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LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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The O’Rand Family would like to thank all of the 4-H members, their families and the community for helping sell the pig raffle tickets to help raise money to help our family cover the medical bills that have accumulated over the past 6 months due to the cancer journey that our family is currently undergoing. It is so wonderful knowing that we live in such a great community, and that we are a part of such an amazing organization. Each and every one of you put a lot of time and effort into this fund raiser and please know that it is greatly appreciated. We would also like to send a special thank you to the Wonderling Family, Cugnini Family and Angela Fountain for volunteering their time, organizing the process and also for getting the 4-H community involved. As well as the Mountaineers 4-H Club for purchasing and printing the tickets! Our family couldn’t be more thankful for all of your support through this difficult time!

Thank You Again,

The O’Rand Family

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Wonderful New Year!

Greg Felsen
4-H Youth Development

Angela Fountain
4-H Administrative Assistant

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Alerts!

4-H Horse Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 7 @ 6:00 pm in the Extension Building

There is no County Council Meeting scheduled for January.

The next County Council meeting will be Thursday, February 5 @ 7:07 pm at the Extension Building

2015 La Plata County Fair

August 5th to 9th

2015 Colorado State Fair

August 28th to September 7th

If you are interested in Learning about Knitting, Felting, Needle Art, etc. Please call or email Linda Smith - 970-884-0502 or smjam9@aol.com

****Please Note - You will not receive the February HUBS unless you reenroll in 4-H.**

2014-2015 4-H Enrollment is open until Friday, January 30th

There are 3 ways you can enroll:

1. Come into the Extension Office and fill out a form
2. Go online www.laplatacounty4h.org and print off an Enrollment form then give it to your leader or bring it into the Extension Office.
3. **Enroll online at home!!** Step by Step Directions can be found at www.laplatacounty4h.org

This year all 4-H enrollments can be done electronically in 4HOnline. Any member who was in 4-H last year MUST enroll by January 30, 2015. We encourage all returning volunteers to enroll as soon as possible as well.

THE LAST DAY TO REENROLL FOR ALL MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 30th*

**After Friday, January 30th, each returning member will be charged an extra \$10.00.*

Record Books for Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit & Poultry

Livestock record books and guide books are ready for your 2014-2015 projects!. You will need this guide book for instructions on filling out your record book. The record books and guide books will be available at www.laplatacounty4h.org.

Record Books for all Horse, Dog, General Natural Resource, and Family

Consumer Science

All Record Books are now available at the county website: www.laplatacounty4h.org. **DO NOT GO TOT THE STATE WEBSITE FOR ANY RECORD BOOKS.** If you have any questions or problems, please call Angela at 970-382-6465.

Christmas Tree Recycling at Santa Rita Park

Christmas tree recycling is available at Santa Rita Park starting December 26, 2014 through January 31, 2015. The City of Durango would like to remind residents that there is no curbside pick-up of Christmas trees. Residents may drop off their natural trees, free of ornaments and tinsel, at the drop-off site near the large playground area in Santa Rita Park. The trees will be recycled into mulch.

For more information please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 375-7300.

Youth Fest

The 2015 Youth Fest will be held at the Ponderosa Retreat Center in Larkspur, CO on February 6th - 8th. 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 the 6th and return in the afternoon of the 8th. Come participate in fun workshops; dancing, games, building a bridge, and skits! Limited partial scholarships will be available for this opportunity.

4-H Leaders Training

Western Region Forum – Tuesday, January 27th 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Thursday, February 12th, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm and Monday, March 2nd, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Each of these classes will be held in the Lightner room, upstairs in the Exhibit Hall. We will provide snacks and drinks.

Online Volunteer Training is available. Please let Angela know if you are interested and she can give you the link and password. We recommend that all volunteers complete these trainings. All new volunteers will be required to complete all of these trainings before they can start their volunteer duties.

Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Workshop

La Plata County was chosen to host a Shooting Sport Workshop for Leaders! This workshop is for anyone (4-H or not) that is interested in going through the 4-H Leaders training for Shooting Sports. The workshop will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds February 6th – 8th. Please call or email Angela for more information and the registration form. 970-382-6465 or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us

Sno-Ball Classic

Steer & Heifer Jackpot Double Show, at San Juan County Fairgrounds McGee Park - Farmington, NM.

