**Dear Parents, Leaders and Members,**

Food for thought as we start into 2007.

**What the Colors Mean**

In most 4-H contests everyone gets a ribbon; white, red or blue. This is known as the Danish system of awarding ribbons. The 4-H'ers are evaluated against certain standards, not against one another. We've had contests where all the kids got blue ribbons and some where all got whites.

- **A WHITE ribbon does not mean a "poor job".** White means okay, good, average, but much improvement needed to meet top standards.
- **A RED ribbon does not mean a "mediocre job".** Red means very good, but still one or two major improvements needed to meet top standards.
- **A BLUE ribbon does mean excellent, meets or nearly meets top standards.**

Each ribbon should mean that's the best that 4-H'er could do, in that particular activity, at that particular time. The key is to learn from the experience, feel good about one's self, and move on and do better next time.

**4-H Competition Sportsmanship Motto**

"Keep your head when you win/and your heart when you lose."

Sometimes leaders and members dislike the way a committee handles a judging event or disagree with a judge's decision. It is important to try to be fair and reasonable. See if you can state reasons why you disagree. Keep in mind judging is not like scientific testing:

- Even experts sometimes disagree
- Standards change as research helps us get improved practices and products

**4-H Club Members should:**

- Play fair
- Respect others' rights to their opinions
- Keep an open mind
- Be willing to try again

We have high standards for our products. As we judge, and in our other 4-H activities, we need to work for high standards in how we get along with others!

**Happy New Year Everyone!**
4-H/FFA EXPO Meetings

The Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Shelby Hansen Memorial Room at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds starting @ 6:30 p.m. Every community club is encouraged to send a representative to every meeting. For more information and to confirm meeting dates and times, contact Ken Vargha, General Superintendent by email at kvargha@cableone.net or by phone at (928) 541-9097.

Speak Up! & Speak Out at Expo 2007

For the first time in many years there will be an opportunity for youth to share their knowledge of 4-H/FFA through speeches, illustrated talks or demonstrations. Check out the information on page 47 of the Expo Premium Book for more information.

New to EXPO in 2007

W-9: In accordance with rulings from the USDA and the National 4-H Headquarters, the Committee will be issuing IRS form 1099-MISC to all exhibitors who receive $600 or more in net proceeds from the sale of their animal at auction and/or add-on sponsorships. To ensure compliance with this ruling, we are requiring that all exhibitors fill out, sign, and turn in IRS form W-9 prior to their checks being issued. For your convenience, form W-9 is included in the premium book and on our website at www.4hffaexpo.org. If you have any questions about filling out form W-9, you can access complete instructions at www.irs.gov.

Single Fair Rule: The Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo is conducted in accordance with policies and guidelines established by the University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development Program. The policy is that an exhibitor is only allowed to enter market animals (e.g. large livestock, turkey, meat pen, etc.) in one 4-H sanctioned fair per year (October 1 – September 30) and sell that animal at the official 4-H auction. To ensure that this policy is followed in Yavapai County, the Committee will be releasing the names of individuals who sell their animal project at the Expo auction to the Verde Valley Fair Association (VVFA). By participating in the Expo auction, you are agreeing with the release of your name to the VVFA.

Seasonal Passes / Premise I.D.’s: Beginning with the 2007 Expo, we have been advised that all exhibitors will be required to be in full compliance with the Arizona Dept. of Agriculture regulations regarding Seasonal Passes. To ensure compliance, we are requiring that a copy of your Seasonal Pass be submitted with all large livestock animals entered at Expo, except swine. The requirements & instruction on how to obtain a Seasonal Pass are available on the state website at www.azda.gov. For your convenience a copy of the Seasonal Pass Application is also available on our website at www.4hffaexpo.org. Please note that all SHEEP and GOATS must have official scrapie identification (requires that the seller/breeder have a premises identification number).

In general, to obtain a Seasonal Pass, you must provide the AZDA with:
- Correctly filled out application
- $5.00 fee (for up to 10 animals)
- Copy of Bill of Sale
- Scrapie Identification for sheep and goats
- Permanent identification (e.g. brand, tattoo, tamperproof ear tag)
- Proof of Ownership by providing the AZ Self Inspection Certificate number or AZ Livestock Officer’s Inspection Certificate (Our of state animals have additional requirements)

For full instructions, be sure to reference the instructions on the Department’s website. If you have any additional questions about this policy, you may call the Department of Agriculture at 602-542-6407.
Pre-EXPO Dates & Deadlines!!

