



Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development



4-H NEWS

MARCH 2006

SHEEP ACTIVITY DAY

Sheep Activity Day, hosted by Double Adobe 4-H, will be held on April 8th at the Double Adobe School, 7081 N. Central Highway (corner of Double Adobe Road and Central Highway). The Activity Day will start promptly at 9 a.m. and will end by 2 p.m. Lunch concessions will be available from the Douglas City 4-H. There will be lots of great sessions on selecting and feeding your animal, grooming, caring for your animal's health, information on different classes that are available to show your animals, showmanship and more. It will be a great time to learn and share with others in the sheep project. Assuming the weather cooperates everyone will need to **bring a chair** for the outdoor portions. Registration is **due by March 15th** to ensure they have enough food and handouts for everyone. To register send your name, club and phone number to John Vaughn, 6762 Rockhouse Rd., McNeal, AZ 85617 or email John with the information at jdvaughn2@juno.com.

NEW PROJECTS

Tiger Johnson would like to let everyone who might be interested, 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.

Charlie Dimerling would like to let everyone who might be interested, know that she is starting a scrapbooking project. If you are interested, and need more information, contact Charlie at (520) 975-8994 or by email @ charlied@netscape.com. The first meeting will be Saturday, March 18th, 10-Noon, at the Dimerling home.

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

If at all possible your help is requested at the Sonoita-Elgin Emergency Service Auction. We need as many senior 4-H members as possible to help with this. If you have questions contact Tammy Calhoun @ (520) 455-5041 or (520) 455-5030. Thanks!

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!!!

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

RABBITS FOR SALE

Ann Scott would like to let every one know that she has Purebred Mini Rex bunnies for sale. This is a great 4-H project and the bunnies are show quality. If you would like to purchase a bunny contact Ann Scott at (520) 574-3757 or by email @ paintponygirl@netzero.net. You can purchase the rabbits for \$25.

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.

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>

TRAILRIDE SET FOR MARCH 11

This is to invite you, your friends, and your family members to the first annual Sonoita Creek Trailride. The ride is sponsored by The Friends of Sonoita Creek, a non-profit organization that works with Arizona State Parks and the public to help protect and educate about Sonoita Creek.

INFO ABOUT THE RIDE:

- * Begins at 10 am on March 11, 2006 at the Coatimundi Trailhead in Rio Rico.
- * Open to the public
- * Bring your own horses--trailer parking available at the trailhead
 - * Ride will follow creek, possibly up to the "waterfall" by lake, with sidetrip to Fresno Canyon
- * Bring lunch and plenty of water and sunscreen
- * Ride leaders--Barbara Harsh, Laura Harsh, Barbara and Fox Johnson
 - * Please call ahead for more info and to sign up: 377-0617 or 841-1736 or respond by email

DIRECTIONS: From I-19 take Rio Rico drive east, turn right on Pendleton, then left on Coatimundi to parking area near end. Or from South River Road, take Ruby road east, turn left on Pendleton, then right on Coatimundi. Hope you can make it and Happy Trails to all!

SECOND ANNUAL ST. JUDE'S TRAIL RIDE PLANNING

The St. Jude's trail ride is a charity; community service event and a beautiful ride held at Coronado Outfitters in the San Rafael valley. Tina McManus would like to hear from anyone who is interested in doing the St. Jude's ride again this year. The date they're looking at is April 30. Tina's number is 394-0187 if you should have any questions.

REMINDER TO ALL LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS

Don't forget that you have to complete a quality assurance workshop in order to show at the fair. We will be having them throughout the upcoming months. Be sure to check on the dates through the website.

CLUB NEWS

MUSTANG MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mustang 4-H club was called to order on February 9 at 6:37 p.m. Austin and Kassandra did pledges. Both the secretary and treasurer's report were approved.

Decision Items: The name of our Mustang is now Rusty.

Discussion Items: -It has been decided that demos will be done at the community club meetings instead of at individual club meetings.

-March 1st is the deadline to sign up for livestock projects. If not signed up by then, you will not be eligible to compete at Fair.

-Livestock Quality Assurance must also be completed

-The council wanted to know our opinion on whether or not independents should have to go to project meetings. It was said that they should go to the project meetings so leaders know that they have the knowledge to be ready to compete at Fair. It was also said that scheduling problems may occur. Danny is taking this back to the counsel for a decision.

-LEADERS: contact Kassandra if anything needs to be put in the Mustang club newsletter.

Demonstrations: -Kassandra did a presentation on the history, meaning and principles of Kenpo.

-Heather did a brief summary on community service and ideas for everyone to do throughout the year. Everyone has to do community service to complete the year so start planning what you are going to do.

Project reports: The rabbit club met to talk about breeds, terms, and to make a rabbit nest box. Next meeting is on February 15 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Dimerlings. Join if you are interested.