Unfortunately, I will not have the date or information for the Sno-Ball Classic until January 8th. Please contact Angela, on the 8th, if you are interested and need registration information.

Important Dates in 2015

JANUARY

- 5 4-H Dog Project Educational Meeting – 4:30 pm Extension Building
- 7 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting - 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 10-25 National Western Stock Show – Denver
- 15 Leadership Development Conference registrations are due by 5:00 pm
- 23-26 Leadership Development Conference for Senior-aged 4-H'ers in Denver
- 29 Youth Fest registrations are due by 5:00 pm
- 30 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 \$10 will be assessed.

FEBRUARY

- 2 4-H Dog Project Educational Meeting – 4:30 pm Extension Building
- 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
- 6-8 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Workshop at La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 6-8 Youth Fest - Statewide event for Younger Members (9 to 13 years old)
- 17 Durango Kennel Club Classes – Only bring vet records for the first class- NO DOGS- 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 24 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 20 Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due into the Extension Office by 5 p.m.

MARCH

- 2 4-H Dog Project Educational Meeting – 4:30 pm Extension Building
- 3 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 6-8 Rabbit Camp
- 10 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 11 Catch-it Birthing Class (all members welcome) – 7:00 pm – Animas room, Extension Building
- 14 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-in - 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.
- 17 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 19-21 Four States Ag. Expo Montezuma County Fairgrounds
- 23-27 Durango & Bayfield Spring Break
- 24 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 31 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 30-April 3 Ignacio Spring Break

APRIL

- 1 Deadline for all returning and new 4-H Members and Leaders to register for 4-H**
- 1 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 1 State Scholarships Due- See January HUBS for more information.
- 2 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 4 4 Corners Horse Bowl – 10:00 a.m. – Extension Building
- 7 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 8 Catch-it Record Book Help Class – 7:00 pm – Animas room – Extension Building
- 14 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 19-25 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 21 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 25 La Plata County 4-H Horse Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. – Sky Ute Fair Grounds
- TBD New Family Orientation

Breen Dance!

Come join the fun with Mountain Shadows 4-H Club as we dance the night away!

Date: January 3, 2015

Time: 8:00 pm to 12:00 am

Location: Breen Grange

Cost: \$5.00 per person



Got Baling Twine?



Recycle it!

The Rock n' Riders 4-H Club is trying to reduce the amount of polypropylene in our landfills by recycling baling twine.

Drop off all your used, debris-free baling twine at Basin Co-op or the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

Questions? Call 903-6818 or 903-5741

State 4-H Scholarships

State Scholarship information:

Check out this website for all Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

<http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml> Fill out the application online and submit it.

2015 Scholarship Application Procedure Changes

- All application materials will be submitted using the electronic universal application form.
- No letters of reference, transcripts or signature pages are required. Students will supply the names of three people we may contact for references. Needed transcripts will be requested directly from the High Schools.
- All applications will be evaluated for the Murdoch's and Smith scholarships.

Helpful Hints:

- Fill out and submit only one electronic 4-H scholarship application form.
- The scholarship form must be completed and submitted in one internet session. We recommend creating a word processing file (i.e. Word or others) to answer of the questions. This will allow you to work on the application over several hours, days or weeks. When you have answered all the questions cut and paste the information into the online application and submit the form.
- Review the requirements for the CADA, Kimberling, Portouw and Sandstead scholarships. If you meet the requirements, highlight the boxes on the electronic application form.
- Questions. please contact the Colorado 4-H Foundation at (970) 491-1537 or 491-2768

Winners are selected by the Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship Committee

Applications will be accepted January 15 – April 1, 2015

[1st Choice After School Kare 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a college bound outstanding 4-H high school senior each year.

[Colorado Agricultural Development Authority 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

Five \$1000 scholarships are awarded to entering college freshman enrolling in an agriculture related program. The scholarship may be used to attend any Colorado college or university with an accredited agriculture program.

[Bill & Barbara Holthaus 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

Three \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding 4-H members.

[Kimberling Family 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a 4-H youth that has exhibited food animal projects at the Colorado State Fair and is enrolling in a pre-vet program at Colorado State University.

[Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

Five \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a college bound outstanding 4-H high school senior each year.

[Portouw Photography 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

A \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student that has completed at least three years in 4-H photography and has entered their photography in the Colorado State Fair for at least two years. Required four picture files from 4-H entries downloaded with application.

