



## Santa Cruz County

### 4-H Youth Development

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## 4-H NEWS

### CARCASS OF MERIT DESIGNATION

The Carcass of Merit designation is reserved for those market animals that meet high standards of carcass excellence after the fair. In swine, we had ten out of 17 carcasses that attained this designation. Grand was Jenny Downing, Reserve was Shyanne Summerfield. Also getting recognized were Felip Gonzales, Zach Yourgules, Cassandra Wilhelm, Tiger Johnson, Morgan Schaffer, Melissa Kelly and Angel Perez. All were awarded a small stipend, courtesy of the James Kelly family. In the lamb division, we had 14 out of 19 attaining Carcass of Merit. Champion was Austin Mason, Reserve was Russell Noon. Also getting recognized were Alex Quiroga, Sheila Oliver, Christian Duke, Alex Duke, Kyle Etchart, Joseph Perez, Felipe Rigas, Clint Etchart, Ashley Adams, Lindsay Russell, Alicia Hernandez and James George. The James Kelly family also sponsored an award for these individuals. We had one market goat, Veronica Brown's, and it was recognized as the Champion Carcass of Merit. Veronica also received a stipend from the James Kelly family. In the beef division, five out of eight received special placing. The grand was Ryder Locke, the reserve was Shelby Lock. Also getting a small stipend were Clancy Wilkerson, Megan Wilkerson, and Geneva Kelly. The Dr. Carlos Gonzales family sponsored the awards for these exhibitors.

All of these exhibitors are to be congratulated on raising not only high quality show animals, but a safe, wholesome meat product. Also, many thanks to the Kelly and Gonzales family for sponsoring the wards for these animals. This is the end product of their project and it is important to have feedback on how they perform.

### SCC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors sponsors a "Best of Santa Cruz County" photo contest every year. Supervisor Manuel Ruiz sponsors this contest. The judges this year awarded Samantha Morriss first, Kristen Summerfield second and Virginia Duke third. A new category, Black and White, was added this year. Supervisor John Maynard sponsors this division. Nash Finley walked away with first and third place, while Emily Covey took second. Many thanks to the Board of Supervisors for recognizing the great talent that we have in the county!

### LEAP (TWEENER'S) CAMP

The 3rd Annual LEAP Camp will be held February 18-20,2006 at HUACHUCA OAKS (south of Sierra Vista). This camp is for youth ages 11-13. You will learn new skills and projects, do community service, have a great time and meet new friends. Chaperones and teen leaders are still needed. If you have any questions about going contact the Santa Cruz office at (520) 281-2994 for a packet and more info. We really need to no if you are interested **ASAP**. The deadline is February 10th.

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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP

There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop scheduled for February 4th at the Patagonia Church from 9-12. This workshop is for 4-H members and adults that will be showing or helping with market animals. There is no registration or fee. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

### 4-H PROJECTS IN FULL SWING

All of the project leaders in each of the Community Clubs are starting to schedule their project meetings. If there are any members that have signed up for a project and are not being informed of the meetings, please call the office and we will check to make sure you are on the leaders list. Members can also obtain drop-add forms from the office to drop or add projects.

### COMPUTER PROJECT

Tiger Johnson would like to let everyone who might be interest know that he is starting a computer club project. If you are interested and need more information contact Tiger at (520) 397-9269 or by email @ [tigernj16@netscape.net](mailto:tigernj16@netscape.net).

### INDEPENDENTS

Please be aware that if you sign up as an independent project member, you must complete all of the requirements as a regular project member to complete. This includes giving a demonstration. If you have any questions, please talk to your community club leader or a project leader. You may also contact Dean if you have any further questions.

### NEW RULE!

Be aware that in order to exhibit a project at the fair, you **must** attend at least ½ of your project meetings or have an excused absence. Please see your project leader if you have any questions! This was just approved by the 4-H Leader's Council. It will be effective March 1, 2006.

### ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

Please remember to call in your project meetings!! If we do not know about your meeting, it is not covered by the State 4-H liability insurance. It is helpful if you can send the office or email a calendar of your meetings. We will list your meetings on the County Event Calendar ( page 7 of this newsletter). When you are scheduling your meetings please refer to the County Event Calendar and try not to schedule project meetings that coincide with other project meetings, as many of our 4-H youth belong to several different projects. Thanks!!!

