



Santa Cruz County   
4-H Youth Development

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ENOUGH

Recently I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the mother said, 'I love you and I wish you enough.'

The daughter replied, 'Mom, our life together has been more than enough.

Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom.'

They kissed and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see she wanted and needed to cry.

I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, 'Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?'

'Yes, I have,' I replied. 'Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?'

'I am old and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral,' she said.

'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?'

She began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.'

She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail and she smiled even more. 'When we said, 'I wish you enough', we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.'

Then turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory.

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I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

**I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.**

She then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

-Anonymous

May your and yours “get enough” during this very special time .



Love, The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

Melody, Dean, Jazmin and Darcy

**The San Rafael 4-H Club extends county wide invitation!**

All 4-H members countywide to join them in singing Christmas Carols on **December 19th at 5pm** in **Patagonia** in front of the **Community Church** (across from the public restrooms) . We will drive through town singing carols, then join in for the fun of sharing the baked goods you will provide and the hot Chocolate San Raffle will provide afterwards in the church hall. What to bring: Flashlight and a baked good to share. What to wear: warm clothes, head covers, gloves and blankets. We look forward to seeing you there!

San Rafael is still collecting the following for the Operation Snowflake program through TAMMS (Tucson Area Marine Moms) which sends boxes of goodies from home to the Marines. Just a reminder, this falls under community service.

Adult tube socks, black or white, Thermal care Heat wraps, Adult Bow hunting Gloves, Hand Warmers, Foot Warmers, Individual packets of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, creamer, sugar, fun toys to entertain with, Lego's, Matchbox Cars are the like, Silly Putty, Crossword puzzles, Hand held sports games, Card games, Rubik's Cubes, Frisbees, Yo-Yo's, small travel board games, silly string or cash donation's. Any questions? Contact Tami at 455-5561, leave a message.

**4-H Showcased at Empire Ranch Roundup!**

November 1st was the Annual Empire Ranch Roundup and for the second year in a row, the Santa Cruz County 4Hers showcased their animals and various projects. Fox Johnson received many compliments regarding her beautiful leatherwork and her pack goats. Carina and Caitlin Dimerling proudly displayed their rabbit, dairy goats and their family-generated soaps and beauty supplies, along with goat cheese and ice cream. Savannah Foster assisted with the yummy cheeses and took many delighted children on goat-driven wagon rides, while Annika Coleman allowed many young admirers cuddle and pet her Nigerian Dwarf doeling, Twix, who loved the attention. Caitlyn Coleman brought a few of her ewes and answered many questions about the sheep project. She did a nice job as Miss 4H 2008, answering questions about our local 4H program and encouraging families from all over to get involved with their county's 4H program.

The Empire Ranch Foundation works hard to help preserve the local history as well as inform and educate people about agriculture, rural living and ranch management. It is wonderful to watch our 4Hers represent 4H in a positive manner and promote the program. Thank you to all the families that participated this year and maybe we can add to our area at the Roundup next year with more projects and youth.

**The American Red Cross is sponsoring HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES!**

**This is the time of year we gather with our family for the Holydays. Let us remember those who are standing proud for our country and the freedom to do just that.**

**Letters must be postmarked no later than December 10, 2008**

**The address is:**

**HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES**

**P.O. Box 5456**

**Capitol Heights MD.**

**20791-5456**

**For more information log on to [www.redcross.org/holidaymail](http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail)**

**Please let someone know we wish them a very happy holiday!**

# Achievement Night 2008

This year's 4-H achievement night was held promptly at 4:00 p.m. at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds. Dean and Bills burgers and dogs were hot off the grill and served up along side of some of the finest in side dish pot luck cuisine. 4-H families from Rio Rico to Elgin were gathered to acknowledge the completers' and our volunteers .

With the help of many , our 4-H year was culminated nicely by this night. Masters of Ceremonies were the Mr. and Miss 4-H elect. CAITLYN COLEMAN and KYLE ETCHART. They did an OUTSTANDING JOB of moving things along presenting the awards. THANK YOU GUYS!