[Audrey Sandstead 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

A \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student enrolling in their first year in the College of Applied Human Sciences.

[Howard E. & Marjory M. Smith 4-H Youth Scholarship](#)

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a college bound outstanding 4-H high school senior each year.

[Charles and Margret Vezzetti Scholarship](#)

\$1000 Scholarship for a Fremont County 4-H Member to study agriculture at Colorado State University.



2015 La Plata County 4-H

Higher Education Scholarship Application

La Plata County 4-H is pleased to announce that we will be offering four (4) \$500 dollar scholarships to 2014-15 currently enrolled members that are in good standing and looking to go on to higher education in the fall of 2015. Applications are due by May 8, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Extension Office. Scholarship Award recipients will be announced at the June 4, 2015 County Council Meeting. Please use the backside of this application if you need to elaborate on anything or type up your answers on a separate document. Thanks and Good Luck!!

Name:

Name of County 4-H Club:

How many years have you been enrolled in 4-H?

Where will you be seeking higher education in the fall of 2015? (Trade School, College, University, etc.)

In what ways has your 4-H experience made you a better person?

How will you use your 4-H experience to accomplish your higher educational goals?

Vallecito Conservation & Sporting Association

INVITATION TO 4-H CLUBS

The Vallecito Conservation and Sporting Association have invited all La Plata County 4-H clubs & members to attend our annual wild game pot luck and fundraiser on January 24, 2015. There is no cost to attend!!!! This event is held annually to raise awareness of our organization, have fun and raise funds for our various programs. This event is held at the SCHANK HOUSE on the north end of Vallecito Lake. The pot luck begins at 1:00 PM with door prizes and silent and bucket auctions throughout the afternoon.

As a special incentive to the local 4-H clubs, there will be a special prize drawing for 4-H Club members and their guests who attend. Here's the way it works:

One lucky winner will receive a 20 gauge shotgun. If a minor wins, they will have to get a parent to accept it and pass a background check. We need to be sure that we are all in compliance with federal and state regulations.

So spread the word and come on up to Vallecito on January 24th, have some great food and lots of fun.

Please be sure to bring a pie or baked goods for the auction! Also, bring a side to share.

So they can plan for enough food please let them know (or Angela 970-382-6465) about how many people you will be bringing by January 17th. (Nothing cast in stone, just an idea so they can get that "wild game cooked")

Call Don at 970-884-6141 or Steve at 970-884-0296

Citizenship Washington Focus

CWA is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth. June 20-27, 2015, delegations of 15-19 year-olds from across the country attend this six-day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

For the first delegate, there is a three way split for expenses associated with this event. The Colorado 4-H Youth Fund sponsors approximately one third of the expenses for 1 youth, from each county, attending this event. The remaining two thirds come from the **Delegate (\$700.00)** and La Plata County 4-H Council (\$700.00). If La Plata County has more than one delegate, we will discuss how the cost (\$2100.00) will be split up between the delegate and the La Plata County 4-H Council.

If you are interested, please contact Angela 970-382-6465 and fill out an application. All Applications are due no later than February 20th.

Club Reports

Florida Four Leaf, 4-H December Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 PM by Ethan McInnes. Then Wynn McInnes led our pledges. After the pledges were led Jenna Baker did roll call and also did the Secretary's Report. The minutes were accepted as read. There were no guests or new members at this meeting. Then Cooper Knox our Vice-President gave Treasures report because Vinny Lopez was not able to make it. Then we moved to our Reports, Cooper Knox gave Hubs report and he went over why it is important read them. Then Kali Fassett gave leaders report. There was only one Birthday in December witch was Cooper Knox. Then Ethen McInnes talked about Kodi Grace McAlvain, Ethan announce that our club members are going to take a picture with a check in the amount that we decided on. Then we moved on to decide on a date for Christmas shopping. The Club went over that together we decided to meet at Walmart on Sat. the 13th at 3:00. We had motion was accepted and passed for Christmas shopping. Cooper Knox went over the canned good. We went straight to new

business Kali went over Hobo bags and showed us what to put in them. Sign-up sheet was passed around to get what was needed for the hobo bags. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM. Then we took the picture with the check and did a gift exchange.

