem.

While she was here, we got invited to a wedding reception. She had never been to one before and was very excited. She said she couldn’t wait. That was the most emotion that she showed!

The food was not a problem. In Japan they have KFCs and McDonalds. They eat pizza and stuff like that, too. She never did eat much of anything; but I do think she liked it. She made a Japanese dish that was very good. It was beef, curry, and vegetables over rice. She thought our desserts were too sweet. We did convert her to brownies, though. She loved them so much, she took some home with her.

A few things she did not like were soda pop, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, hot cereal, and cloves. We made a peach pie with cloves in it and she said "This spice tastes like dentist stuff!"

Overall, Remi was a very polite, helpful and fun girl to have. I hope she enjoyed learning about America’s culture as much as we liked hearing about Japan.

**Editor’s Note:** If you would be interested in hosting there are both short term (3 week visits) and long term (school year) opportunities. Please contact the Cooperative Extension Office for more information. Selection of host families are generally made in the spring.
2005 ANLS 4-H/FFA Horse Show
WestWorld Horse Complex
Scottsdale, AZ
Registration and Warm-up - 7:00 am
Classes begin - 8:00 am

Saturday, January 8, 2005
English and Western
Arena 7 Warm-up &
Arena 8 - Performance

Sunday, January 9, 2005
Roping and Gymkhana
Equidome

Exhibitor fee - $10.00
Western, English and Gymkhana -
$7.00 per class with no cattle
Roping and cattle classes - $8.50
each. Grounds fee - $10.00 per day
per horse not using a stall
Stall fee - $50.00 for first day, $25.00
per additional day

November 15th is the deadline for
exhibitors to receive an ANLS t-shirt.
December 10th is the deadline for
regular fees. All entries and fees
received after this date will be
charged an additional fee of $3.00
per class.

Day of entries received for all
classes except roping classes. Roping
class entries must be pre-entered.

All entries must be sent to the:
ANLS Office
1826 West McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85007-1696
602.258.8568

Awards: Ribbons for 1-10 place in all
classes. Awards given for 1st place.
Junior and Senior Hi-Point awards
are given for English; Western; Gym-
khana and Roping.

More information: The forms and addi-
tional information may be seen at:
www.anls.org/ or contact Bryan
Chadd at 602.470.8086 ext 350 or
Grant Boice at 602.258.8568.

Yavapai County Fair 2004

A special thank you to the leaders,
members and parents who helped to
man the Yavapai County Cooperative Extension
Booth during this year’s county fair along with Master Gardener’s and members of the
faculty and staff. You all did an
outstanding job of representing
the 4-H Youth Development Pro-
gram in Yavapai County.

I would also like to thank Susan
Ryant, of the Partridge Creek Cougars for stepping up to the
bat at the 11th hour to serve as
Superintendent of the 4-H Exhib-
its. Her love of the program and
the kids shined just as it does
when she is serving as Superin-
tendent for the Indoor Exhibits at
the 4-H/FFA Expo.

Congratulations to Jenna Miller
for winning Grand & Reserve
Champion Feeder Hog, Grand
Champion Breeding Sow, Grand
Champion Breeding Boar, Re-
serve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt, Grand Champion Senior
Swine Showman, Grand Cham-
pion Round Robin Showman,
Grand Champion Halter Horse
and Grand Champion Senior
Horse Showman.
Help Needed

We need more volunteers to support the 4-H program. Would you or someone you know be interested in giving some time assisting in either of our offices? There is a need for volunteers to help with a variety of projects and activities.

The commitment varies from a few hours to a few days! For more information, please contact Pam at the Prescott 4-H Office, (928)445-6590 ext. 253.

Clipping and Showmanship Clinic
January 29 & 30, 2005
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
CAC Covered Arena
4101 N Campbell Rd
Tucson, AZ 85719

Josh Buzzard will be giving a hands-on clipping clinic from the moment you wash your steer to the final fitting before you go into the show ring. He will also give you pointers on how to make your steer look his best.

This is a two day clinic starting at 9:00 a.m. and finishing around 6:00 p.m. each day. The fee is $75 a person which includes lunch for both days.

You will be required to bring all your equipment (blocking chute, blower, clippers, soap, feed and water buckets, grooming products, brushes, and a shovel.) Due to the poor power at CAC it is strongly suggested to bring a generator if available to you. You will need a neck rope on your steer if you are leaving him overnight.