January 20, 2007
Market Beef, Market Lamb & Market Goat
 Ownership Deadline
 Ear Tagging at Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds.
 Tagging to begin at 9:00 am. All exhibitors must bring the following:
 • Original Seasonal Pass for transport to ear tagging; Copy of Seasonal PASS for entry.
 • Signed Quality Assurance certificate
 • Signed Code of Conduct Form
 • Signed Identification Certificate with color photo of animal and exhibitor, one form
 and photo for each animal
 • Signed and completed Entry Form, one form for each animal
 • Signed and completed form W-9
 • Bill of Sale, or Hauling papers
 • Entry fee of $10.00, payable to “Yavapai County 4H/FFA Expo” for each animal
 • Sheep & Goats must have official scrapie identification.

failure to bring all of the above accurately completed and signed to the tagging will result in a late fee assessment of $25.00, for a total fee of $35.00 per incomplete entry. All incomplete paperwork and fees (including the late fee) must be received by January 31, 2007 at the address below.

Market Swine
 Ownership Deadline:
 Mail copy of Quality Assurance certificate, signed Code of Conduct Form, signed and completed Identification Certificate with color photo of animal and exhibitor (one form and photo for each animal), signed and completed Entry Form (one form for each animal), Bill of Sale, signed and completed form W-9, and Entry Fee payable to Yavapai County 4H/FFA Expo for each animal.

Complete entry packet as described above must be post-marked no later than January 20, 2007. Failure to mail in, or drop off, all of the above accurately completed and signed to the address below will result in a late fee assessment of $25.00, for a total fee of $35.00. All incomplete paperwork and fees (including the late fee) must be received by January 31, 2007.

February 15, 2007
Small Stock, Horse, Dog, Large Livestock Breeding Projects, Indoor Exhibits & Public Speaking
 Ownership and/or entry deadline
 Complete entry packet consisting of the items below must be received, or dropped off by this date at the address above:
 • Copy of Seasonal Pass - Large Livestock only (excluding Swine), signed Code of Conduct Form, signed and completed Entry Form (one form for each project), and Entry Fee payable to “Yavapai County 4H/FFA Expo” for each project.
 • Copies of Lease Agreements must be sent for each leased breeding animal.

Incomplete entries received after February 15, 2007, will be assessed a $10.00 late fee per entry. This fee is in addition to the regular entry fee per project item. All incomplete or late entries must be received by February 23, 2007.

2007 Yavapai County 4-H FFA Expo ~ April 25-29, 2007
2007 Premium Book are available online at www.4hffaexpo.org or in limited quantities at either Cooperative Extension Office.
# 2006 Yavapai County Fair Livestock Judging Results

November 18, 2006
Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

## Seniors:

### Top 10 Individuals

1. Jackson. Adam  
2. Michael. Austin  
3. Cooper, Layton  
4. Hackleman. Destiny  
5. Scott. Ariana  
7. Bensen. Danielle  
8. Culp, William  
9. Chesney. Kimberly  
10. Stapp. Mikel

### Top 10 Teams

1. Triangle  
2. Chino Valley FFA  
3. Chino Valley FFA  
4. Lonesome Valley  
5. Chino Valley FFA  
6. Chino Valley FFA  
7. Mayer FFA  
8. Chino Valley Breakaway  
9. Cornville Conquistadors  
10. Campwood

## Junior:

### Top 10 Individuals

1. Bunker. Becca  
2. Cooper, Kaley  
3. McMillen. Danielle  
5. Haas. Justin  
6. Lynch. Aimee  
7. Bugarin. Julius  
8. Kadermas. Jace  
9. Johnston, Cole  
10. Hernandez, Austin

### Top 10 Teams

1. Chino Valley Breakaways  
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5. Shamrock Hustlers  
6. Lonesome Valley  
7. Chino Valley Breakaways  
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9. Chino Valley Breakaways  
10. Lonesome Valley

## Arizona State Fair

### 4-H Horse Show Results

**Hollie Crim:** Western Reining, Sr - 1st  
Western Riding, Sr - 4th  
Western Equitation, Sr - 7th  
Western Bare Back, Sr - 10th  
Western Trail, Sr - 4th place  
English Equitation, Sr - 9th  
English Bareback, Sr - 8th