Leaders reports: Leaders certification training was held

-Scrapbooking project is being started by Mrs. Dimerling contact her if you are interested.

-Horse committee meeting: February 16 at the Sonoita Fairgrounds @ 5:30 p.m.

-Livestock Judging contest: March 25 at Pima Co. SAILA show

February babies: Elena

Snacks: Elena brought cupcakes

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

SAN RAFAEL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the San Rafael 4-H Community Club was held on February 13, 2006 at the Patagonia Community Church. President **Tiger** called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Pledges were led by **Jacob** and **Emily**. Roll call and announcements were made. **Sonora** read the January meeting Minutes, which in turn, were accepted. The treasurer's report, read by **Debbie**, was also accepted. The club then played a short icebreaker (Human Bingo) that everyone enjoyed. The White Elephant Raffle went from **Jolene** to **Emily**. In the absence of VP **Nash**, **Sonora** helped to plan the March meeting duties: Snacks-**Jett**, Drinks-**Shane**, Pledge of Allegiance-**Jenny**, 4-H Pledge-**Zowie**, Demonstrations-**Lindsay & Kayla**, **Paula**, and **Jacob & Sarah**. No demonstrations were given (all of our presenters, or their partners, were absent). The Club discussed and decided upon trying a "demonstration feedback system" that would be voluntary and available to all members and leaders present at each meeting. The form would have one side for "what I liked about this demonstration" and the other side would have "what this demonstration needed to improve". The volunteers would be anonymous, unless they chose to include their name on the form. The forms would be collected by designated officer(s) at the end of each demonstration and given to the presenter(s) for their private review at the end of the meeting. The presenter's name(s), date, and title of demo would be at the top of each form. San Rafael will start this system at the next (March) meeting.

The club then had a discussion on the 4-H Fair Kitchen with alternate fundraising and countywide fun day ideas that we will report back to Council. After that, we sang happy birthday to our January babies, led by **Hayley** and **Lindsey**. **Tiger** called to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

CLUB NEWS

SAN CAYETANO MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:16 by president Christian Duke.

American pledge led by Gaby Gonzalez

4-H creed led by Amber Gearheart.

Minutes read and approved

Treasures report \$1,486.10 read and approved Historians/Reporters report focused on officers training in Sierra Vista. Three officers attended: President: Christian Duke, Secretary: Briana Felix, Historian/Reporter: Celina Felix

OLD BUSINESS

Has the White Elephant check been deposited?

Make sure if you want to be in livestock project that you have your enrollment forms into the office by

February 28th the deadline for livestock registration is March 1st.

Christian spoke to the group members about the club charter.

NEW BUSINESS

The county council is considering shutting down the 4-H kitchen at the county fair. Discussion amongst the club members was they want the kitchen. Katy Orozco expressed that the kitchen has been a social tradition and a way of meeting other members from other clubs. Their feeling is that maybe they can offer simple items to sell and not so many. Briana Felix made a motion to take this to the next council meeting Maya Block 2nd the motion.

President-Duke asked members if there were any demonstrations.

There were none.

Meeting Adjourned 6:30

HORSE COUNCIL

Horse show practice will be March 26. All horse kids are invited at the Fairgrounds all day. Bring drinks, side dish, or desert (potluck), with submarine sandwiches provided for \$2.00.

An English/Western horse show and Gymkhana will be held May 28 at the Fairgrounds. Competitors should plan to be there all day to help. Remember to be eligible for awards you must compete in one horse and the Fair Horse show. Please help find sponsors for belt buckles and other awards.

All county trail rides are being planned:

1. In April, possibly to Kentucky camp.
2. In July, The Second Annual Lone Mountain ranch ride.

The Horse Council is looking for an arena roping and sorting practice. Please contact Veronica Brown, 455-9322, if you know of a facility that is available.

If you have any questions please contact horse committee members!!! Thanks!!!

4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes and treasurer's report approved as read

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Horse Committee-there was concern about ownership of a horse

Livestock Committee-reviewed the rules for the fair and Market Goat rules were included in rule book

Awards Committee-none

ACTION ITEMS

Decisions were made to make changes to the 4-H Kitchen

Discussed having a silent auction at the fair or fall classic

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 P.M.

LEADER LINGO

WHAT WOULD YOU DO? YOU MAKE THE CHOICE! DON'T LOOK FOR A PUNCH LINE, CAUSE THERE ISN'T ONE! READ IT ANYWAY. THE QUESTION IS: WOULD YOU HAVE MADE THE SAME CHOICE?

