



Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development



MAY 2008

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Happy May to all of our FABULOUS 4-H FAMILIES!

The month of May has many celebrations and mile markers in it. Mothers Day, Graduation and Memorial Day weekend signifying the end of school and the beginning of summer!

For our 4-H'ers this time of year has a double meaning as the we turn up the "heat" for our fair exhibits. We are way over half way through our year. Most of the livestock clubs will all have their animals by the end of May or early June. We are starting to see our ideas for our fair projects becoming more of a reality and taking shape. Art and leather projects are being created, photos are being snapped, and I am sure our sewing and cooking clubs will "wow" us in the fall with what they have been "crafting" on ! It may seem like having the fair in October is an eternity away! But actually it is held only 1-2 days later than last year! So don't think you have tons of time, as fast as time is rolling by these days, it will be here before you know it!

With the warmer weather, flies and heat are a factor and our animals need plenty of shade, water and insecticide. Horses can benefit from fly sheets and face masks w/ ears. Bathing can be a nice break from the glaring sun these next two months, and is mandatory for many show animals. Talk to your vet and animal care experts "AKA" your **project leaders** for the best remedy for your particular animal and situation. Don't forget yourself! Drink plenty of water and apply SUNSCREEN! If any of your animals have pink or white skin, they too can get sunburned. Help them by applying sunscreen to them also! It is a good time to get your West Nile vaccine. Talk to your vet. Sometimes if you go in with several people who also need it , you can reduce your cost per vile.

Good luck to our FANTASTIC GRADS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! WE WILL MOURN YOUR ABSENCE IN OUR 4-H CIRCLES BUT WE KNOW YOU'LL GO FAR WITH EVERYTHING YOU TRY! ¡VAYA CON DIOS!



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The World Never Turned For Mothers

By Laurie Wagner Buyer

Miah, the world never turned for mothers
never set its pace to the rocking of a cradle.

What else could we expect
that late March day
but thirty-six below.

Miah, old lop-eared goat,
I find you down at dawn
too fraught with labor
to nuzzle me as you always do.

I scratch behind your cut-off horns
see your eyes half closed in pain
lashes fringed with crystalline frost.

"Yes," I whisper, "I know it's cold."

What else can I do
but bring you blankets and
hold your head while you moan,
your blowed-up belly
twisted with kids waiting to be born.

You were the first goat
I ever had, old and patient
you calmly chewed your cud
while I worried your bag
anxious to milk out every last drop.

How much you taught me
in so short a time:
That comfort means shelter and feed,
that we give what we have, no strings
attached,
that beauty (you cow-hocked & crooked
jaw) lies inside us.

And now, at thirty-six below,
you teach me, without complaint,
fortitude and strength.

As hours creep by I apologize:
they never taught mid-wifery
in school,

never told me how to ease your pain,
help you struggle through this
wretched birth.

Running 'tween barn and cabin
I warm my hands, bring
you raisins and water which
you snuffle but will not taste.

No one's here to help us...we,
like so many through the ages,
suffer alone with birth.

We wait. You grind your teeth
and moan. Blood and mucus
freeze like icicles on your tail.

All day we work together:
You push. I pull. And
one by one, your breech-
birth kids are born.

Poor Miah, too tired to raise
your head and lick. I clean
your babies for you, carry
them towel-wrapped to the kitchen.

Finally, at dusk, when you're
able to rise, we wobble to
the canning shed. I light
a fire in the stove and whisper:
"Miah, please don't die."

