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Don't Forget!

The next meeting of the Doña Ana County 4-H Council will be Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7PM at the CEO. Voting on the 09' Calendar and Budget will take place!



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County Awards Night Set for December 6th at the Elks Lodge

Our Annual County 4-H Awards Night will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Elks Lodge, located on Elks Drive.

There will be a catered meal by Parker's Bar-b-que and will be \$5.50 a person. We need a head count of who will be attending by November 14, 2008. So please come by the extension office to pay and make your checks out to DAC 4-H Council. It was voted on at the October meeting that the Council will cover the cost of the meal for each 4-H member who submits a record book and cloverbuds attending awards night.

It was also voted on that each family attending would be responsible for bringing a dessert.

We would also like each club to once again provide 2-3 Centerpieces that will not only add to the decorations for the evening, but will also be auctions off in a Silent Auction at the end of the evening.

There will be a decorating committee meeting after the Executive meeting on November 20th to decide on a theme and decorations. Please attend if you would like to help.

The dinner will be followed by the presentation of Record Book Awards, Meritorious Service, Honor Awards, Danforth Awards, Special Senior Awards and Honorary Membership. The new officers, advisors and ambassadors will also be inducted and the cloverbuds will be recognized.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 525-6649. We look forward to seeing you there!

Introducing Your 2008 4-H Council Officer Team!

Elections took place at the October Council Meeting for the new 2009 County 4-H Council Officers. They are:

President: Thomas Judd
1st Vice President: Kassi Grooms
2nd Vice President: Brenna Perez
Secretary: Holly Franzoy
Treasurer: Jeremy Witte
Song & Rec. Leader: Karl Lopez

Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful 2009!!



Club Corner

Please remember to submit your club corners by the 25th of each month. You may e-mail them to Sarah at donaana@nmsu.edu or bring it by the Extension Office.

Special Senior Award Interviews

Senior members who completed a Record Book and are interested in applying for a Special Senior Award must call Sarah at the County Extension Office and sign up for an interview time ASAP. Interviews will take place at the CEO on Wednesday, November 5th, beginning at 4:30 PM.

- If you are interested in applying to be
- a State 4-H Diplomat or Ambassador.
- Applications are due to the State 4-H
- Office by November 14th and can be
- found at the CEO or <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/4h/state-youth-leadership.html>
- Call the Extension Office if you have
- any questions.

Three DAC 4-H Teens Selected for the Mayor's Top Teens

Congratulations to Jaymin Jackson, Estevan Martinez and Brenna Perez for being selected as part of The Mayor's Top Teens of Las Cruces.

Honor by someone in the community who saw what valuable members of our community they are.

Made the final selection.

Way to go! You have made DAC 4-H Proud!

Jaymin, Estevan and Brenna were nominated for this

A group of volunteers from several service clubs and community members reviewed the nominations and



Wanted: DAC 4-H Ambassadors!

We are looking for Junior and Senior 4-H members who are excited about the 4-H program and want to share it with others! The team will consist of 3 Junior members and 3 Senior members. Applications and rules can be picked up at the Extension Office or at www.donaanaextension.nmsu.edu. They are due back to the Extension Office by Monday, November 17th and brief interviews will be held Wednesday, November 19th beginning at 4:30 PM. Sign up for an interview time with Sarah when turning in your applications.

Chosen Ambassadors will be announced at County Awards Night on December 6th.

Serving as a County 4-H Ambassadors is a great leadership opportunity and also a lot of fun! It is also a great experience for those of you thinking about running for a County 4-H Council Office sometime in the future.

Please feel free to call the Extension Office at 525-6649 for more information or if you have any questions.

Scholarship Information

4-H members who are graduating soon are encouraged to come into the County Extension Office and look through the scholarship book OR check them out online at <http://www.donaanaextension.nmsu.edu>

It's 4-H Enrollment Time Again!