By: Tommie Jane Knox

Ignacio Westerners

The Ignacio Westerners was called to order at 7:11 p.m. Guy Wright led us in pledges. Clay Sanburg gave us our treasures report. Taylor Jenkins gave us our minutes from last meeting and the county council report. Lucas Rodrick gave us a report on the week one of the wood cutting. Gary Wright gave the second week wood cutting report. We made it very clear when enrollment forms are due. Also make sure we have your email and number. Wren Bourrigue read the hubs. Then we got in to demonstrations: Keely Harper, Jenna Tucker, and Larissa Gallegos. The meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.

Reported by, Kori Jenkins

Mt. Allison Go-Getters, November 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Kaylee lead the Pledges. We had 9 members, 1 guest, and 4 Clover Buds. Cody made a motion to approve October's minutes. Lily seconded it. Kaylee gave Treasurer's report. Our leader, Teddi, reported on the Leader's Meeting.

Old Business: The club discussed and made plans for our Annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner on November the 22nd. Each member had to sign up for a dish to bring. We also made plans for Breakfast with Santa which is in December on the 20th at the Patio restaurant. Our club is making plans to do something for fun during Christmas break. We have a few ideas.

The club is also thinking about a new Community Service project. We need a new service because we have so many Clover Buds and its now too dangerous to do Highway Cleanup. We are looking into another fundraiser. This is still undecided.

New Business: The club discussed Bell Ringing for Salvation Army. Kaylee made a motion to table it until the next meeting and Cody seconded it. Fundraiser for Calvin Story's granddaughter was discussed. We donated \$150.00 and Allison made a motion to approve the donation. Hailey seconded it.

As a club we decided that we should start to bring snacks. Zoey made a motion to approve this. Cody seconded it. We discussed upcoming reminders. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. Eli made a motion to adjourn the at 7:49. Kaylee seconded it.

Mt. Allison Go-Getters, December 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. Joseph lead the Pledges. We had 7 Members, 0 Guests, and 3 Clover Buds. Kaylee made a motion to approve November's Minutes. Lily seconded it.

Teddi and Hailey read our Catch-it letters.

Reports: Kaylee gave our Treasurer's report and Karen (a parent) gave the County Council summary.

We all gave our thoughts on the Thanksgiving Senior Dinner.

Old Business: Breakfast with Santa is on the 20th, and we got our shifts. We discussed fun things to do during Christmas break. As a club, we decided to go bowling. Eli made a motion to move the date to January 3rd and Cody seconded it. A decision for a fundraiser has been moved to the next meeting.

New Business: Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army is canceled unless needed. Kaylee made a motion to approve the canceling of Bell Ringing. Hailey seconded it. Our new service is a canned food drive at the Ignacio Head Start on the 15th. The club discussed about Revising By Laws; 6:30 for meetings September-May and 7:00 June-August. Hailey did her Demonstration. The club discussed reminders. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50. Lily made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cody seconded it.

Eli Armendariz, Mt. Allison Go-Getters reporter

Mountaineers 4-H Club

Happy November everyone! The Mountaineers 4-H Club held our monthly meeting on November 13th. Bree Hawman; the new President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Florida Mesa Grange. Keyton Cugnini; the new Secretary called the roll of members. We did not have a treasurer's report for this month's meeting. Tiffany Cugnini talked about our October community service which was the pig raffle tickets for Jill O'Rand. Bree then went over all important information in the Hubs. Our club will be holding a trash pick-up on our adopted county road, 307 for our November community service on the 22nd of this month. We also planned out our December community service events and our Christmas party at this meeting. We will be doing the Angel Tree and Blue Star Moms for our community service. We also talked about the Story Family and the donation that we made to them of \$350. We also voted to donate \$100 to Rylie Wonderling to attend the National Western Stock Show in January with Royalty. Our new officer team consists of the following, Bree Hawman; President, Chantel Fugate; Vice President, Keyton Cugnini; Secretary, Shayla Walker; Reporter, Dalton Belk; Treasure, Breann Waddell; Parliamentarian. Bree adjourned the meeting at 7:49 pm.