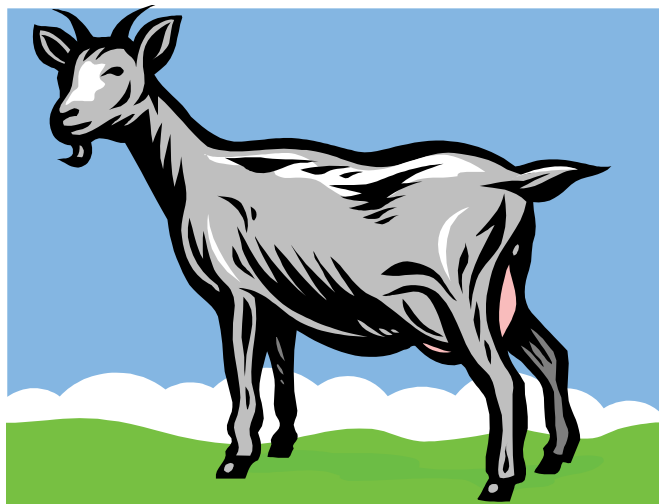
All night I feed wood to the fire,
coax milk into sucking mouths,
watch you barely breathing

your belly caved-in
shrunken by the life it lost.

Miah, the world never turned for
mothers,
never set its pace to the hobbling of
the old.
You never were the same after that
torturous
birth. Often left behind, even your
kids
followed the herd, while you stood
cow-hocked
and alone in the sun.

That autumn, just after first snow,
you didn't come for evening
milking.

I found you folded by a tree, your
bag
shriveled and dry, too tired, too old
to even open your eyes.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

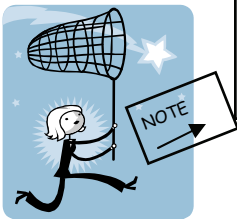
2008 4-H Family Strengthening Awards

The Annie Casey Foundation, in partnership with 4-H is awarding 5 cash awards for programs of **DISTINCTIONS** that benefit families Find out **MORE !**

<http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/4HfamiliesProgram.aspx>

MAY 17 9:00 A.M. **Quality Assurance Workshop! @ U of A! farm**

- **Huge** opportunity to **complete** or **renew** your **QA** for **THREE MORE YEARS!** !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Learn from the *best* : **Dr. Marcello** from the **U of A** meat Science Department has agreed to take us into the nice (and cold)! Meat lab and teach us "hands on" what a good quality market animal should look like. He is the best in the country and we are so lucky to have him to teach us. Not only is this a **REQUIREMENT** for market and livestock exhibitors, it is extremely interesting and educational. I know with words like that I just scared off half of our 4-her's! But did I mention **REQUIREMENT FOR SHOWING AN ANIMAL AT THE FAIR** ???? Horse , dogs, rabbits, parakeets... **THEY ALL COUNT!**
- Also you can see what a great place the U of A farm is for your Agriculture Career and **FUTURE!** ? !!!!!!!!! YES! *(It will also be fun as it **ALWAYS** is when we get **TOGETHER!**
- If you have done your QA recently, it will buy you an **additional 3 years!!!!!!!!** This is the **best we can offer** . So please save **MAY 17@9:00a.m.** **FOR THIS IMPORTANT DAY!**



Because of the quality assurance workshop the High way clean-up for San Rafael will be postponed until further notice.

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING !
MAY 10, AT 9:00 a.m. at he WILHELMS RESIDENCE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 281-2994!



MANDATORY BEEF TAG AND WEIGH In!
May 8, 5:00 p.m. (bring your BOVINE)!

Minutes and news from you local chapters! You might want to read `em~!

The March **San Rafael 4-H Club** meeting was held on April 14, 2008, at the Patagonia Community Church. President **Sonora** called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm. **Katie** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Shane** led the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was completed and the secretary's report was approved. The treasurer's report was approved as read with \$5559.75 in the account. Special guest **Debbie Gonzales** discussed a great community service project, "Neck Coolers" to help out our overseas soldiers. **Tami** reminded everyone of the up coming Mandatory beef weigh in on May 8th. Barbara reminded everyone of the summer horse camp. Melody talked to the club about the Make It and Take It project she is working on. Tina needs help from 4-Hers at the Quarter Horse Show may 9 to 11. Highway Cleanup set for May 17th. Melody to get the necessary papers and vests. The white elephant prize drawing went from Shane to Nash. **Lindsay** planned the May meeting. Drinks/Cups: Shane. Snacks/Napkins: Katie. Pledge of Allegiance: Nash. 4-H Pledge: Savvy. No demonstrations to be given in May. Demonstrations from the April meeting were by **Shane** who gave us instructions on how to make a solar cooker and by **Lindsay** who showed us how to make a summer cocktail. Character Counts! The club sang Happy Birthday to April babies. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33.
Tamara Cubillas

Mtg. April 10, 2008 **MUSTANG CLUB**

Called to order at 6:43pm. Pledges were done by **Katee and Zach**.