### DID YOU KNOW THAT SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H HAS A DOG CLUB?

Participation in this club increases the amount of time you get to spend with your beloved pet. It will also help you with relating to your dog and better understanding him/her. Any breed (or mix) is welcome. The following skills will be emphasized during our meetings: **Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Sportsmanship.** Instruction given at the Dog Club expands beyond lessons just for the dog. The Dog Club also teaches you to be a better dog owner. You will learn about: **Feeding, Exercise, Grooming, Health Issues, Veterinary Care, Socialization, and Problem-solving.**

Please feel free to join us. The dog club will meet on a monthly (or as needed) basis starting in January, and meetings will increase in the spring. Whether young or old, your dog is welcome to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the pet that you love, and how to better care for him/her. This winter, we would like to build our very own agility equipment. We are looking for donations of wood and PVC pipe so please ask around. Large scraps from building projects work great! If you have any questions, please call Katie Parker at 455-4724 or e-mail at [katieparker@direcway.com](mailto:katieparker@direcway.com).

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### 4-H LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOP

We will have a leader training workshop February 7th, 2006. This workshop is for anybody that wants to become a certified leader. The workshop will be held at the Patagonia Community Church from 5:30-8 p.m. There is no registration or fee so we would encourage all that want to become certified to participate.

### 2006 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The National 4-H Center 2006's theme is "**Connect 4-H - Let's Get Together**"

Delegates must be 15 years of age as of January 1, 2006. Selection process will consist of: - Application - Speech, minimum of 3 minutes to maximum of 4 minutes - "Arizona 4-H Youth Development: The Power of Youth" - Interview by a screening committee composed of between 2 to 3 youth and 2 to 3 adults with representation from present Ambassadors. Up to four youth delegates will be selected. Those youth selected will pay \$100 with all other expenses covered by the Arizona 4-H Foundation.

**Event Date: March 25-30, 2006**

National Conference Packet \*\* <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/events.html#2>

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

I would just to let everyone know that my new email address is [anthony@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:anthony@ag.arizona.edu) instead of [anthony@email.arizona.edu](mailto:anthony@email.arizona.edu). If you could change it and start sending emails to my new account I would greatly appreciate it. Thanks!!!

### NATIONAL 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST!

National 4-H Council needs winning photos to create the 2008 4-H Calendar. These original photographs will be gallery mounted and framed and a brass plate engraved with the title and photographer's name will be attached. The winning photos will be on display at the National 4-H Conference Center from September 2006 through November 2006 and also posted on our web site [www.4-hmall.org](http://www.4-hmall.org).

The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2006.

**VERY IMPORTANT-** Submissions will only be considered if they meet these criteria:

Full NAME and AGE of person submitting photograph, affiliation with 4-H, complete return address (for UPS delivery and USPS 1st Class Mail), telephone number, & E-mail Address. A list of awards that submitted photographs have received (county, state, 4-H or other). If it has not received some prior award or recognition, it will not be considered. The photographer's thoughts about the photograph, in 25 words or less (include title of photograph). Photo submissions should be 8" x 10", in color, and in a horizontal format, vertical shots will be accepted only if they can be cropped to fit the horizontal format of the calendar. If selected, hard copies of digital photos are required. Black and white photos will not be considered for this full color calendar. Please do not submit photos printed on a home printer, color copies, or low resolution digital prints. Have the print developed at a photo processing store.

We will return all submissions, if not selected, by late August 2006. Winning photographs will be returned no sooner than December 10, 2006. After final selection we will notify the winners and both the photographer and parent/guardian must sign a release to use the photo in the 2008 4-H Calendar. We will also request a second photo to display at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Contact the Arizona State 4-H office to obtain entry form, 520-621-5316.

## CLUB NEWS

### MUSTANG MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mustang 4-H club was called to order on January at 6:42 pm. The pledges were done by Dean and Amy Finch. Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

**Reporters Report:** There will be a newsletter mailed out to everyone 1 week prior to each meeting including information and reminders.

**Discussion Items:** Mustang 4-H rules of completion were read and approved

Danny Fish and fellow officers lead a demonstration on proper parliamentary procedure by making trail mix. Mustangs have been invited to the Elgin Club Steak Fry Mrs. George will take some of the officers to accept a \$500 donation to our club.

There is an officer training workshop on January 28, let Mrs. George know if you are interested.

4-H council meeting is on January 24-anyone is welcome to attend.

**Project reports:** There was a rabbit meeting held to discuss general rabbit information, next meeting is Wednesday January 12 at the Oliver's.

**Leaders reports:** Horse meeting 1:00 on Sunday at the fairgrounds to practice roping-must be signed up to participate. Lamb-Get enrolled. Yearly calendars and monthly reminders will be sent out. Contact Mr. Fish if you are interested in beef project. Horse committee meeting held Jan 19 6:00 in Patagonia.. Dog meeting postponed until February. They still need wood scraps and PVC for equipment. Jan 14, Simon Escalada is coming to goat meeting to test blood at the Georges.

Jan 24 is pack goat meeting, Mrs. George will contact you.

