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Pre-EXPO Dog Show and Judging Event April 10, 2004 10:00 a.m. Farbenholt Dog Kennels Dewey, Arizona

The Dog Gone Dewey Wranglers are inviting all 4-H members enrolled in the dog project to come and participate in Obedience and Showmanship Classes. There will be a regulation AKC Ring for Obedience and a large rope ring for showmanship. Awards will be given for High Point in both Obedience and Showmanship as well as 1st-4th place for each class in each discipline.

In addition there will be judging classes for any 4-H member interested in participating in a countywide judging event.

There is no cost for either event. Please contact Jeri Holton for directions and further information at 928-632-7557.



Western Warehouse Supports Local 4-H Organization

Community can contribute to their local county 4-H by participating in Western Warehouse's first "The Power of YOUth" fundraising drive.

Western Warehouse launches its first annual "The Power of YOUth" fundraising drive to benefit the local 4-H organization on March 1 through April 17. Customers and community members will be able to add one dollar to their purchase that will be directly donated to Yavapai County 4-H.

"As a company we believe in supporting the communities in which we do business. We are proud of our partnership with the Yavapai County 4-H, and we will continue to assist in providing opportunities for the children in our local areas." said Carrie McDermott, President and CEO of Western Warehouse.

All donations are tax deductible and 100% of "The Power of YOUth" proceeds will be received by Yavapai County 4-H. Contributions can be made at the Western Warehouse at 7321 Pav Way in Prescott Valley.

**4-H/FFA EXPO COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

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Thursday, April 13, 2004

6:30 p.m.

**Cooperative Extension Office
840 Rodeo Dr. Bldg C
Prescott, AZ**

This meeting is open to all currently enrolled 4-H/FFA members, certified 4-H Volunteer Leaders, 4-H Resource Leaders and FFA Advisors who work within Yavapai County. To have a voting right you must be actively serving on the EXPO or Sale Committee.



US Animal Identification Plan Website

Over the next couple of years we will witness a dramatic change in protecting US animal agriculture. Goals include:

All states have a premises identification system in place by July, 2004; unique individual or group/lot numbers available by February, 2005; all cattle, swine and small ruminants uniquely identified for interstate movement by July, 2005. All species similarly identified by July, 2006. The system is supposed to retrieve that information within 48 hours of a disease outbreak.

Plans are still being drawn up for much of this huge and costly undertaking. To keep up with this issue as it develops, bookmark the website <http://www.usaip.info/> There may be an important educational role for 4-H and FFA in "getting the word out" as this develops. Certainly we will want our youth to be in the forefront of those getting premises identification numbers, and unique animal lot numbers.

AZ Beef Ambassador Contest

The purpose of the National Beef Ambassador Program is to train youth spokesperson for the beef industry. In preparation for the competition, contestants become knowledgeable about the nutritional and economic values, by-products, food safety and versatile uses of beef. Trained youth ambassadors can address issues and misconceptions in schools, workplaces, and in their communities, urban and rural alike. Contestants participating in the National Beef Ambassador competition give a five to eight minute oral presentation about beef or the beef industry. It can be a specific idea or an overview relating to the marketing or handling of beef or the positive image of beef in the agriculture community.

The Arizona State Cowbells sponsor the state contest in preparation for the national competition. Our local winner will travel with the State Beef Ambassador Director to the national competition being held in Sheridan, Wyoming on September 30 through October 2, 2004.

There are also other opportunities for travel within the state to promote the beef industry. A \$1500.00 award will be given to the Arizona winner with opportunities for further financial awards at the national level. Age qualifications for the national competition is 16 years of age by January 1, 2004 and not over 19 as of October 1, 2004. The state also sponsors a junior competition in which contestants give the same type of presentation. Junior contestants must be 9 years old by January 1, 2004 and not over 15 by October 1, 2004. The junior contestant are not eligible for travel, but the winner will receive award money. More specific details will be sent to those interested in participating in the state competition to be held in July, 2004 at the Prescott, Resort, Prescott, Arizona.

More information on the National Beef Ambassador Competition is available on the American National Cattle Women website—www.ancw.com If you are interested in receiving an Arizona contestant packet, they may contact Janice Bryson by email at janice.bryson@gte.net or by mail at 400 N. 96th Ave, #2010, Tolleson, AZ 85353.

Horse Committee Corner

Horse Committee Meetings Scheduled-

The Horse Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m.