SEESI is looking for volunteers to help serve dinner from about 5:45 to 7:45 on Sat, April 12th. They need about 6 to 8 people to serve at the auction/dinner. Wear nice clothes. People who are interested, see Kyle after the meeting.

S/T reports had two changes, Horse project has not finished the excavation of the dead horse, and Swine did not have a meeting on March 8th.

Reminder that all cell phones need to be put away or turned off during meeting, they will be taken away if you are texting.

Discussion Items:

JOLT camp is coming up. Total cost is \$195, it is due to the 4H office in May. High school age is allowed to go, nobody under 14. Wild About The **Grasslands Camp** is coming during the summer, from June 16-20th. \$125 for the whole week. Really fun! May 19th is the deadline for registration and fees due. Talk to **Carina Dimmerling** if you have questions or to register. Quality Assurance training sometime in June.

Decision Items:

No new BIZ

No old BIZ

Project Reports:

Lamb: Three families went to SALA Show on March 29th, really fun and informative, judge was good, learned lots about finishing and growth. **Alpaca:** Had meeting and worked on halter training and identifying the different colors. **Beef:** Had meeting before community meeting and worked on how to show calves and use the show stick properly. **Horse:** Had meeting on Sun, April 6th and worked on poles and barrels. Shooting Sports: Trying to get money for the project

Leaders Reports:

Cooking: Meeting on April 26th, getting ready for the fundraiser in June. Lamb: Meeting on 29th at 6 pm at the Coleman's house. **Photography:** Saturday night is delayed for landscape photos, talk to **Mr. Rossen** after the meeting. **Swine:** Going to the Pima County Fair on either the 17th or 18th of April, waiting for pigs to be born.

Shooting Sports: Last Wed, April 2nd Arizona Rangers had a meeting and had some discussion about 4H shooting sports club getting money., guns came and need to be cleaned. **Horse:** Trail Ride on 15th of March at Sonoita Creek, if you have a Bobcat tractor, come talk to her. **Sewing:** Saturday 12th 10-12 at the **Rossen's** house, bring bags and skeins for bags and pants, see her after the meeting. **Rabbit:** Bake Sale fundraiser on Saturday May 3rd, talk to her. Community Service: Adopt-A-Soldier boxes went out, Lemonade Stand for pediatric cancer on May 31st, talk to **Valerie** or **Brady Burleson** for details.

Demos:

Taylor-Cockroaches

Katie Coin- Smores

Reminders for next month's snacks and drinks

Tina Letarte needs volunteers for the horse races, 15 or 16 years old, get paid for it, last weekend of April and first weekend of May.

Record books for new members, talk to **Melody**.

MINUTES CONTINUED

March 13, 2008

Called to order at 6:36 pm. Pledges were done by **Michael** and **Amy**. **Graysen** did a demo on emergency livestock care. Sec/Treas reports were approved as read.

Decision Items-NONE

New Biz

Melody came and handed out record books and enrollment forms. Reminders to keep up on them throughout the year, JOLT is coming, everybody got membership cards, if you need drop forms; call Melody at the office, if you are interested in becoming a teen leader, call Melody at the office.

Project Reports

Sheep had a meeting the last Tuesday of February and set goals for the year, and talked about where to get lambs.

Clover Kids are selling packets of flower seeds for \$1 to pay for irrigation. **Beef** had meeting before the Community meeting. **Sewing** had a meeting and only a few people showed up, so they cut pant legs. **Horse** had a meeting at the Steklis' house and finished the excavation of the dead horse. **Rabbit** had a meeting and set goals and talked about rabbits. **Swine** had a meeting and talked about how to pick pigs and make pens.

