



# Cochise County 4-H Connection

## August 2006

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

### STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE

(<http://www.azstatefair.com>)

Sept.	1	Livestock
	27	4-H Building
	8	Horse Show
Oct.	1	Livestock Judging

### STATE FAIR SHOW DATES

Oct.	20-22	Youth Livestock
	20	Western Show
	21	English Show
	21	Horse Judging Contest
	21	Livestock Judging Contest
	22	Roping & Timed Events

### STATE FAIR HORSE SHOW QUALIFIERS

We will be sending out a listing of all points received this year in late August, after the last show, along with State Horse Show information. All State Horse Show Entry Forms will be **due to the Willcox 4-H office Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Aug</b>	12	SAILA Livestock Show - Douglas
	9	CCJLA Meeting: Douglas - Cochise County Fairgrounds, 7:00pm
	19	Western Horse Show, San Pedro Valley & Desert Spirits - Douglas Fairgrounds
	26-27	Plan & Play Overnight - Huachuca Oaks Baptist Tipi Camp
<b>Sep</b>	1	<b>All 4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due</b>
	4	Labor Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	9	Fair Workday, Douglas
	10	Dressage Show, Manzanita Mustangs
	13	Live Carcass Animal Judging
	16	Carcass Animal Evaluation
	17	County Fair Dog Agility Show and CGC Testing - Hereford, 7:45am
	19	Sheep & Goat Fair Workday; Set up Pens
20-24	Cochise County Fair	
<b>Oct</b>	6-23	Arizona State Fair
	21-26	NAE4HA Conference
	25-28	National FFA Convention

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## HEART OF 4-H VOLUNTEER by Susan Charette

For those who do not know, a "Grandmother's Flower Garden" is a quilting pattern using small six-sided scraps and muslin in an arrangement to give the allusion of a flower. Translation: a lot of hand stitching, using a lot of scraps.

Our "flower garden" is created by Roberta Edwards for her grandchildren and any other 4-Her who wants to learn the art of sewing. She uses simple tools: scissors, a straight edge ruler, needles, pins, an iron, a bag of scraps, and a lot of time. When I first met her (5-6 years ago) she was trying to train her young artists with ancient sewing machines. Although we both agree nothing sews or sounds quite like an old machine when it's working correctly, she did not have enough of them and they did not work correctly much of the time. She starts with simple tasks: iron the material (not your fingers) flat, cut out some pattern on the material (usually flowers), thread the needle, and best of all, "This is how a seam ripper works." She starts with simple projects: a draw string bag, an apron, and a pillow. By the second year they get to use a pattern and make a skirt (no zippers yet).

She is a retired school teacher. She can break anything down into small, simple steps. Each year she seems to pick-up one kid that just gets it and there is also always one that wants to watch the ceiling while pushing on the sewing machine pedal and thinks the material will somehow make its way through the process. All are welcome. She says boys are actually quite good students for this - very meticulous.

How many kids has she taught to sew? I don't really know, but I think she has been at it for nearly two decades. She spends two to three hours a day, generally three days a week for most of the summer. Things have improved. She now has more modern machines and each kid has their own to master for the summer (no more changing bobbins and thread three times a day). My daughter is making a formal dress (with a zipper) this summer. I was astonished and very reluctant when she announced her plans. Mrs. Edwards (normally called Granny) told me to relax, it's not her first formal dress and she will make sure she gets it done, one small step at a time. Maybe the best lesson she teaches is the confidence to try. "After all, we all have seam rippers."

## COCHISE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION (CCJLA) MEETING AUGUST 9, 6:30PM COCHISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS DOUGLAS

The next CCJLA meeting will be held at the Cochise County Fairgrounds in the jockey room. The fair will be here before we know it, so please plan to attend. Each 4-H club and FFA chapter should have at least one adult and one youth representative to CCJLA. Make sure your group is represented

## WESTERN HORSE SHOW SAN PEDRO VALLEY & DESERT SPIRITS AUGUST 19 COCHISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - DOUGLAS

San Pedro Valley and Desert Spirits will be co-hosting this event. Registration will start at 8:00am and the show will start at 9:00am. There will not be a concession so be sure to take your own lunch and plenty to drink.