It is that time of year when clubs are enrolling for the new year. Please remember that members must re-enroll for projects each year. Leaders distribute enrollment forms at the club meetings and these should be returned to the leaders. Project material is ordered from the project form, so if you do not request it, it will not be sent. Leaders who have filled out the screening forms need to fill out an enrollment form each year.

Enrollment deadline is February 1, 2009.



Senior Leadership Retreat January 16-18, 2009

The 2009 Senior Leadership retreat will be held at the Marriott Hotel at Louisiana and I-40 on January 16-18.

Sponsored by the State 4-H Ambassadors and Diplomats, the theme is "Get Your Head in the Game SLR XXX". They are excited about the program, which will give you leadership experiences that you will be able to use in your own club and county and for the rest of your life!

The cost to attend is \$165 per person (includes t-shirt, breakfast and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday morning, lodging Friday and Saturday evening and all workshop and program costs).

The community service project for this year is to provide donations for the Roadrunner Food Bank and the State Office is asking for counties to bring enough non-perishable food items to fill up the State 4-H trailer. The county that brings the most items will receive a prize. If you are not going to SLR and would still like to help collect food, please bring it by the CEO prior to January 16th.

Information and registration forms can be picked up at the County Extension Office and **registration and fee is due back to the CEO by December 10th.**

Thanks to all who helped with 4-H Cloverbud Share Fair and 4-H Awareness Day at the Mesilla Valley Corn Maze on October 18th. We had a great turnout of both 4-H Cloverbuds as well as older members who gained some great leadership skills.

A special thank you to Ana Lyles and her helpful staff at the Mesilla Valley Corn Maze for making it all possible! As well as Caliche's, Jim's Supermarket, Sonic, Dairy Max and Chick-Fil-A. We had a wonderful time and looked forward to next year's Share Fair!!



Calendar

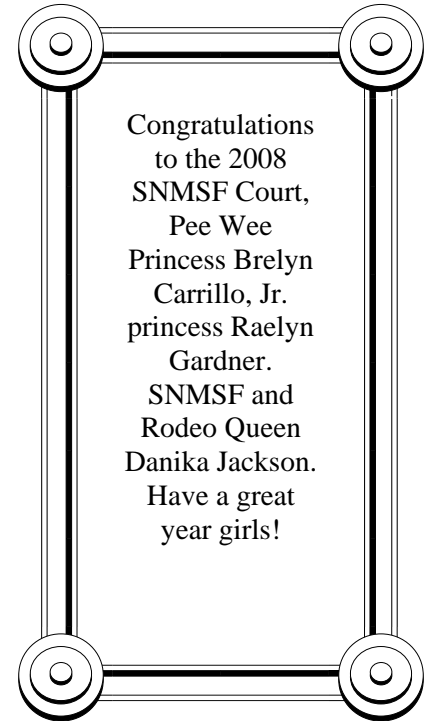


November

- 3-7 Judging Record Books
- 10 Council Exec. Meeting at CEO at 7PM
- 10 Awards night Committee meeting after Exec meeting
- 11 OFFICE CLOSED
- 14 State Diplomat and Ambassador Applications due to State 4-H Office
- 14-16 Leaders Forum in Albuquerque
- 17 DAC Ambassador Applications Due to the CEO by 5PM
- 19 DAC Ambassador Interviews at the CEO
- 27-28 HOLIDAY- HAPPY THANKSGIVING

December

- 6 Awards Night at Elk Lodge at 6PM
- 9 Leaders meeting at the CEO at 6:30 PM
- 10 Senior Leadership Retreat applications due to CEO by 5PM



An Invitation to Dona Ana County 4-H Club Leaders!



What: 4-H Leader's Meeting and Holiday Party

When: Wednesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30 PM

Where: county Extension Office



Rafa and Eva request the presence of all 4-H Club Leaders to discuss enrollment and hear updates on projects, programs and the 2009 calendar. They also want to show their appreciation for all you do by treating you to a Holiday Party.

Mailed invitations will be sent at a later date. Please RSVP with Sarah at 525-6649.