**Demonstrations:** Veronica on how to properly complete a record book.

Must complete demo to complete year-sign up by next month

**January Babies:** Jack and Mrs. Locke

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

### SAN RAFAEL'S MINUTES

The San Rafael 4-H Community Club held its regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Patagonia Community Church. President Tiger called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Pledges were led by Lindsay and Paula. Roll Call included announcements, introductions, reports and news. Outgoing Secretary Samantha read the December Minutes - accepted. Standing Treasurer Debbie gave the current to tal balance, noting that several transactions had not yet posted - accepted. The White Elephant Raffle prize went to Jolene from Sarah. Reporter Kristen led the planning for Feb. 13th meeting: Snacks - Paula & Don, Drinks - Zowie, Pledge of Allegiance - Jacob, and 4-H Pledge - Emily. Demonstrations will be given by 1) Paula, 2) Lindsay & Kayla, and 3) Jacob & Sarah. A special presentation and video clip on "How to Do a Demonstration" was given by Emily & Samantha with a guidelines pamphlet handout. Discussion followed about different ways to help each other do better demonstrations. The Club was encouraged to think about an optional scoring system with feedback for the demonstration presenters - to be decided on at our next meeting. After our new Officers were introduced, Friendship Officers Kayla & Sarah led us to sing Happy Birthday to our January babies. Tiger called for the meeting to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

### **OFFICER TRAINING WELL ATTENDED**

There was an Officer Training Workshop held on January 28th at the Cochise County South Extension Office. Santa Cruz County had 15 participants at this year's workshop. The workshop was full of fun and educational experiences from the games and icebreakers, to an adult/youth partnership workshop and pizza!!

Each club was given a packet full of officer materials and tips on how to make your club meetings fun and organized. A big thanks to all those that attended!!

**ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN THEIR LIVESTOCK PROJECT BY MARCH 1 !!!**

## LEADER LINGO

### STUFFED VENISON STEAKS

2 lbs. Venison steak, 3/4 in. thick  
 1 1/2 c. milk  
 6 slices bacon  
 1/3 c. sliced green onion, with tops

Salt  
 Pepper  
 1/2 c. water  
 1/2 c. all-purpose flour

Cut venison steak into six serving-size pieces. Place in a shallow pan; pour milk over meat. Cover and refrigerate over night, turning meat several times. Drain meat; pat dry with paper towel. Cook bacon till crisps. Drain, reserving 2 tablespoons drippings. Crumble bacon and set aside. With sharp knife, carefully cut a pocket in the side of each piece of meat. Mix bacon and green onion. Stuff onion mixture into pockets of meat. In 10-inch skillet brown steaks in reserved bacon drippings. Season with salt and pepper. Add 1/2 cup cold water. Cover and simmer over low heat till tender, 45 to 60 minutes. Remove meat to platter. For gravy, measure pan juices; add enough water to make 1 1/2 cups. Blend 1/2 cup cold water slowly into flour. Stir into pan juice mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, till mixture thickens and bubbles. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes six servings.

### BREAKFAST

You may brag about your breakfast  
 foods you eat at break of day,  
 Your crisp, delightful shavings and your  
 stack of last year's hay,  
 Your toasted flakes of rye and corn that  
 fairly swim in cream,

Or rave about a sawdust mash, an  
 epicurean dream.  
 But none of these appeals to me, though  
 all of them I've tried  
 The breakfast that I liked the best was  
 sausage mother fried.

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### HELPFUL WEBSITES:

**National 4-H Council:** <http://www.fourcouncil.edu>

**AZ State 4-H Web Site :** <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-H/>

**Santa Cruz County Extension Web Site:** <http://cals.arizona.edu/santacruz>

**Quality Assurance Website:** <http://cals.arizona.edu/extension/quality/>



# Arizona 4-H: People Just Like You!

## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

### February 2006

- 1 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 2 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 3 SEABS Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 4 Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop-Patagonia Community Church 9-12
- 4 Quicksilver 4H Shooting Sports Club
- 7 4-H Leader Training-Patagonia-5:30-8 p.m.
- 9 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Fire Station @ 6:30
- 10 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 11 Quicksilver 4H Shooting Sports Club
- 13 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 13 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 15 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 18-20 TWEENERS LEAP CAMP

### March 2006

- 1 DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN LIVESTOCK PROJECTS
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- 25 QSSC will participate in the 3D Shoot in Gardner Canyon

**ALL HORSE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SHOWING MUST HAVE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP PAPERS IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO HORSE SHOWS AND 90 DAYS PRIOR TO STATE FAIR. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP INCLUDES REGISTRATION PAPERS, HAULING CARDS, BILL OF SALE OR LEASE AGREEMENTS.**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND HAVE YOUR MEETINGS PUT ON THE CALENDAR. IF THE OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MEETINGS, THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. ALSO, SEND IN ARTICLES ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PROJECT GROUPS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. E-MAIL ARTICLES TO [anthony@ag.arizona.edu](mailto:anthony@ag.arizona.edu) BY THE 27th OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO GET THEM PUBLISHED.**