**Kaelin Cummins:** Barrel Racing, Sr - 9th  
Pole Bending, Sr - 5th

**Christine Dunn:** Goat Tying, Jr - 4th  
Barrel Racing, Jr - 10th  
Pole Bending, Jr - 3rd

**Hannah Kellogg:** Western Showmanship, Jr -7th  
English Showmanship, Jr - 7th  
English Equitation, Jr- 7th

**Brittany Magill:** Barrel Racing, Jr - 7th  
Pole Bending, Jr - 6th

**Jenna Miller:** Western Showmanship, Sr - 10th  
English Showmanship, Sr - 7th

**Ashley Roth:** Western Reining, Jrs - 5th  
English Bareback, Jr - 6th

**Gianina SanGiovanni:** Goat Tying, Jr - 5th

**Stephanie Teskey:** Pole Bending, Jr - 5th

**Shawna Wallace:** Western Trail, Sr - 7th

**Shelby Wendel:** Western Trail, Sr - 7th
Lonesome Valley Cloggers
~ Lora Teskey

Clogging began in September. Our group worked hard to learn or review the basics and beyond in preparation for this holiday season. Now that a routine has been learned and polished we are sharing it with the community. Our debut began Monday December 4th at the Bean Tree. We clogged to the bluegrass version of O Come all ye Faithful (or just O Come Yall Faithful) after warming up the room with a combined round dance called the Patty Cake Polka during the monthly 4H community meeting. There were lots of smiles and mixing going around making it a fun time for all of us. We have two more performances to go. December 16th we will be in Cordes Lakes at the Community Center bringing some noise to their open house; also on December 22nd we will end our holiday performing season at the Mayer Senior Center.

It warms the heart and hands to clog for our community…

Happy Holidays from us to you!

Prescott Rough Riders
2006 Veteran’s Day Parade

Our fundraising money purchased a new American Parade Flag. Hollie Crim was very honored to be the first to display it at such a Patriotic celebration.

Walking on the left is Bonnie North; sitting in the car are TC North, Matt Cometh and Rhiannon Cometh with “Rita” on her lap; standing behind taking is Cathy Alger taking pictures.

Rough Riders’ members designed and created the paper horses and had a blast at the same time. On the left is T.C. North and driving is Matt Cometh.

Chino Valley Break Away Latigos Horse Project Report
~ by Emily Stevens

December 4th the horse club of the Chino Valley Break Away Latigos did a community service project for the soldiers in Iraq. They bought Chap Stick, baby wipes, beef jerky, magazines and a whole bunch of other things. We packed boxes with everything, made signs and took pictures to send to the soldiers. We hope it will make them happy for Christmas.

October 21st was the St. Jude’s trail ride. The Chino Valley Break Away Latigos raised money to help St. Jude’s Children's’ Hospital. The ride was about two hours long and they raised around 800 dollars. Everyone who did the ride hopes that they will do it again next year.
Horse Committee Corner

Horse Committee Meetings @ start time 6:00 p.m.

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EMAILS: Michelle sends out emails regularly with information on upcoming events or location changes, so if you aren't on the list, please Email mstevens31@commpseed.net to be added.

Horse Education Day

Don't forget Education Day in the Verde Valley, January 13, 2007 at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Participation in one education day per year is required to be a member in good standing and to show in the Yavapai County 4-H Horse Shows. An Equine Judging will also be offered following the skill stations. Pre registration is required—the form can be found on line at http://cals.arizona.edu/yavapai/4hyd/.

Hippology and Quiz Bowl Contest!

WHEN: Come join us on February 10, 2007
WHERE: The Yavapai County Fairgrounds Coors Event Center
WHAT: Test your knowledge and have a blast. Contest is open to all seniors & juniors throughout the state.
DEADLINE: January 30, 2006
REGISTRATION: http://cals.arizona.edu/yavapai/4hyd/

For more information & a list of study resources, contact your horse leader or Michelle Stevens, 928-636-1718.

Horse Show Volunteers Needed

The 2006/2007 Yavapai County Horse Shows are coming up & Volunteers are needed! Any member or parent can help. Contact your leader or Michelle Stevens to volunteer. SHOW Schedule:
March 24 & 25 ~ Verde Valley Fairgrounds
Cottonwood; April 14 & 15 - Five M Arena Chino Valley
May 12 & 13 ~ Yavapai County Fairgrounds/Prescott Valley.
Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest
(Sponsored by Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo Education Committee)

WHEN: February 24, 2007
WHERE: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds
9:00 a.m.- Sign-ups
9:30 a.m.- Judging Clinic
   Basic Confirmation
   Writing & Giving Reasons
10:30 a.m.- Judging Contest
   2 - Sheep Market & Breeding Classes
   2 - Beef Market & Breeding Classes
   2 sets of reasons to be determined day of contest
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m.- Award Presentation
   Ribbons to be presented per the Danish System
   High Point Jr & Sr to be recognized

Times are approximate, for more information contact:
Jimmy Wojcik, Education Committee Chair at (928) 775-8000

4-H/FFA Jackpot Show
(Sponsored by Yavapai County 4-H/FFA Expo Education Committee)
Saturday, March 31, 2007, Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

Come learn how to fit and show your animals. Cost is $7/animal

8:00 a.m. ~ Entry Signup Begins
9:30 a.m. ~ Entry Signup Closes
10:00 a.m. ~ Show Starts
   ► Market Swine Confirmation & Showmanship
   ► Breeding & Market Sheep & Showmanship
   ► Dairy Goats-Showmanship Only
   ► Breeding & Market Beef Showmanship

2 We are looking for older, experienced members to share their knowledge of fitting/showing with the younger less experienced members.
2 Fundraising Opportunity for any 4-H Club, FFA Chapter or 4-H Committee who wishes to provide a concession stand for the day.

