

# 4-H



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## LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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### 10 Ways to Make This Your Best Year Yet

#### 1. Challenge yourself

Have a clear vision and focus of what you want to achieve and set a time frame. Challenge yourself to be the best you can be at all times. Visualize what you want to accomplish. See it in your mind. Write down your goals, have a plan of action, and never doubt you will be successful.

#### 2. Find the love factor

Surround yourself with loving, supportive people. Stay away from the dream stealers, the people who would bring you down. Cherish the special people in your life and let them know you cherish them.

#### 3. Dedicate quality time

Life is so precious; make the most of each and every day. Rise early, spend some quality time by yourself as well as with those you care about. Go for a walk, workout, read a book. Value not only the time you spend with your loved ones, but also the time you spend by yourself.

#### 4. Stretch your comfort zone

Do at least one thing a day, which makes you feel uncomfortable. Push yourself; you will be amazed how far you can go. Remember: on the other side of fear is freedom. To remain stagnant is not to grow. To reach your full potential, you must rise above the fray and soar like an eagle.

#### 5. Be passionate

Show passion in everything you do. Let it show in your body language, in your smile, in your voice. Let your eyes sparkle. Let the world see and hear your enthusiasm and let it feel your passion.

#### 6. Serve others

Be a role model and mentor for people. Volunteer in your community and help others achieve their goals. Your world will be enriched and a better place for sharing your talents and giving freely of your time. Leave a lasting legacy.

#### 7. Don't sweat the small stuff

Let go of the little things you can't control. Don't take yourself so seriously. Recognize that perfection isn't always the only option. Don't let life's imperfections bother you. Lighten up and see the funny side of things when they go wrong, the learning in them. Be tolerant, smile...don't waste your energies on the small stuff, you have much bigger fish to fry.

#### 8. Live with integrity

Always be true to yourself. Take pride in whatever you do. Be proud of who you are and what you represent. Accept others with all their flaws. Show compassion and goodwill to your fellow human beings. Be dignified. Lead a life of purpose and be proud of your values.

#### 9. Show gratitude

Show gratitude and say thank-you to the people who have helped you along the way. Send a handwritten letter to someone who has touched you. Call up a friend or loved one and tell them how much they mean to you. Compliment a colleague or fellow student on a job well done. Show people you appreciate and care about them. Acts of kindness cost nothing but mean everything.

#### 10. Celebrate success

Be proud of your achievements. Take time to recognize yourself and others for even the small successes. But also be humble and dignified, sensitive to people who are not as fortunate as you.

Greg Felsen  
4-H Youth Development

Angela Fountain  
4-H Administrative Assistant

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## **Alerts!**

**Angela will be out of the office Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> to Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you need assistance with enrollment, you can email her or call Greg 970-382-6460.

### **4-H Horse Council Meeting**

Wednesday, January 6 @ 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 4 @ 7:07 pm at the Extension Building

### **2016 La Plata County Fair**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **2016 Colorado State Fair**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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](mailto:smjam9@aol.com)**

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

## **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 [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@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.** (Mailed checks just need to be postmarked as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Christmas Tree Recycling at Santa Rita Park**

The City of Durango will collect Christmas trees for recycling at Santa Rita Park December 26, 2015 through January 15, 2016. To recycle your Christmas tree, bring your tree to the gravel area south of the large playground during the specified time frame. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (970) 375-7300.

## **Livestock Committee Meeting**

The Fair Board has scheduled a Livestock Committee meeting for Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, upstairs in the Exhibit Hall. They have invited the 4-H members to attend and discuss the 2015 Fair issues. Please remember that the only way to fix a problem is to find a solution. So, don't forget to have a solution (or at least an idea) with each of your concerns.

## **Livestock Record Book Corner**

2015 -2016 Record Books will be available for download on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please remember to print not only the record book but the guide book for your age group as well. Breeding supplements will be ready by March 1, so wait until then to print them. Please make sure you look over both the record books and guide books. The guide books offer page by page instructions as well as actual examples that show how to make entries in the record book. If you have any questions or need different examples, please send them in so we can answer them as soon as possible.

Now is the time to schedule record book meetings at your club level. We will be scheduling those at the county level soon. 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.

