

# 4-H HUBS

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## LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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December 2015

Greg & Angela would like to wish everyone  
a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!



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### **Reenrollment is Due January 1<sup>st</sup>!!!!!!!**

This year all 4-H enrollments MUST be done electronically at <https://co.4honline.com> Any member who was in 4-H last year MUST enroll by January 1, 2016. We encourage all returning volunteers to enroll as soon as possible as well.

To enroll, go to <https://co.4honline.com> You will need to click on “**I have a Profile**” and login with your family email address. If this email address is incorrect, please call our office as we will need to update this before you can proceed. If you have forgotten your password or never set one up, simply select the “I forgot my password” on the login screen to have a new password emailed to you. **DO NOT MAKE A NEW PROFILE!** If you have any questions, please call or email Angela. 970-382-6465 or [fountainai@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainai@co.laplata.co.us)

### **Enrollment Fees for 2015-2016 4-H Year**

Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to accept credit cards, so you will need to mail or bring in cash or a check to the Extension Office. The fees have not changed and are:

\$25.00 for the first child

\$20.00 for each additional child

\$10.00 for each Cloverbud (5 to 7 years old)

Angela will not “approve” your enrollment until she has received your entire registration fee. This means that you must be enrolled and paid by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### **ALERTS!**

#### **County Council Meeting**

December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Next 4-H Horse Council** meeting will be on January 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Members & Leaders - **Don't Forget to reenroll!** Reenrollment ends January 1, 2016!!!

### **National Western Stock Show in Denver is January 9<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Leadership Development Conference (LDC)**

Leadership Development Conference is an annual State 4-H function that is open to Senior Level 4-H members. It will be held once again in Denver, CO on **January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**. This includes a trip to the State Capitol for a tour on the 26<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) and hopefully will allow us to meet with our local State Senators. We have the ability to send 10 senior members using our County funded transportation for this event. The cost for each member will be \$75.00 to cover the cost of registration, hotel, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 2 dinners. Please be prepared to cover the other meals. Limited partial scholarships will be available for this opportunity. Please let Angela know ASAP if you are interested

#### **Youth Fest**

The 2016 Youth Fest will be held at the Ponderosa Retreat Center in Larkspur, CO in February 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a camp for members 9 to 13 years old. It costs \$50.00 per person and is limited to the first 10 campers. Limited scholarships will be available for this opportunity. The cost will cover the registration, lodging and all of the meals. We will probably leave around 8 a.m. on a Friday and return in the afternoon the following Sunday. Come participate in fun workshops; dancing, games, building a bridge, and skits! Limited partial scholarships will be available for this opportunity.

## **New to the monthly Hubs – Livestock Record Book Corner**

Each month, we will provide helpful tips, answer specific questions, share quotes and success from past members, and keep everyone on track to completing their Livestock Record Books. Judges have said that since we started this new journey in 2013 with the current Livestock Record Books that the quality of the record books have improved. This is a great compliment to our La Plata County 4-H youth enrolled in livestock projects. This month, we want to clear up some confusion and share what our timeline is for roll out.

- To start, we would like everyone to know that Livestock Record Books are for the county only; they do not go to state fair. **They do not have a livestock record book contest at the Colorado State Fair.**
- Minor changes will be made to the record books and we hope to release them on January 4, 2016.
  - One change will be to add the supplemental pages (i.e. feed expense, health record, senior book inventories) as another tab in the record book instead of being in a separate place on the county website.
  - Current breeding supplemental pages will not be available in January as we are going to rework them to meet the skill levels of members and needs of certain species. Release date for them will be no later than March 1.
    - To clarify, these pages were pulled straight from CSU and La Plata County judges and members have found that the information required is somewhat intense for younger members or don't provide quality information that adds value to the book.
  - Guide books will have certain sections clarified and further explanation added per comments and concerns put forth by members, parents, leaders, and judges.
- Livestock Record Book workshops will be scheduled at county level. We plan to add a few more this year to make sure everyone has an opportunity to attend at least one. We would like to ask for feedback on what kind of meetings you would like. There are several possibilities such as meetings by age, by species, by club or meetings on excel formatting or computer use. Please let us know which would help you the most.