Mail entries to:  
Jennifer Lewis  
7363 E Thuma Rd  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650



**Deadline for entries is August 12.**

## ROPING/TIMED EVENTS HORSE SHOW SAN PEDRO VALLEY & DESERT SPIRITS AUGUST 26 COCHISE COUNTY COLLEGE ARENA - DOUGLAS



This show will be hosted by the Cochise County College Rodeo Team with the assistance of Desert Spirits & San Pedro Valley 4-H clubs. It will be held at the Cochise County College arena west of Douglas. Registration will be at 8:00am and the show will start at 9:00am. Prizes will be awarded to Novice, Junior, and Senior highpoint and reserve. There will not be a concession and there is no seating or shade around the arena. Make checks out to Desert Spirits 4-H.

Mail entries to: Jennifer Lewis, 7363 E Thuma Rd  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

**Deadline for entries is August 19.**

**PLAN & PLAY OVERNIGHT  
AUGUST 26-27  
HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST TIPI CAMP**

Teen/Pre-Teen Council invites you to help plan the fall events for Cochise County. Help with a pool party at the Fair, LEAP Camp counselor training, Achievement Night presentation, and the holiday Lock-In. This overnight will include swimming, sports, games, food, and more. Organize a youth/adult team from each club to attend! Contact Darcy for more information and a packet of paperwork.



**COUNTY FAIR DOG AGILITY  
SHOW & CGC TESTING  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

The "county fair" final agility trial will be held at "Going to Grandma's" on Sunday September 17. We will try to beat the heat and have the first dog ON THE LINE at 8am sharp. (I know, that's late, but it's the best we can do.) That means we need to be there to help set up the course and be ready for briefing and walk thru by 7:45am. Linda Guerin will be our agility judge this year.

Coronado Dog Project will also offer CGC (Canine Good Citizen) testing that day to ANY Cochise County 4-H member and their dog. The cost is \$10. The CGC test is a ten part test given by AKC approved CGC evaluators. The dog must pass all 10 parts of the test to pass the test. Dogs who pass are awarded the CGC certificate and CGC may follow their name.

The CGC test is open to ALL dogs 6 months old and older, not just purebred dogs.

The test takes about 10 minutes for each dog. To be sure that enough time is allowed you should make a reservation by contacting Ruthann McCaulley at [hovowart@mindspring.com](mailto:hovowart@mindspring.com). For more information or if you have any questions please call Ruthann McCaulley at 378-2816.

Information on the test can be found at [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) - - click on CGC test.

Last year several dog project members took and passed the CGC test. This year we want to invite all Cochise County 4-Hers to be part of the test, even if they are not dog project members, since so many have dogs that they work with outside of the dog project.

Testing will begin at 7am - "overflow" will be done after agility. Order of testing will be first to sign up, first to be tested. Parents will be needed to help with the test - we'll need "a crowd" of 4-6 people. Brothers and sisters are welcome to come "help".

**RECORD BOOK REMINDER  
SEPTEMBER 1 DUE DATE**

Don't wait until the last minute. A key component of the 4-H and FFA educational experience is learning how to keep and maintain records of your project(s) and activities. It is also one of the requirements for entering an exhibit at the Cochise County Fair. Not to mention it is a skill that you will use through out your life.

Project records for 4-H and FFA must be turned in, or mailed, by **September 1** to the 4-H office in Willcox or Sierra Vista, for all project areas that you plan to exhibit at the fair.

**AWARD OF MERIT FORMS**

Award of Merit for members, clubs and Clover Kids are due October 1. Forms can be obtained from community club leaders.



**LARRY BECK SR. MEMORIAL AWARD**

The Larry Beck, Sr. Memorial Award is presented to a senior division 4-H or FFA member who is actively involved in the swine project. He or she must demonstrate strong leadership and character through his or her participation in the swine project, genuine cooperation with others, and an excellent attitude and friendliness toward others. Candidates must be nominated by his or her respective 4-H leader or advisor, or by other members regardless of club or chapter affiliation. For a nomination form, contact the Willcox office. Nominations must be submitted to the Willcox office by **September 1**.

**ANNUAL SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS**

Every year at Achievement Night (November 18), we recognize three special categories of awards. Please submit your nomination to the Sierra Vista office by **September 8**. Community Club leaders will receive the information packet for the nominations by mid-August. Contact your

community club leader to be sure your club sends in their nominations. (2) Outstanding Senior (Seniors who graduated May 2005); (1) Friend of 4-H; (1) 4-H Family of the Year; (1) Outstanding Leader. Members may self-nominate for the Outstanding Senior award. Contact the 4-H office for a nomination form.

## COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES GO ON-LINE

This year you will be able to use an on-line entry system to enter the 4-H and FFA Divisions at the fair. On-line entries will be available to officially enter July 24 through September 1 at [www.fairmanager.com/fairs/ccf](http://www.fairmanager.com/fairs/ccf). When you get to the first screen there will be directions that you should print out to refer to as you enter your exhibits. If you do not have internet access we will still be accepting paper entries. These can be requested from your community club leader or downloaded at <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html> under county fair information.



## IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION

**FAIR BOOKS:** We will not be mailing out fair books. They may be picked up at any one of the following locations when they are available or you can go online now at [www.ag.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html) for the 4-H portion.

**Benson** - Rocking R Feeds, Benson Feeds and Chamber of Commerce

**Bisbee** - Chamber of Commerce

**Double Adobe** - Sander's Market and B&B Feeds

**Douglas** - Visitor's Center, Chamber of Commerce and Fairgrounds

**Elfrida** - High Lonesome Feeds

**Hereford** - Ramsey Canyon Feeds

**Palominas** - San Pedro Ranch Supply and Morning Star Café

**Sierra Vista** - UA Cooperative Extension and Chamber of Commerce

**Sunizona** - Mustang Mall

**Sunsites/Pearce** - Mini Market and Richland Country Store

**Tombstone** - Visitor's Center

**Willcox** - UA Cooperative Extension, Maid Rite, Feeds, Stronghold Feeds and Chamber of Commerce

**FORMS:** If you are unable to access the internet to enter on-line and still need hard copy entry forms they will be available from your community club leader. Market Livestock Summary forms, and Small Stock Sale forms, may be picked up from community/club leaders and FFA advisors. All entry forms must be delivered or postmarked **BY SEPTEMBER 1**. DO NOT put off sending your entries — **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**RULES:** Be sure you have read ALL rules pertaining to your project before filling out your entry form and coming to the fair. ALL members (one per family) should have received a copy of the Cochise County Rule Book shortly after they enrolled. Questions - contact Susan or Darcy.

Fair books should be available in mid August. Check the August 4-H newsletter for pickup locations. In the meantime you can go to our county 4-H website to view and print the sections you need <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html>. Please contact Susan or Darcy if you have questions.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOPS

If you missed the Quality Assurance workshops in Cochise County, there are still two opportunities fairly close. August 9th in Patagonia from 5-8pm, contact Dean Fish at (520)281-2994 or email address: [dfish@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:dfish@cals.arizona.edu); or August 19th in Tucson, contact Bob Peterson at (520)626-5161 or email address: [peterson@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:peterson@cals.arizona.edu).

**CHAMPION BUILDING EXHIBITOR/VERSATILITY AWARD ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible, you must complete and submit with your building entry, the Champion Building Exhibitor form or Versatility Award form, by September 1. See page 10-11 of rule book for complete rules.

### **INSPECTION PAPERS**

You must bring inspection papers with you to the fair for **ALL** livestock, this includes breeding, market and carcass animals. **Swine:** You must contact the livestock inspector (1-800-294-0305) to have your hog inspected. **Cattle, Sheep, and Goats:** If you do not have inspection papers for your animal you will need to request a "Seasonal Self-Inspection Certificate" through the Arizona Department of Agriculture. You will need to complete an application form that can be found on their website at <http://www.azda.gov/licensing/seasonapp.pdf> and then return it along with \$5.00 and they will issue you a seasonal pass. If you do not have web access you can call (602)542-6407 to request an application be mailed to you. Do not wait until the last few days before fair to get your inspection papers. Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time, especially if you need a seasonal pass. Any questions contact Susan or your local livestock inspector.

**SHOWMANSHIP:** If you want to enter any of the showmanship classes, please be sure to enter it on your entry form.

**BEST COCHISE COUNTY BRED AND FED STEER, LAMB, HOG AND GOAT:** If your animal qualifies for one of the classes, be sure to enter it on your entry form. Proof of such must have already been sent to the Willcox office. You must enter, in order to be eligible. However, the class will be composed of only the highest placing animals that were bred and fed in Cochise County from each of the market classes.

**FAIR WORKDAY:** To be held September 9 beginning from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring rakes, shovels, pliers, paint brushes, etc. for cleanup. Lunch will be provided. A special workday will be held September 19 for sheep and goat exhibitors to set up pens.

**CLEANING OF PENS:** Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:30 am; passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times; pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.