Pages that can be completed as soon as record books are downloaded are the first page with the project agreement and your name and the project you are taking. The goal page can be started and 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. You can list your accomplishments at fair in the involvement records. Fair expenses and income can also be the first thing entered in to this year's book.

If you are in a breeding project or a market beef project, some of you may be able to start your feed expense records as well. If you had your breeding projects out on pasture fall this needs to be recorded as a feed expense. You can record pasture as rent/lease daily, weekly, monthly, bi-monthly or even yearly. I know that some of you don't actually give money for it, but it is an expense that needs to be included even if money does not exchange hands. Without it, your feed expense is not realistic. Ask parents, leaders, neighbors, etc. to see what the going rate for pasture in your area is.

Remember 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.

We are still requesting that 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.

Hope you have a great Holiday Season.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Teddi Baird – Tharp  
Livestock Record Book Superintendent.

### **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 23rd – 25th. This includes a trip to the State Capitol for a tour on the 26th (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.

### **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. We will have a planning and design meeting on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please send your ideas to Greg at [felsengh@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:felsengh@co.laplata.co.us)

### **Citizenship Washington Focus**

CWA is a 4-H leadership program for 4-H youth, held in June. 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.

We do not have the exact dates or an application yet but if you are interested, please contact Angela 970-382-6465.

### **Shooting Sports Leaders Certification Workshop**

Montezuma 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 Montezuma County Fairgrounds March 4th – 6th. Please call or email Angela for more information and to register. 970-382-6465 or [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us)



## 2016 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 2015-16 currently enrolled members that are in good standing and looking to go on to higher education in the fall of 2016. Applications are due by May 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Extension Office. Scholarship Award recipients will be announced at the June 2, 2016 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 2016? (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?**



## 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.**

## **American AgCredit's AgYouth Program Description**

American AgCredit's AgYouth Program is part of the Association's commitment to Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers. Aimed specifically at young people who have an interest in agriculture and have joined a 4-H Club or a Future Farmers of America chapter, the Program assists provides interest free loan funds for qualifying projects and borrowers.

Working in coordination with qualifying 4-H Club and FFA chapters, the Program assists students by providing financial aid and educational assistance. The Program also serves to emphasize the importance of accurate records, budgeting and honoring obligations to repay – setting up the future farmer or rancher with the tools, skills, and contracts to move forward into a rewarding and successful agricultural career.

### **Investing In Agriculture's Future**

- AgYouth Program  
Interest-free loans to purchase and care for livestock projects
- Scholarship Program  
Educational scholarships for ag-focused college-bound students
- Internships  
Employment opportunities for college students
- Young, Beginning & Small Farmer Program  
Small to moderate loans for all agriculture operations – including modified credit requirements, equipment leasing, and crop mortgage & live insurance.

### **Who Can Apply?**

American AgCredit Branch Managers determine the clubs and chapters qualified to participate. FFA 4-H participants nine years of age or old as of the beginning of the fair year who demonstrate a C average or better in school, are eligible to apply.

### **Project Limits**

Dairy – Replacement Heifer \$1,500 max  
Beef – Market Steer \$1,500 max  
Sheep – Market Lamb \$500 max  
Swine – Market Hog \$500 max  
Goat – Market/Replacement \$500 max  
Calf – Market Calf \$500 max

### **Guidelines**

- Use funds to purchase and care for project animal
- Keep accurate records available for AAC to inspect
- Repay funds at end of project

For more information call (970) 259-1540 or check out their website: [www.agloan.com](http://www.agloan.com)

## Important Dates in 2016 \*\*Dates are subject to change\*\*

### DECEMBER

- 24 & 25 Extension Office Closed for Christmas  
31 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  
2 Dance at the Breen Grange (million Dollar highway band)  
7 Snowdown Obstacle Planning Meeting @ 6 pm – Extension Building  
7 Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7 pm – Upstairs in the Exhibit Hall  
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  
4-6 Shooting Sports Leader Certificate Training – Montezuma County Fairgrounds  
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**  
12 Pioneer 4-H Box Supper & Dance Marvel Grange Hall  
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