I am proud to say we were at 99% attendance! The NEWMAN and LOCKE family traveled 100 miles up hill both ways (with a head wind) horseback to attend. Along with Mr. and Mrs. Duke from Rio Rico. ALEX and CRISTIAN DUKE were unable to attend as they were attending a JOLT PLANNING conference. They are both JR and Senior counselors this year. We are very proud of them. (Once again I will be taking a bus load up there this year to see them in action! So be thinking about it! -June 2009)

The Entertainment portion of the night left not one of us laughing and/or applauding. Our most gifted singers, TAYLOR BURLESON and CASSIE WILHELM sang (my favorite) song. The National Anthem. We were also in the holiday spirit after LACEY ROBINSON , TAYLOR BURLESON, SAVANNAH FOSTER, CASSIE WILHELM and CREW sang and danced A popular Christmas song "Jingle Bell Rock".

The highlight of the evening however, was the highly sought after 4-H Queen Contest. It was professionally calculated and was a hard fought battle. Especially the open city hall type of questioning by an elite panel of judges (hand picked by themselves) , as seen earlier in our national election. There was one clear winner after all. Congratulations Dean Fish . May your Pink sash and crown be worn with dignity and pride.



(anything for the kids right Dean!)

Your are truly a GREAT SPORT!

Thank you to all of you who helped make this year better then the best. Good Luck in 2009!


\*note: Small and Medium t-Shirts are ordered. I also have t-shirts for leaders!!! I hope to get them out to you at your community club meetings. Questions? Call or e-mail 281-2994/ mskiver@cals.arizona.edu



# December 2008



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 1st Perf NFR ESPN 8:00 ! 10 nights of RODEO Amy Finch!	5 Ride—Guevavi Ranch 3:00 p.m.	6 8:00 a.m.State Shooting Sports Pima Fairgrounds ALEX DUKE B-DAY!
7 Julia Moratta!	8 San Rafael Meeting 6:30 Patagonia	9 Nash Finley!	10	11 Mustangs Meeting 6:30 SCC Fairgrounds	12 LEADERS POTLUCK ! 6:00P.M.Patagonia	13
14	15 Kent Etchart!	16	17	18	19 5:00p.m. Caroling Party 5:00p.m.	20
21 Caitlyn Coleman!	22 Councils Meet- 6:00 and 7:00	23	24 HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!	25 	26	27
28 Mackey Sennyey!	29	30	31	Jan. 1st ! Happy 2009!!!!!!	2	3

Meetings at a Glance : (leaders!) need 2009 project meetings here - 

**San Rafael Community Club:** December 8, 2008 6:30 p.m. Patagonia Community Church Contact Person-Tami Cubillas 455-5561

**Mustang Community Club:** December 11, 2008 6:30 p.m. SCC Fairgrounds Pioneer Hall Contact Person-Leisa George 455-5608

**Rattle Snakes Community Club:** January 18, 2009 4:00 p.m. Rio Rico Fire station # 2 Contact Person Margie Fish- 281-1931 Note : For those of you looked for the November Newsletter... (There wasn't one!)

**Leaders Potluck-December 12, 2008, 6:00p.m.** Patagonia Community Church bring a dish and ideas to share!

**Caroling Night! Friday December 19, 2008 5:00 pm.** f a la la la lal alalalalalalaaaaaaaaaaaaa

**Livestock Committee-** meeting 6:00 p.m. Patagonia Community Church

**Leaders Council -**meeting7:00p.m. Patagonia Community Church

**January 3-4 LEAP Counselor Training #2** Sierra Vista Contact Darcy Tessman 520-458-8278

**February 14-16 LEAP CAMP** Huachuca Oaks Camp Herford ,Arizona.

**MARCH 1st 2008 5:00 p.m.** all Market animals Enrollments Due!

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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>



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Darcy Dixon—County Extension Director

Your local Extension Office conducts additional educational programming in the areas of:

**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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