Leaders Reports

Horse has a trail ride coming up to Sonoita Creek in Patagonia from Rio Rico, contact **Mrs. Parker** with questions.

Cooking has a meeting coming up on 29th of March making smoothies, bring fruit or juice. Archery has a shoot on 22nd of March 9-11 am, bring what you have. **Shooting Sports** has a group out of Sierra Vista going on Saturday and Sunday, \$10-kids, \$25-adults, can carpool with other people, not a 4-H shoot, contact Mrs. Wilhelm for details and RSVP. Ordered 4 air-rifles and 4 air-pistols, spent almost \$900 not yet touching \$1000 from AZ Rangers generosity, pleading Rangers for reimbursement, starting to plan actual meetings, parents must go to the first meeting. Swine has a meeting on April 8th, going to the Pima County Fair to see what to look for in pigs. **Lamb** has a meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30 pm, Breeding & Market, Conference Room at Fairgrounds, will go to the SALA show on 29-30th of March to look at lambs, will carpool, contact Mrs. Coleman for details. **Sewing** has a meeting on March 15th, contact **Mrs. Koweek**. **Goat**- Promote Goat was a success, good job, people learned a lot, after the meeting, all goat people need to meet with her. **Rabbit** has a meeting on March 17th at Fairgrounds, working on Showmanship and weighing the bunnies again, purchasing tattoo equipment and going to watch open division rabbit show at Pima County Fair. Some families are getting two newsletters, office will try to fix the problem.

Demos

LEAP kids-LEAP camp experience

Audrey-Hamsters

Ashley-Academic Decathlon

Kenneth-Motorcycle helmet safety

Reminders for demos and snacks for April meeting

Birthdays

Christina, Kristian, Amy, Jollie, Veronica, Monte, Amanda Foster

Mrs. George reminded everyone that they **need to be respectful during meetings, and after, if you cannot follow the rules and be respectful of others, you will be asked to leave.**

Adjourned at 8:03 pm

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AN ALMOST BIOLOGICAL DESTINY TO BE HOPEFUL



-MARSHALL GANZ

<http://cals.arizona.edu/pima/4-h/horsecamp/hcamp.htm>

All the horse camp details and sign up forms are here. They require that all kids bring and wear a helmet. It is first come first serve, don't hesitate, they always have more applicants that they can take!

Pima County 4-H Horse Camp is a 6 day residential camp for youth that focuses on horses. Campers receive over 15 hours of riding lessons from professional trainers. Demonstrations, guest speakers, arts and crafts, and team building games round out the camp experience. Below are additional details about the camp:

When: June 22-28, 2008. Campers and horses arrive 2:00 - 6:00 pm on June 22 and depart 9:00 - 11:00 am on June 28.

Where: Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds, Sonoita Arizona. To get to the fairgrounds, exit Interstate 10 on Hwy 83 (a few miles east of Vail), continue south on Hwy. 83 to Sonoita. The fairgrounds is one the west side of Hwy 83, one block south of Hwy 92 (the Hwy 83/Hwy 92 crossing is the main intersection in Sonoita).

Cost: Registration is \$275 which includes program, food, dorm space, photo CD. **Registration fee DOES NOT include shavings this year.** Please bring enough shavings for the week. In addition to the registration fee, there will be a \$30 cattle fee for those involved with sorting or fundamental roping. All campers are required to submit a \$10 refundable stall cleaning deposit with their registration. Scholarships in the amount of \$100 are available. Registration deadline is May 16, 2008.

Refunds: Registration fees may be refunded in full if a request for refund is received in writing by May 16, 2008. Fifty percent of the registration fees may be refunded if a request for refund is received in writing by May 30, 2008. After May 30, 2008 registration fees are non-refundable.

Housing: Campers are housed in the fairgrounds exhibit halls. Campers bring their own cots and bedding.

Horse Requirements: Campers are required to bring their own horse. Horses are *not* provided for campers.

Horse Housing: Horses are stalled, one to a stall, at the fairgrounds horse stalls.