## 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

## Ignacio Westerners, November 9, 2015

The Ignacio Westerners 4-H Club enjoyed an insightful meeting this month on November 9th, 2015. It felt great to get back together with the fellow 4-H'ers after fair again. The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. After the bustle died down, Rachel Sanburg led the club in pledges and the club welcomed yet another member. Moving on, Kori Jenkins read the minutes from the last meeting. They were properly moved and seconded. Trudging forward, Isaac Jordan gave the Treasurer's Report (\$2957.47) and the report was properly moved and seconded. Next, Taylor Jenkins read the club the contents of the HUBS and Gary Wright gave a report on the Livestock Judging Team. Entering the heart of the meeting, the Westerners discussed finances and held their annual canned food drive. To lasso up all the canned food for a 50 mile radius, our club leader splits us up into anonymous groups the day of the collection. The group with the most cans get a prize. Clever, Aye? With the end approaching nearer, the club discussed the options for a fun activity and Taylor Jenkins later gave the County Council Report. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm. Until we meet again.

## Mountaineers, December 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 pm. Our treasures report was done by Bethany. We made 120 Luminarias for our December community service. On Christmas Eve at 3 pm the Luminarias will be set out at St Paul's Lutheran Church, volunteers are needed. Our meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm. After our meeting we had our Christmas Party and played a White Elephant game. Everyone got a fun little gift. The next day 12/13/15 we did Project Merry Christmas / Angel Tree. We shopped for 2 kids. Our budget was \$100 for each kid. We ended up spending a little bit more. Our next meeting is at the Florida Grange by Florida Mesa elementary school on January 14th at 7 pm.

Reported by Holli Timmerman

### **Mt. Allison Go-Getters, December 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order 4:55 p.m. Joseph lead the club in the pledges. We held a quick meeting after our winter community service project of helping with the local canned food drive in Ignacio. Kiana read September's minutes and November's were tabled. Kaylee made motion to approve the minutes, and Allison seconded it. We motioned, as a club, to table the discussion of catch-it. We also table the treasurer's report to next month. Kaylee made the motion to move the treasure's report. Allison also seconded it. The club discussed available community services. We are looking into doing clean-up at Navajo State Park in the spring and fall. We are currently waiting for specifics. The next discussion was on Heifer International. We decided to not enter the Snowdown Parade. Shaylee and Eli gave the County Council report. We made the schedule of who would work at our upcoming community service/fundraiser, Breakfast with Santa on the 19th of December. We adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Haylee made the motion, and Allison seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

### **Pioneer, December Meeting**

We started off by playing a game of musical chairs to Christmas music, then Wyatt took control of the meeting and Colt lead the pledges. The box supper committee reported that the box supper and dance would be on March 12th starting at 5:30pm in the marvel grange hall, and after a quick vote it was decided that the girls would bring the suppers, and the guys would buy. We had a good turn out for the canned food drive that was donated to the soup kitchen for our community service project. We also decided that our next community service would be to shovel a neighbors sidewalk or porch for them after it snows again.

Our meeting date has changed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month it will start at 7:30pm. If we get enough snow during the winter break, or near a weekend we are going to have a club sledding day on the Greer property, with hot chocolate and a great time (bring your own sleds)!

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year

#### **Things To Think About**

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

What New Years resolutions are you gong to make for yourself? What about the Club?

What should our community service for January be?

Do we want to do anything fun in January?

Have you told anyone about 4-H lately? You should invite some friends to our meetings or fun activities!!

#### **Save the Date**

\*December 25th Christmas enjoy your family!!

\*December 31st Enrollment closes the extension office must be paid before that date

\*December 31st New Years Eve Party at Marvel Grange

\*January 2nd Dance at the Breen Grange (million Dollar highway band)

\*January 12th 4-H Meeting starting at 7:30

\*February 6th Ground Hog Supper

\*February FFA Dinner and Dance Breen Grange Hall

\*March 12th Pioneer 4-H Box Supper & Dance Marvel Grange Hall

### **Westside Wranglers**

The December meeting for the Westside Wranglers was on the 2nd, it was called to order by Kayla Stevens at 7:08. We decorated cookies for the Fort Lewis Mesa Holiday program. We then played games. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.