Even though, the Livestock Record Books will not be officially released until January, members can start thinking about what their goals for this year's project will be. You can make a list of your accomplishments at fair to put in the involvement records. Remember that inventories should be transferred to this year's book from last year's and then updated as items are used or removed from your project. Fair expenses and income can be the first thing entered in to this year's book.

Awesome news for this year – We will be giving a Champion Market and a Champion Breeding record book award for all age groups and species. Due to this great sponsorship – members will need to complete a record book for each project. You will not be allowed to put breeding and market in the same book as in the past. They will be considered separate projects and therefore will need to be separate books.

If any 4-H members have a different version of the breeding supplemental pages, please send them to Angela so that we can consider them in our reworking of these pages. Also questions, concerns, and comments are always welcome and given due consideration. We continue to strive to make the Livestock Record Books a valuable educational tool for our 4-H members.

Thank You - Teddi Baird-Tharp, Livestock Record Book Superintendent.

## S.M.A.R.T Goals

For project Record Books, we would like you to establish S.M.A.R.T goals. Here is a template you can follow to help you:

S.M.A.R.T Goal Setting Template

Brainstorm: Brainstorm possible project ideas and identify which idea you would like to develop into a goal.

Start writing your goal in parts: Specific: A specific goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal. To set a specific goal you must answer the six "W" questions:

Who: Who is involved?

What: What do I want to accomplish?

Where: Identify a location.

When: Establish a time frame.

Which: Identify requirements and constraints.

Why: Specific reasons, purpose or benefits of accomplishing the goal.

EXAMPLE: A general goal would be, "Pick up park." But a specific goal would say, "My 4-H club will pick up the Roam Free Park twice a week over the summer months"

Be Specific: Write your goal

Measurable: Set criteria for measuring progress toward the attainment of each goal you set. To be considered measurable your goal must answer the "H" questions:

How much?

How many?

How will I know when it is accomplished?

EXAMPLE: "My 4-H club will pick up all trash from the Roam Free Park, until the park is clean twice a week over the summer months.

Make it Measurable:

Attainable: When you identify goals that are most important to you, you begin to figure out ways you can make them come true.

Consider:

Attitudes, abilities, skills, and financial capacity to reach them.

Look for opportunities to bring yourself closer to the achievement of your goals.

EXAMPLE: "My 4-H club will pick up all trash from the Roam Free Park, until the park is clean, twice a week over the summer months utilizing a partnership with the city that supplies our club with gloves, bags and other needed resources.

Make it Attainable:

Realistic: To be realistic, a goal must embody an idea toward which you are both willing and able to work. Be sure that your goal represents substantial progress.

Consider:

Do we have the workforce needed to carry it out?

Have we identified all needed partners?

Do we have the time and commitment needed from our club members?

EXAMPLE:

We have 12 club members that would be willing to carry out this goal.

We will contact our city office.

Our Club Members can dedicate Tuesday Evenings and Saturday mornings for this project.

Be Realistic: (Answer above questions in accordance with your goal.)

Time Bound: A goal should be carried out within a specific time frame. With no time frame tied to it there's no sense of urgency for its completion.

EXAMPLE: "My 4-H club will pick up all trash from the Roam Free Park, until the park is clean, on Tuesday Evenings and Saturday Mornings during the months of June, July, and August utilizing a partnership with the city that supplies our club with gloves, bags and other needed resources."

Make it Time Bound:

Congratulations! You have a S.M.A.R.T Goal!

### **2016 Wipeout Obstacle Course**

Saturday, January 30, 2016

12:30 – 3:30 pm at Buckley Park

12th Street and Main Ave., Durango

La Plata County 4-H will be designing a section of the 2016 Wipeout obstacle course. All 4-H members and families are invited to take part in this family fun event. Greg will be taking input on design ideas and will need help on the day of the event. If you are interested, please call or email Greg after Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **2015-2016 World of 7 Billion Student Video Contest**

Create a short video – up to 60 seconds – about human population growth that highlights one of the following global challenges: **Deforestation**, **Public Health** or **Water Scarcity**.

All videos must include a) how population growth impacts the issue and b) at least one idea for a sustainable solution.