Mountaineers 4-H Club

Happy December everyone and happy holidays! The mountaineers held our monthly meeting on December 13th 2014! Breann Hawman, the president called the meeting to order at 4:16 pm at the Florida Mesa Grange. Keyton Cugnini, the secretary, called the roll of the members and read the minutes from the last meeting held on November 13th. We did not have a treasurer's report for this month's meeting. Chantel Fugate, the vice president then read the council report. Markie, Holly, and Rylie talked about how trash pick-up went which was our community service. Holly then talked about the officer training. We then introduced the new reporter, being Shayla Walker because Marking had to step down due to college classes. We then made a final motion to donate \$150 to Rylie Wonderling who will be going to stock show in the next coming weeks. Breann went over important hub information including information on new record books. We then decided on February's community service which will be writing Valentine's Day cards. We've decided to start doing clover bud classes, and Markie is in charge of organizing that. Jill O'Rand then talked about the raffle and thanked us for our support. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Mountain Shadows 4-H Club-November 10, 2014

On the second Monday of November, we had our monthly meeting where we covered upcoming community service and informational dates and activities that the members needed to be told about. As a club we planned for a community service of cutting wood for the elders around our area. There was two days planned, one for cutting down the trees and then another for simply splitting the wood t smaller pieces. The first date was November 15th at the Crawford's meeting at noon and the second at the Van Den Berg's on November 23rd from 10 till around 2 pm. We also agreed on donating 400 dollars to Kodi Grace to help pay for her treatment for cancer.

-Reporter Stephenie Riegel

Mountain Shadows-December 8, 2014

Starting our meeting at 6:43 pm, there was business done throughout the night. Josh Crawford reported on the past months community service and said that there was not much good wood that we could cut but we got what we could and that's what mattered. Community service for the month of December would be planned on the upcoming Friday, December 12th beginning at 4 pm and meeting at the Durango Mall to shop at the Angel Tree to help children around the community who may not be able to get presents. Also, we planned for January and our first dance of the season. The dance will be held on January 3rd and will be at the Breen Grange with a DJ playing. It will cost 5 dollars per person and everyone is welcome! We will have concessions stand so don't forget to bring some extra cash for refreshments. The Breen Dance will from 8 pm to midnight.

-Reporter Stephenie Riegel

December 1, 2014 Pine River 4-H Club Report

Amanda Ludwig called our meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Jordyn and Tegan lead our pledges. Tayler Ludwig called roll. We moved on to Tayler's secretary report which was approved. Mike gave our treasures report which was also approved. Mike spoke about the Earth Club ink donation boxes. We moved on to our next County Council meeting on December 4th-Tayler, Amanda and Rylie will represent us. We also reminded people of the Officer Training and team building on December 12th 5:30 at the Extension Hall. We moved on to Old Business: Our holiday food basket donation was discussed. We decided on a budget of \$200.00 for two families in the Bayfield School District. We will go shopping for the food items together on either Saturday 12/20 or Sunday 12/21-the date will be determined at a later time depending on everyone's schedules. We next discussed New Business: We will resume snow shoveling for the Lions Hall. Aimee will put together a schedule for everyone after this meeting. Each family will take a week each month. Becky Schleeter has volunteered to be a co-leader; we voted and this was passed. Mike asked if we could donate \$25.00 to the Angle Tree as an extra community service and after discussion we passed the donation. We moved on to discussing donating to the Yates family to help out with medical and travel expenses following Kole's accident this summer. We agreed on donating \$300.00. We turned in our can goods for the food bank. Aimee passed out enrollment forms and will take them to the Extension Office. Our next officer meeting will be January 2nd 5:30 at the Bayfield Library. Our next club meeting will be January 5th 6:30 at the Lions Hall. Rylie and Jordyn will bring drinks to the next meeting and Ben will bring snacks. We moved on to Demos and Safeties. Harley demonstrated how to safely trim the hair between your dog's paws and some obedience with her dog. At our next meeting Tayler will do a demo. We moved on to record books and discussed dates and tips to make record books easier. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:44.

Rylie Zufelt, Reporter

Weaselskin 4-H report

For our November meeting we went bowling at Sky Ute Casino. We really didn't have a meeting we just bowled. 28 4-H members and their families came. We had lots of pizza and pop. Most everyone bowled and all of the clover buds needed bumpers. I was really bad bowler because an 8 year old beat me at bowling. We also talked about our Project Merry Christmas family. Our December meeting is our Christmas party which is a lot of fun. Around 6:30 the meeting ended and everyone had fun.

The saying of the month is "When life is tough remember you are tougher."

-By Cody Ledford and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