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?" The audience was stilled by the query. The father continued. "I believe, that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes, in the way other people treat that child." Then he told the following story: Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps. Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked if Shay could play, not expecting much. The boy looked around for guidance and a few boys nodded approval, why not? So he took matters into his own hands and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning." Shay struggled over to the team's bench; put on a team shirt with a broad smile and his father had a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat. At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball. However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing the other team putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least be able to make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher. The game would now be over, but the pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game. Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the head of the first baseman, out of reach of all teammates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!" Never in his life had Shay ever ran that far but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled. Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!!" Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to second base. By the time Shay started towards second base, the right fielder had the ball, the smallest guy on their team, who had a chance to be the hero for his team for the first time. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions, and he too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward second base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home. All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay." As Shay reached second base, the opposing shortstop ran to help him and turned him in the direction of third base, shouting, "Run to third! Shay, run to third." As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams and those watching were on their feet, screaming, "Shay, run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the "grand slam" and won the game for his team. "That day," said the father softly, with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world." Shay didn't make it to another summer and died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero making his father so happy, and coming home and seeing his mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

A wise man once said every society is judged by how it treats its least fortunate amongst them.

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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/>

University of Arizona Collegiate Cattle Growers' Association

Jackpot Livestock Show

Sponsored By

Saturday, March 11, 2006
University of Arizona Campus Farm
Weigh In 7:00 – 8:00AM
Show at 10:00AM

**Fort Hodge
Animal Health**

All Late entries will pay \$10 per person/ per entry above regular fees.
CASH ONLY AT THE GATE. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS!

Pre-registered entries must be postmarked on or before March 6, 2006

Open to all 4-H, FFA, and Youth Breed Association Members in Good Standing

*Incomplete entries, illegible entries, no money and/or returned checks all constitute a voided entry!
Please complete a separate entry form for each exhibitor.*

Exhibitor's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Age as of 1-1-2006 _____
Phone No. (____) _____ Email _____
Club or Chapter Name _____



We, the undersigned, have read all the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them and indemnify The University of Arizona Collegiate Cattle Growers' Association, the University of Arizona, their employees and representatives of all liabilities.

Exhibitor's Signature _____ Date _____
Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Sheep

_____ Feeder Lambs – 99 lbs and under @ \$15.00 head \$ _____
_____ Market Lambs- 100 lbs and over @ \$15.00 head \$ _____
Sheep Showmanship (Circle One) Junior – 14 and under Senior- 15 and up

Goats

_____ Feeder Goats- 69 pounds and under @ \$15.00 head \$ _____
_____ Market Goats- 70 pounds and over @ \$15.00 head \$ _____
Goat Showmanship (Circle One) Junior- 14 and under Senior- 15 and up

Beef

_____ Breeding Heifers- @ \$20.00 head \$ _____
Age _____ Breed _____
_____ Feeder Calves- 650lbs and under @ \$20.00 head \$ _____
_____ Prospect Calves- 651-999lbs @ \$20.00 head \$ _____
_____ Market Steers- 1000lbs and over @ \$20.00 head \$ _____
Beef Showmanship (Circle One) Junior – 14 and under Senior-15 and up

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Arizona 4-H: People Just Like You!

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

March 2006

- 1 DEADLINE TO ENROLL IN LIVESTOCK PROJECTS
- 1 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 1 National 4-H Photography Contest Deadline
- 1 Astronomy Meeting-Patagonia Library @ 1 p.m.-Debbie Gonzales
- 1-5 Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum
- 2 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 3 SEABS Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 4 Quicksilver 4H Shooting Sports Club
- 5 Swine Meeting-TBA-Contact Debbie Gonzales @ 287-3644
- 9 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Fire Station @ 6:30
- 10 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 11 Photography Project-Cady Hall @ 10 a.m. Finley's 394-2377 (portrait photography)
- 11 U of A Jackpot (4 main species)-Entry Form Attached
- 13 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 13 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 13-17 Spring Break
- 15 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 17 Cooking Meeting-Turley Residence @ 5:30 p.m.-281-1406
- 18 Livestock Judging Contest-Benson-TBA
- 18 Pack/Dairy Goat Meeting-George Residence (520) 455-5608 @ 10
- 25 QSSC will participate in the 3D Shoot in Gardner Canyon
- 25 Tucson SAILA Livestock Judging Contest @ 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Tucson SAILA Livestock Show-For Info and entry form call: (520) 792-1060
- 25 Deadline for articles in the newsletter
- 25-30 2006 National 4-H Conference
- 27 Livestock Committee Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 28 Council Meeting- Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30

April 2006

- 5 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 6 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 7 SEABS Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 7 Sewing Meeting-Turley Residence @ 5:30 p.m.-281-1406
- 8 Photography Project-Time N/A-Finley's 394-2377 (Tumacacori in black and white)
- 10 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 10 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 13 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Sonoita Complex @ 7
- 14 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 15 Pack/Dairy Goat Meeting-George Residence (520) 455-5608 @ 10
- 15 JOLT Early Bird Applications Due
- 19 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 20-30 Pima County Fair-Tucson
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 25 Council Meeting- Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 25 Deadline for articles in the newsletter

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