

The Pinal County Junior Livestock Committee (PCJLC) is aware of recent statements shared on social media regarding an incident involving a lamb during one of our events. We are also aware that, in the course of these statements, the Pinal County Fair was named as the target of concern, which is both unfortunate and misdirected given the circumstances.

Out of respect for the exhibitor and the integrity of our program, PCJLC leadership conducted a thorough review of the situation, including gathering written statements from those present at the time. Based on this review, it was confirmed that multiple individuals—including superintendents and adult leaders—responded immediately and made every effort to assist the animal.

While the outcome was not what anyone had hoped for, situations like this, though difficult, can occur within the livestock industry. We want to clearly state that there is no truth to the allegation that the animal was not attended to or that help was not provided.

Our committee is made up of dedicated volunteers who care deeply about the well-being of both the animals and the youth we serve. We remain committed to fostering a safe, educational, and supportive environment for all exhibitors.

We also appreciate the continued support and partnership of the Central Arizona Fair Association (Pinal County Fair). Our organizations work closely together to ensure youth in Pinal County have meaningful, educational opportunities, and it is important to clarify that the Fair will continue to entrust PCJLC with the management and execution of the livestock show.

We understand that emotions can run high in challenging situations, and we thank our community for taking the time to seek accurate information and support our youth and volunteers.

Sincerely,
Gary Dale
President
PCJLC