For more information call Jimmy Wojcik, (928) 775-8000.
Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Educational Grants

*Application Deadline: February 28, 2007*

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation awards educational grants to 4-H members who have college or university aptitude and capability from funds provided by endowments and donations received to support scholarship awards. Some awards are based on financial need, others are based solely on merit.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** All information is held in strict confidence by Extension personnel and volunteers serving on the Scholarship Selection Committee. Grant funds are deposited with the institution to be attended by the recipient.

Please visit the following site for more detailed INFORMATION, ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION information:

http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h_foundation/pdf/ScholarshipApplication07-08.pdf

Arizona National Livestock Show Scholarship

*APPLICATION DEADLINES: March 15th and October 15th!*

The Arizona National Livestock Show Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to undergraduate college & university students who have demonstrated an interest in agriculture. Through this Program, the Arizona Horse Lover’s Foundation provides funding for scholarships for students who participate in equine related activities.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**
- High school graduation
- Currently taking at least 12 hours at a college or university
- Complete 12 semester hours prior to applying
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Participation in the Arizona National Livestock Show

For further information or a Scholarship application, please contact:

ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW
1826 W. McDowell Rd.
Phoenix, AZ  85007-1696
(602) 258-8568  ~  Email: information@anis.org

Application is also available online at: http://anls.org/rules/ANLSScholarshipAppl.pdf

We would love to hear from you! Email your club’s activities to pdenney@ag.arizona.edu or submit by mail to:

Pam Denney
Cooperative Extension, Yavapai County
840 Rodeo Dr., Bldg. C
Prescott, AZ  86305

Deadline for submitting articles for the March/April issue is Tues, Feb. 9th.
Earn the Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is a public partnership created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative, and service in America's youth. The Congressional Award provides an opportunity for young people to set and achieve personally challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. Youth receive national recognition from Congress for their community service efforts.

Congress established the Congressional Award in 1979 to recognize initiative, achievement and service in young people. It began as a bipartisan effort in both the United States Senate and the House of Representatives. The Congressional Awards program challenges young people to challenge themselves, and recognizes young people by awarding congressional certificates or medals for achievement in four program areas: Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. The Congressional Awards program is a non-competitive, voluntary program that is open to all young people ages 14-23. An unlimited number of awards may be earned throughout the country. All youth qualify for this award.

How do youth get involved? Youth are asked to fill out a registration form and submit a $10.00 registration fee to the Congressional Award Foundation, P.O. Box 77440, Washington, DC 20013. Students then work with an advisor to set goals in four program areas and record their accomplishments. Each participant sets their own deadline for program completion. A registration form and Congressional Award information is at the Congressional Award website: http://www.congressionalaward.org/congress/

For more information please contact the national office at (202)226-0130. Students can also contact their congressional office, Andrew Ortiz at andrewortiz@yahoo.com, or Juanita Waits at jwaits@ag.arizona.edu.

The Congressional Award program is a great opportunity for youth to be recognized for their community work. Service being conducted through 4-H Youth Development or other youth and community organizations qualifies for this award. A registration form, a fact sheet and program requirements can be found at www.ag.arizona.edu/yavapai/4hyd

Colorado Small Stock Show 2007

WHEN: Sat. & Sun, February 24 & 25, 2007
WHERE: LaPaz County Park in Parker AZ.
The show is sponsored by 4-H Members & Leaders in LaPaz, Mohave and Yavapai counties. This is the 18th year for this show complete with judging and conformation classes in rabbits, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy.

Last year 74 4-H'ers from 22 clubs, 8 counties and 3 states exhibited 389 animals. Featured is a Small Stock Quiz Bowl contest complete with separate categories for rabbit, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy and a Round Robin Quiz Bowl contest following.

Contact the 4-H Office for information and entry forms or visit the website at:

http://www.ag.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/smallshow.htm
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NOTICE!!!

Beginning March 1, 2007 we will be sending an email notification with the link for the current newsletter to all members and leaders who have an email address listed on their enrollment forms. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter by mail, please complete and return the coupon below to our Office by Friday, February 23rd.

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