April 14, 2004-County Annex Cottonwood Board of Supervisor's Room

May 12, 2004-Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds-Mackin Bldg

For additional information or to confirm meeting times and dates contact Karen Reimann, Committee Chair at 928-636-3953.

Member Representatives-Each club is encouraged to send a member representative to attend the horse committee meeting in addition to the leader. The same member does not have to attend each month. They will have full voting rights.

Yavapai County Horse Shows-

March 27 & 28 @ B Cross Ranch in
Cornville

Entries due March 12

April 17 & 18 @ Poland Junction Arena

Entries due April 2

May 8 & 9 @ Fann M Arena, Chino Valley

Entries due April 23

Mail Entries to:

Bonnie North
PO Box 11587
Prescott, AZ 86304

Entries are available from your project leader or at either Cooperative Extension Office.

Any horse member who has not attended an Ed/Prof Day must contact their leader and make arrangements with the Horse Committee to meet this requirement.

All members entered in the first show must have their record book current up to March 1 in order to obtain their number.

Reach Your Potential in the National Junior Swine Association

If you have a passion for the swine industry and want to become part of one of the fastest-growing youth livestock organizations in the country, then join the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) today!

The NJSA was established in 1998 to provide a network uniting purebred swine enthusiasts through a youth organization that offers competitive opportunities to reward excellence, enhance educational experiences, promote the value of pure genetic lines, and develop leadership skills at both the state and national level.

Our goal in the NJSA is to help you reach your potential in the swine industry and in life. Through leadership conferences, scholarship programs and competitive events, we strive to provide opportunities for youth ages 21 and under to excel in the swine industry.

Membership in the NJSA is free to all youth who are 21 and under as of Jan. 1. Visit our Web site at www.nationalswine.com. Click on NJSA, then Membership Application. You can join online and enjoy the benefits of membership today. You can also contact the NSR office for information by mail at (765) 463-3594. When you join the NJSA, you will receive our quarterly newsletter, The Pinnacle, and one complimentary youth issue of Seedstock Edge.

The NJSA offers something for everyone. Whether you enjoy the competition of the show ring, the challenge of breeding better genetics, or the camaraderie a youth organization offers, we have what you are looking for!

***"Journey of Opportunities for
Leaders of Tomorrow" (JOLT)***

June 14-18, 2004

Camp Shadow Pines, Heber AZ

JOLT is an Arizona Teen Leadership Camp, a camp designed by teens for teens. At JOLT there is a positive environment that promotes personal development, team building and self-confidence. JOLT participants enjoy activities that build trust, leadership and communication skills. The dynamic staff and inspirational workshop speakers that JOLters experience help make the week memorable. Conflict resolution skills and relationship building skills create the existence of the "JOLT Team" which instigates life-long friendships that are uncommon at other camps.

Applications are available at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or both Cooperative Extension Offices. Early bird registration before April 15 is \$125.00. Regular registration by May 15 is \$155.00. Registration is to be turned into either county office.

**2004-2005 ARIZONA
4-H YOUTH FOUNDATION
EDUCATIONAL GRANT
AWARDS**

This year the 4-H Foundation is committed to awarding at least 20 educational grants. Last year 21 of the 46 4-H'ers who applied for scholarships received an educational grant. The Foundation hopes to award more this year based on the success of a special scholarship fundraising campaign, the performance of the endowed scholarship funds and the quality of the applicants.

Eligibility and information sheets, as well as applications can be picked up at either office or be downloaded at:

www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm
The **deadline** for turning in applications to the **county offices** is **Mon, March 22, 2004.**

Arizona 4-H Teen Congress

July 13 - 16, 2004

University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona

You won't want to miss this year's annual event which will be held this summer on the University of Arizona campus. Come one, come all...experience the excitement! "Swing Into 4-H" will give you the opportunity to meet people and experience different cultures, make new friends, share a university dorm room, and gain perspective on campus life. Workshops, inspirational speakers, lively discussions, and hands-on activities will be the highlights of your Teen Congress experiences! Participants will enjoy the evening dances, ice cream socials, and a fun night out.

Applications are available at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or both Cooperative Extension Offices. Early bird registration before May 14 is \$150.00. Regular registration by June 4 is \$165.00.

National 4-H Congress

November 26 - November 30, 2004

Atlanta Georgia

Gather with top 4-H members from around the country in Atlanta Georgia for National 4-H Congress. Tour the area, meet with national 4-H sponsors and in general have a great time. Fifteen youth from Arizona are selected to attend with seven receiving sponsorships from the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation. Applicants must submit an application and portfolio/record book. Arizona delegates will be announced at Arizona Teen Congress. NOTE: The National 4-H Congress Portfolios are due to the State 4-H Office by or before June 15, 2004.