Consider narrowing your focus by concentrating on a subtheme within your topic. Possible subthemes include:

**Deforestation** - erosion, clearing for agriculture/pasture, impacts on climate, biodiversity or habitat loss

**Public Health** - spread of communicable disease, air quality, sanitation, maternal/reproductive health

**Water Scarcity** - aquifer depletion, water conflicts, pollution, impact on girls' education, irrigation

Four winners will be chosen for each global challenge at the High School level.

All students grades 6-12 worldwide are eligible to participate and win.

First place: \$1,000

Second place: \$500

Honorable mentions: \$250

Two winners will be chosen for each global challenge at the Middle School level.

First place: \$500

Runner up: \$250

**Deadline: February 25, 2016**

**For full contest details visit [www.Worldof7Billion.org](http://www.Worldof7Billion.org)**



# CME Group



## Scholarships

The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and CME Group are pleased to announce the 2016 Lois Britt Memorial Pork Industry Scholarship Program

- Sponsored by CME Group
- Managed and administered by the National Pork Producer Council

## Write yourself a brighter future!

The scholarship program was introduced in 1990 by CME Group and NPPC to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CME Live Hog futures. The scholarship was renamed in 2006 to honor the passing of NPPC Board of Director Lois Britt. Britt, a lifetime supporter of agriculture, spent 34 years with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service finishing out her career for 15 years with Murphy-Brown LLC doing Public and Government Relations. She was inducted into the NPPC Pork Industry Hall of Fame, the N.C. Pork Council Hall of Fame, and awarded the N.C. 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award as some of her many achievements.

With the marking of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Live Hog futures in 2015, the number of scholarships was raised from four to five awarded. The five scholarships are awarded to students who intend to pursue a career in the pork industry with hopes that they who may emerge as industry pork industry leaders their selves someday.

## To be eligible you must:

- Be an undergraduate student in a ***two-year swine program or a four-year college of agriculture***
- ***Write a brief letter*** indicating what role you see yourself playing in the pork industry after graduation
- ***Submit*** an essay of 750 words or less describing an issue you see confronting the pork industry today or in the future offering your solutions
- ***Obtain two letters*** of reference from current or former professors or pork producer/industry professionals
- Prepare a ***cover sheet*** with your:
  - 1) Name
  - 2) Complete mailing address, telephone number and email address
  - 3) School name
  - 4) Year in school
  - 5) Permanent mailing address and telephone number

## Submit the above items in a single envelope to:

National Pork Producers Council  
Attn: Craig Boelling  
PO Box 10383  
Des Moines, IA 50306-9960

## Or email to:

[Boellingc@nppc.org](mailto:Boellingc@nppc.org)

**Note: All entries must be postmarked by January 8, 2016.**

The NPPC will administer the program, read the essays, and select the winners. Essays will be judged on the basis of clarity and expression, persuasiveness, originality, and relevance of topic. Winners will be announced at the Pork Industry Forum in Indianapolis, Indiana March 3-5, 2016. NPPC and CME Group reserve the right to publish any or parts the essays submitted.

For additional information, please contact Craig Boelling at 515-278-8012.

### **Ovation Riding Boots For Sale**

These boots were bought on eBay practically new! They are girl's size 5 but were too small for the girl that bought them. They are \$60.00. If you are interested, please call or email Kari McWhirter - 970-749-4172

[memac491@hotmail.com](mailto:memac491@hotmail.com)



### **Important Dates in 2015-2016**

**\*\*Dates are subject to change\*\***

#### DECEMBER

- 3 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting & Christmas Card Signing Party - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 24-25 Extension Office Closed for Christmas
- 31-Jan 1 Extension Office Closed for New Years

#### JANUARY

- 1 **Last day to Re-Enrollment of Last Year's 4-H Members – previous year members may sign up after this date, but a late fee of \$30 will be assessed.**
- 1 Extension Office Closed for New Years
- 8 Leadership Development Conference registrations are due by 5:00 pm
- 9-24 National Western Stock Show – Denver
- 10 Catch-It Livestock Tour – Starting at 8:00 am
- 18 Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 21 Youth Fest registrations are due by 5:00 pm
- 23-25 Leadership Development Conference for Senior-aged 4-H'ers in Denver