Disciplines: Campers select a riding discipline that they will work on the entire week. Disciplines are Western, English, Gymkhana, Sorting and Fundamental Roping.

Staff: The camp is staffed by certified 4-H volunteers. The discipline trainers are professional trainers.

Additional information is listed in the camp registration materials. If you have questions, contact Camp Director Penny Kollar at kollar1@mindspring.com 520-203-1072 or Curt Peters at cpeters@ag.arizona.edu, (520) 626-5161

See above for the PIMA COUNTY HORSE CAMP
 Need not be enrolled in a horse project
 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE CALL 281-2994



QUESTION?
 CALL THE 4-H
 OFFICE!
 281-2994 Ask
 for Melody!

CALLING ALL → * SIGN UP NOW!*
 → HIGHSCHOOL 4-H'ERS
 → JOLT IS COMING! July 16-20
 → SEE ENCLOSED FLYER!



MAY 2008



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Coy Hubbell	8	9	10 Ross Noon
11	12	13	14	15	16 Danielle Bell	17
18	19	20	21	22 Isabella Madril	23 Miranda Astrain	24 Fox Johnson Kyle and Clint Harrison Mueller
25	26 Rosalinda Astrain	27	28 Sommer Koweek	29 Sage Argyros	30	

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 8, MANDATORY BEEF (Only) Tag and weigh in .5:00 p.m. SSC Fairgrounds

May 8 Mustang Community Club Meeting 6:30 SSC Fair Building

May 11 Rattlesnakes Community Club Meeting 4:00 Rio Rico Fire station #2

May 10 Goat Show SCC Fairgrounds -info call: Leisa George

May 10-11 Quarter Horse Show SSC Fair Grounds main Arena volunteers needed! Call Tina -455 5553

May 12 San Rafael Community Club 6:30 Patagonia Community Church

May 15 Deadline for JOLT applications Due

May 16 Deadline for Pima Co. Horse camp Due

May 17 Quality Assurance workshop 8:30 -12:00 U of A Farm . A MUST DO!

*note May 17 highway clean-up * POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

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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/>



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Darcy Dixon—County Extension Director

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Animal Systems—Extension programs address beef, dairy, and horse production, including the health and well-being of these animals. This research and education seeks to improve productivity and increase the quality, composition, safety, and desirability of animal products. Programs promote the use of integrated and long-term, sustainable production systems that are compatible with arid environments.

Environment and Natural Resources—Extension programs educate decision-makers, managers, and the public in the management and use of renewable natural resources including wildlife, fisheries, rangelands, forest, watersheds, and other landscapes in both private and public ownership. These programs emphasize the sustainable use of natural resources, environmental protection, public policy issues as well as resource assessment, monitoring and management.

Plant Systems—Extension programs focus on the production of field and forage crops (cotton, grains, alfalfa, etc.), vegetable crops, and landscape plants. Optimal and sustained productivity is based on best management practices, the molecular genetics of plants, and an understanding of molecular, plant, microbe, and insect interactions. The program emphasizes pest management and disease, adaptability, and use of plants in arid environments.

Family, Youth, and Community—Extension programs target diverse youth, family, and community needs including effective parenting, violence prevention, resource management, responsible decision making, leadership and access to community support systems. County and campus based faculty, including members of the School of Family and Consumer Resources, Department of Nutritional Sciences, Department of Ag Education, the College of Architecture, and the College of Medicine help Arizona residents become healthy, financially secure and responsible members of society.

Human Nutrition, Food Safety and Health—This program area focuses on the relationship of nutrition to health including disease prevention and food safety. Programs include Extension Food and Nutrition Program (EFNEP), osteoporosis education, healthy life-styles including physical activity, and successful aging. The overall safety and quality of food for human consumption is addressed by programs in animal and plant health, stored feed and food products, transportation, processing and consumer handling.

Marketing, Trade and Economics—Programs address crop budgets, economic impacts of public policy issues, direct farm marketing, and the economic evaluation of the impact of economic development on natural resources and the environment.

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