**4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS:** Photography exhibits are due **ON OR BEFORE NOON, SEPTEMBER 9** (Fair Workday). Photography exhibits may be turned into Darcy at workday. There will be no need to fill out entry tags as they will be printed out by the computer information given on the entry forms. Photos will be taken to the fair (4-H building) and displayed beginning on Thursday, September 21. You may pick up your photos on Sunday, September 24, at 4:00 p.m. All photography exhibits must be mounted or matted and all entry information should be on the back of your photo in the upper right hand corner. You may either tape the entry tag or print the information in a (3x5 inch) area. **\*\*DO NOT** have entry information on the front of your photo.

**LIVESTOCK CLOTHING ATTIRE:** Refer to pages 17-18 of your rule book for required clothing attire. This also applies to the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.

**FAIR PASSES (DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!):** Only superintendents and judges will receive free admission. **All** others including members **must purchase a pass or pay at the gate.** Passes are purchased **IN ADVANCE** for \$6.00 per person for the four days. Fair passes may be purchased when you enter on-line, otherwise please send a check payable to **Cochise County 4-H, 450 S Haskell, Willcox, AZ 85643.** Passes will be mailed to individuals the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in September. **EACH PERSON NEEDS HIS/HER OWN PASS, WHETHER WITH A GROUP OR BY ONESELF.** If passes are not purchased prior to September 1, you will have to pay full admission at the gate. Admission at the gate will be (per day): \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, \$3.00 for Seniors, and children age 5 and under free. **NO FAIR PASSES WILL BE SOLD AFTER SEPTEMBER 1!**

**PROJECT RECORDS:** Project records are required of all 4-H and FFA members. They must be turned in to the Willcox or Sierra Vista 4-H office by **September 1**, for all project areas that you plan to exhibit at the fair.

**TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY,  
FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP**



**Character Corner**

This year all youth have to turn in their record books by September 1st. As a former 10 year 4-H member, I can honestly say that record books were not my favorite part of my 4-H career. However, as a parent, I clearly see the significance of the record book process.

Okay, I'll fess up. . . my children's record books are not complete, nor are some of them much more than blank sheets of paper. We have been crocheting, painting, sewing, making jewelry, and more since November, but it seems that writing down the experience has not been the highest of priorities.

On the other hand, there are some lessons that we have learned this year that would have never been obvious earlier in the 4-H year. A couple of months ago I started teaching a sewing class on Tuesday evenings. My daughter and I had been doing a little sewing on our own, but not in a very organized manner. The first project in class was a simple pair of pants with an elastic waist. Young people who had never seen a pattern worked for a month to complete their project. It seemed simple, straight forward, and easy.

The reality far exceeded my expectations. A simple sewing class was the forum for a vast amount of learning. Kids made friends, they jumped in to help each other, and they cheered for each person's tiniest bit of learning. If someone made a mistake, another grabbed a seam ripper to help "un-sew" the seam. After each step, they turned to the next student to help them learn that process. For some students one pair of pants was not enough and they begged for more to do. Others became experts at re-threading sewing machines and bobbins. And, all felt great accomplishment in their achievements.

Even as I write this, these simple words can not express the special atmosphere that is a constant at sewing class. It is positive youth development at its finest and I am bursting with pride for being a part of it. I lack the words to describe the experience on paper, but I will remember it forever.

My daughter's goals of learning to sew, making something to wear, and threading the sewing machine, are minuscule compare to the life lessons she has learned at class. And, honestly, isn't that the way it is supposed to be?

If 4-H leaders filled out record books each year, I would hope that their #1 goal would be providing wonderful experiences for 4-H youth to remember their entire lives.

**4-H/FFA PASS ORDER FORM**

**Due by September 1<sup>st</sup> to Cochise County 4-H, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox, AZ 85643**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of passes requested: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed.

### DEADLINES

<b>Aug</b>	12	Entries for Western Horse Show Due to Jennifer Lewis	1	Fair Pass Order Deadline
	19	Entries for Roping/Timed Events Horse Show Due to Jennifer Lewis	1	Larry Beck Sr. Award Nominations Due
<b>Sept</b>	1	<b>All County Fair Entries Due</b>	8	Special Award Nominations Due
			8	State Horse Show Entries Due to Susan
			9	Photography Exhibits Due By Noon

### Some Helpful Websites:

AZ 4-H Website: <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/>

Cochise County 4-H Website: <http://ag.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/>

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



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