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Durango Kennel Club Classes – Please bring vet records for the first class - 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall

- 3 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 5-7 Youth Fest - Statewide event for younger 4-H Members (9 to 13 years old)
- 9 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 15 Extension Office Closed for President’s Day
- 16 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 23 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- TBD Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due into the Extension Office by 5 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 2 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 4-6 Rabbit Camp
- 8 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 9 Catch-It Meeting – Birthing Class – 7:00 pm – Extension Building
- 12 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-in - 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. – Pavilion**
- 15 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 17-20 Four States Ag. Expo Montezuma County Fairgrounds
- 29 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 28-April 1 Bayfield, Durango & Ignacio Spring Break

APRIL

- 1 Deadline for all returning and new 4-H Members to register in 4-H and still participate in the La Plata County Fair**
- 6 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 6 Catch-It Meeting – Record Book Help – 7:00 pm – Extension Building
- 7 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 10 Catch-It Livestock Tour with Committee
- 12 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 19 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 18-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- TBD State Scholarships Due- See January HUBS for more information.
- TBD New Family Orientation

May

- 1 Last day to ADD Projects.
- 1 Dog ID Forms MUST be uploaded to 4honline by 5 pm
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 5 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 11 4-H/FFA Livestock Tag-in for Market Sheep, Swine and Goats (Durango Option), Fairgrounds 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (If you are planning on attending State Fair, you MUST attend this tag-in)**
- 14 4-H/FFA Livestock Tag-in for Market Sheep and Swine (Ignacio/Bayfield and Marvel/Breen Options) 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
- 21 & 22 Spring Fling Gymkhana & Horse Show – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 30 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day
- TBD Meat Quality Assurance Training – Extension Building



# Club Reports



## Animas Valley 4-H Club 11/17/15 Meeting

The Animas Valley club began at 6:58 pm on the 17th of November. The cloverbuds didn't have a meeting because they have all become new members! We had three guests joining us that evening and we got lots of, "Happy Halloween" letters from our catch-it sponsors. Then, everyone got excited about the door prizes since it was multiple peoples first time. Starting off this New Year, if you haven't already enrolled, that is due by the 1st of January, 2016. We had a marvelous report on the membership drive that went on and also we have a Facebook page that is up and running. One of our members has put a lot of effort into it to place a lot of last's year's community services and this year's pictures into it. There was also a leadership trip in Glenwood Springs that sounded like a blast. Mrs. Ott handed out our compilation pins from last year for our projects. Also, we are thinking about starting a garden club for our club to see if anyone is interested in gardening. Last meeting we also split into groups to decide what we would be doing for our Christmas meeting, community service, and fundraisers for this year. This year for our Christmas party we will be getting to the Grange at 6:00 pm to decorate the tree. If you want to be part of our White Elephant gift exchange make sure to remember to bring a great gift you know someone will love. Parents that includes you! Also, we will have a cookie exchange that people make and bring to our next meeting. For community service this year we will be helping out the Adaptive Sports Association and walk and just love the adorable pets at the Humane Society. We will also be doing our traditional Tea with the Grangers because they just love having us talk to them. We will help with the Fair BBQ and also get 6-7 members help in the kitchen of the Manna Soup Kitchen. We will send care packages to the Blue Star Mothers too. We are still deciding on multiple decisions for the fundraisers.

The 11/17/15 meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with everyone saying Happy Thanksgiving.

Sydney Flores, Reporter

## Bayfield Riders 4-H Club

The meeting of the Bayfield Riders was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on November 9th, 2015, by our Vice President, Roma. We had 11 members present.

### **Reports:**

Kaleb reported on the Rabbit Nationals show in Portland, OR. There were around 16,000 Rabbits at the show, and his Checkered Giant got 1st place out of 20 rabbits.

Jamie McDonald gave a Leader's Report.

### **Club Business:**

The Club voted to host a Christmas party at Kerri Holden's place. The party will tentatively include Carriage Rides, Games, and a White Elephant. This will be held on December 5th, around noon.