For more information contact:
Patty Todd, Director
Pima County 4-H Beef Project
Phone: (520) 850-6541
E-mail: jekada@aol.com
The 4th Annual High in the Pines Small Stock Show
For Rabbits, Cavy, Poultry, & Pigeons
November 13, 2004
Show Low Armory
Show Low, AZ
Registration Starts: 8:00 a.m.
Show Starts 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fees:
- $2/animal if postmarked by October 31st
- $2 showmanship for each species
- $4 day of show

Entry Forms are available in both Cooperative Extension Offices or can be requested by emailing:
Kristen Bell @ bunchofbells@hotmail.com

Entry Rules: All entries must be healthy and well kept. They must also be housed in a clean and safe cage.

Quiz Bowl: Jeopardy style with questions on all species. There will be a junior team competition and a senior team competition.

Banner Contest: Bring your best club banner and you can win a prize.

Raffle: There will be a raffle held to help pay for the show. Each club is not required but greatly encouraged to donate one or more raffle items.

Food Booth: There will be a food booth that will be selling breakfast, lunch and snacks. Come buy some delicious food and contribute in helping pay for the show.

Clean Up: Every group will be expected to keep their area clean and at the end of the show there will be a prize awarded to the cleanest club.

Sponsored by: High in the Pines 4-H and Blue Ridge 4-H

When the November election rolls around, you will visit your polling place, step into a booth and cast your ballot in private. But if you’re a parent, chances are your privacy will be shared with a child who is tagging along with you.

And that, says Susan Jakes, PhD., is a good thing. “When you make voting a family affair, you are passing along both the responsibility and the privilege of voting,” says Jakes, a Specialist with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

While the trip to the polls is an important step in the voting process, you know – and your child should, too – that there’s more to casting a vote than simply marking a ballot. By discussing the election during the weeks that lead up to Election Day, you can help your child discover such important lessons as what it takes to be a leader; what our local, state and national priorities are; what civic responsibility means; and the value of getting involved. Here’s how you can involve your child in the voting process:

- **Get critical.** Pay attention to the flurry of political ads on television and together discuss the message each candidate is trying to get across.

- **Share your opinions.** Talking about why you vote and how you go about deciding how to vote is a good way to share what you value and why you think a certain party or leader can accomplish those things. By encouraging your child to express his or her opinion as well you give him or her a chance to develop critical thinking skills.

- **Take them to the polls.** Let them see what “one vote per person” looks like in action.

“Voting is the backbone of democracy,” Jakes says. “By getting children involved, parents encourage civic involvement and citizenship.”
Preparations Underway for Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo 2005

Premium Books
The Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo Committee is pleased to announce that the 2005 Premium Book will be available in early November. Copies will be distributed at their November 2 meeting, at the Horse Challenge Day, November 6 or at the Quality Assurance Workshop on November 20. The premium book will also be available on the website at www.4hffaexpo.org or at either Cooperative Extension Office.

Please note that entry fees will be required at the time of ear tagging for all market animals, which will be January 15, 2005. As in the past swine identification and entry forms will be submitted by mail and must be postmarked by January 15, 2005. This is a change from the past and will hopefully minimize some of the confusion created by multiple deadlines.

Youth Livestock Quality Assurance
Also new this year is the Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Certification required of all youth wishing to exhibit beef, goat, sheep, swine or dairy animals at the Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo. All 4-H project leaders and FFA Advisors must also attend a workshop in order to be eligible to sign entry forms. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Certification is required statewide, every three years. The purpose of the workshops is to increase the awareness of good production practices with your livestock projects.

The first workshop will be held November 20, 2004 at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. A registration form included in this mailing. There will be a second workshop held January 8, 2005 in the Verde Valley, time and place to be determined.

Plan to attend
2004 Yavapai County 4H Recognition Reception
Saturday, Nov.13, 2004
1PM
Young’s Farm
Bean Tree Room
Bring your favorite Dessert and a smile.

Join the fun and jubilation! See you there!

If you would like to take part by playing an instrument, giving a demonstration, making a presentation or any number of other activities please contact:
Pam Denney @ 928-445-6590 x 253 or Patti Marrs @ 928-649-3575