Applications are available on line at www.cals.arizona.edu/4-H/teen.htm or at both Yavapai County Cooperative Extension Offices.

Shooting Sports Training and Certification

Many of the clubs have asked about what it takes to include a shooting sports program for their group. According to Don Burtchin who is the volunteer coordinator at the state level in order to start one of these projects a certified leader must go through a state provided training. The next training is scheduled for June 4-6 at the St Joseph's Youth Camp at Mormon Lake starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$75 and covers food, lodging and training materials. Applications will be available sometime in April.



1st Annual State 4-H Shooting Education Event May 21-23, 2004 Ben Avery Shooting Facility

The First Annual State 4-H Shooting Education Event will be held at Ben Avery Shooting Facility on May 21-23. Please forward this information onto any 4-H leader with a program in the 4-H Shooting Education area.

The program and match bulletin is being made and will be forwarded to all 4-H agents and leaders that want a copy. There will be a contest in all areas of Shooting Education; Archery, Rifle (Small bore .22 & Air Rifle), Muzzle loading, Shotgun, and Pistol events.

This is an initial notice to put the dates on 4-H Agents and Leaders calendars with Shooting Education Programs. More information will be sent as soon as it becomes available.

Youth Project Loans Available through Farm Services Agency(FSA)

FSA makes loans up to \$5,000.00 to individual rural youth to establish and operate income producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA, and similar organizations. Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program. It must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor; produce sufficient income to repay the loan; and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience.

Eligible applicants will be between the ages of 10 and 20; live in a town of less than 10,000 people; and be unable to obtain a loan from other sources.

For more information contact Connie Skinner, Farm Loan Manager, for Apache, Coconino, Gila, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties at the:

USDA/Farm Service Agency
Navajo-Gila County Office
51 W. Vista #2
Holbrook, AZ 86025
928-524-3214 Ext. 2
928-524-6609 Fax

Members Have You Done Your Part??

Before Expo: Past buyers at the 4-H/FFA Auction inform us that a major influence in their decision to purchase an animal(s) is communication with club members. When they receive a letter from a member explaining the effort put into raising a marketable animal, it creates a favorable impression about that member.

After Expo: And just as importantly, if not more so, are the thank you letters to your buyers for coming out and supporting you as well as the 4-H/FFA programs.

**Natural Resource
Conservation Workshop for
Arizona Youth**

This workshop, initiated in 1962, selects approximately 35 high school students each year who have expressed an interest in the stewardship of the world we inhabit. It is a great opportunity for those who might be considering a career in natural resources or those simply interested in natural resources.

Students who are currently in the Freshman through Senior years in high school are eligible to apply. Students must have an interest and desire to learn more about the ecosystem in which we live. The tuition is \$100; however no student will be denied attendance because of financial need.

This year the workshop will be held at the St. Joseph's Youth Camp at Mormon Lake, south of Flagstaff from August 2nd to August 6th.

Applications and additional information is available in both Coop. Extension offices. Applications must be postmarked by midnight April 10, 2004

**Farm Safety Day Camp
Saturday, May 15, 2004
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Young's Farm
Dewey, Arizona**

The Yavapai County Cowbelles will be sponsoring a Farm Safety Day Camp for all youth and their parents in Yavapai County. Topics will include:

**Firearm Safety
ATV Safety
Fire Safety
Electrical Safety
Stranger Danger
Disability Awareness**

With other topics to be announced. Participants will be asked to make a donation of \$3, to cover the cost of lunch. Keep watch for additional information.

**Et-2 Fay Farms Sheep Sale
Sat. May 22, 2004
9:00 a.m.**

Theresa Grumbles, is the owner of Et'2 Fay Farm. She is a former Mohave County 4-H Sheep Project Director, Lamb Leader, and 4-H Key Club Leader. Her family has raised market lambs for over 10 years. Theresa first got a start in the sheep business raising lambs with 4 bred ewes purchased through the University of Arizona farm. All the ewes are purebred, registered Suffolk ewes. This season with 6 ewes, lambing is between March and April. Et'2 Fay Farm lambs average weight at 10 days old is 20 pounds.