We also discussed possible community service ideas, and decided that each family would bring two cans of canned food to the Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Morgan also planned a game of Heads Up – 7 Up for the club to play after the meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Zebulun Shields, Reporter

## Florida Four Leaf 4-H Club, November 2015 Club Meeting

Our Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm and new officers were sworn in. The pledges were said and roll call was taken. There were 2 guests and several new members. Cloverbuds were excused to their meeting and the minutes were read and approved. Treasurer's report was giving and was approved as read. We then got reports from Ethan about the HUBS, Isabella gave a report on the last county council meeting, Mrs. Kali gave a sort report on the by-laws, Kaleb gave us a report on the Rabbit Nationals that he went to and we have 4 birthdays this month, Tony, Brock, Ethan, and Josephine. We went over enrollment and how to do it online this year. We also reviewed our poinsettia fundraiser and

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look forward to handing them out. A big thank you to all of you who bought a poinsettia and supported our club! Community service was talked about and Kaleb made a motion to buy games for all the low-income families at Florida Elementary School. The club voted to do this and will be shopping for the games on Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Kaleb also motioned to have a gift exchange at the next meeting, this was seconded by Isaiah and voted and passed by the club. Ms. Kali also went over Robert's Rules of Order and how they work with our by-laws. At the end of the night there was a Demo done by Jenna on Basketball, she did very well. Our next meeting will be Dec 8 at 6:30.

#### **Mt. Allison Go-Getters 4-H Club, October 12, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. Allison lead the club in the pledges. We had 10 members, 3 Cloverbuds, and 0 guests. Shaylee made a motion to table September's. Kaylee seconded it. Kaylee gave the monthly Treasurer's report. We discussed County Council and the Award Banquet. The club turned in their fundraisers, and also discussed Navajo lake as a community service. The Mt. Allison Go-Getters went over Re-enrollment. We re-elected our officers. The club went over reminders. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Allison made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

#### **Mt. Allison Go-Getters 4-H Club, November 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m. Kaylee lead the club in the pledges. We had 9 members, 4 Cloverbuds, and 0 guests. Shaylee made a motion to approve October's minutes. Allison seconded it. Kaylee gave Treasurer's report. The club was informed that our new T-shirts were coming. We discussed our upcoming Thanksgiving Senior Dinner. We also discussed our upcoming Canned Food Drive. The club assigned demonstrations for next month. Kaylee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Allison seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

#### **Mountain Shadows Club Report for November 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Gracie read the minutes from the October meeting. Angelina gave the Treasurer's report. Cloverbuds were dismissed to their activity. Members gave a report on the October Community Service which was trash pick-up. Stephanie reported on the Breen Grange Dance. We will be going to the mall in December to shop for the Angel Tree. We will have a club Christmas Party Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, bring a small gift to exchange. We will be ordering new T-shirts for the club this next year. Be sure to read your HUBS for important dates and information, and please get enrolled by the end of December. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Selene Stephenson, Mountain Shadows Club Reporter

#### **Pioneer 4-H Club for November**

Wyatt opened our November meeting at 7:33 by having Colt lead the pledges. Dakota called for the roll with having everyone say their favorite animal. Anabel gave her first treasures report. Then colt reported that our pumpkin carving ceremony had lots of pumpkins and lots of pizza. We decided that for our November community service we would bring canned food items to the December meeting to donate to the Soup Kitchen.

After a grueling logo contest we decided that our new club logo would be the cabin pictured to above. We are discussing having a Dinner / Box supper and Dance as a fund raiser for our Club, there was a committee formed of Isaac, Colt, and Annabel. Keep in mind that reenrollment is due by December 31st of 2015 and can only be done online. You can still add or drop projects until 5/1/2015 but you must be reenrolled by the end of this year. Our meeting was adjourned at 8:15

#### **Things to Think About**

Did you get reenrolled and have you paid the extension office?

Is there anything different that our club could or should do this coming year?

What should our community service for December be?

Do we want to do anything fun in December (sledding, Christmas caroling)?  
Time to start thinking about a good fundraiser for our club, any ideas?  
Have you told anyone about 4-H lately? You should invite some friends to our meetings or fun nights!!

**Westside Wranglers 4-H Club**

The November meeting for the Westside Wranglers was held on the 2nd and was called to order at 7:07 by Kayla Stevens. We discussed plans for our next meeting. We then made pizzas that we would each take to someone who needed it or to show appreciation. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:45.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