Lamb selection is based upon the order in which a lamb is reserved. To reserve a lamb, a \$50.00 deposit is required. Deposits can be mailed or delivered to 355 Riata Valley Rd, Kingman, AZ with checks payable to Theresa Grumbles. For more information please call 928-757-3021.

**2004 Gila Invitational 4-H
Rabbit and Cavy Show
April 3, 2004
8:30 a.m.
Gila County Fairgrounds**

This will be a carrying case show. All carriers must have a bottom tray. All animals entering the building must be healthy, well kept and housed in clean safe cages. If in the opinion of show officials animals and or cages do not meet these requirements, the animals will be removed from the exhibit hall.

For more information and entry forms contact either Yavapai County Extension office.



LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT EXPO SEE YOU THERE! April 21-25 2004

Parents....Take Note!

As Expo approaches, please remember the following:

1. Thou shalt not feed, train and care for the animal, for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the showing, for thou hath made mistakes too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management, for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that their child is on time for all showing activities, for thou should not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt not forget that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.

Sportsmanship Expectations for Youth Participants & Parents

The development of sportsmanship is an important part of growing up. To become a contributing, competent, caring, capable adults, youth must develop sportsmanship. It is important for people to be fair and generous competitors, good losers, and graceful winners. All participants in 4-H and other youth

Of the following elements of sportsmanship before, during, and after their participation.

1. **Conduct:** Demonstrate and maintain high standards of personal behavior and conduct which become you as an individual and as a representative of your family, your club, your community, and the 4-H program or other youth program in which you are involved.
2. **Fairness;** Learn and follow the rules. Do not cheat. Be objective, honest and just in evaluating yourself and others.
3. **Honest;** Be truthful, fair and straightforward in everything you say and do. Show integrity. Do not lie or deceive. Do your own work. Do not understate or overstate your abilities, skills or accomplishments.
4. **Competition:** Accept that the nature of competition is seeking to get what others are seeking to get, involves rivalry between contestants to earn rewards, and results in both winners and losers.
5. **Courtesy:** Be well mannered in your conduct. Be respectful, thoughtful, considerate, cooperative, friendly and cheerful in your attitude and your behavior regardless of whether you do well or not, or whether you win or lose. Do not argue with the judges or program organizers. When you have concerns, questions, or suggestions, be polite in expressing them. Be pleasant and nice toward other participants, spectators, program officials, judges, the media, your leaders, parents, and others. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Treat people, animals, and things kindly. Hide your humor and keep your emotions under control.
6. **Graceful Acceptance of Results:** Accept judges' suggestions and the results with a positive attitude. If you are not selected as a winner or if you receive a lower evaluation than you expect, do not gripe, complain, whine, pout, make excuses, or say you didn't feel well.
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Congratulate those who do win and who performed better than you did. Recognize, appreciate and try to learn from the accomplishments and admirable traits of others.

Recognize, learn from, and try to improve your own shortcomings. Do not protest or make accusations unless you have proof and are willing to personally face the person(s) you are accusing. If you are selected as a winner or receive a higher evaluation than you expect, graciously thank the people who congratulate you. Be happy but do not gloat, brag, act conceited, or down play your accomplishments.

Finally, regardless of the outcome thank your parents, leaders, program organizers, sponsors, judges and others who helped you.

Calendar of Events

April 2004

- 10 Applications due for Natural Resource Conservation Workshop
- 10 Pre-Expo Dog Show
- 17-18 Yavapai County Horse Show
- 21-25 4-H/FFA EXPO
- 28-30 Verde Valley Fair

May 2004

- 1-2 Verde Valley Fair
- 8-9 Yavapai County Horse Show

June 2004

- 14-18 JOLT

July 2004

- 13-16 AZ Teen 4-H Congress

This I Believe...

What About You?

- **The 4-H member is more important than the project.**
- **4-H is not trying to replace the home, the church and the school, only supplement them.**
- **4-H'ers are their own best exhibits**
- **No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or leader**
- **Competition is a natural human trait and should be recognized as such in 4-H club work. It should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals in 4-H.**
- **Learning HOW to do the project is more important than the project itself.**
- **Many things are caught rather than taught.**
- **A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon pig is more desirable than a red ribbon member with a blue ribbon pig.**
- **To "Learn by Doing" is fundamental in any sound education program and characteristic of the 4-H Program.**
- **Generally speaking, there is more than one good way of doing most things.**
- **Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to be important, to achieve and to be praised.**
- **Our job is to teach 4-H members HOW to think NOT WHAT to think.**

Pamela L Denney

4-H Instructional Specialist, Senior

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