

# 4-H



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## LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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March 2014

### **4-H and FFA Market Beef Weigh-in**

Saturday, March 14, 2015, 9 am - 11 am, Fairgrounds – Pavilion

**\*\*Please use the Taco Bell entrance at 29<sup>th</sup> and Main. \*\***

Remember to bring a copy of your Bill of Sale and Brand Inspection. If you don't have a brand inspection, be sure to make arrangements with the brand inspector prior to the weigh in. All animals must be broke to lead. All market beef that will be shown at the Colorado State Fair must have a nomination card and pay \$3.00 to get a retinal scan. Please remember to bring a filled out Animal Care and Code of Practice documents. It's a state requirement that every 4-H and FFA member, taking a livestock project, have a copy on file. **\*\*Beef Catch-It members – don't forget that you are required to bring your animal(s), for practice\*\***

### **4-H and FFA Market Swine, Sheep & Goat Tag-in**

We have a tag-in on two separate days: The first will be on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. All 4-H & FFA members are welcome attend this tag-in, and all members that are wanting to compete at State Fair, MUST tag-in on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

All animals that will be shown at the Colorado State Fair must have a nomination card and pay \$3.00 to get a retinal scan. Please remember to bring a filled out Animal Care and Code of Practice documents. It's a state requirement that every 4-H and FFA member taking a livestock project have a copy on file. **\*\*Everyone is invited to tag in at the Durango location, no matter where you live or if you are not going to state. \*\***

For all members that DO NOT want to attend State Fair, there will be two weigh-ins to choose from on May 16<sup>th</sup>, one for Ignacio/Bayfield area and another for Marvel/Breen area, between 9 am - 11 am. Please remember to bring a filled out Animal Care and Code of Practice documents. It's a state requirement that every 4 H and FFA member, taking a livestock project, have a copy on file.

### **Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)**

May 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> at the La Plata County Fairgrounds

The CSU program requires 4-H members to attend an Ethics and Wholesome Meat Quality Assurance training in order to participate in a livestock project. All first year livestock members, all first year seniors (14 years as of 12/31/14) must attend, as well as all Swine project members that are planning on showing at the Colorado State Fair.

We are doing things differently this year; we will not be offering a class but an interactive workshop! We will have everything set up in the Animas room and you will go through to different stations filling out a packet of information. You will then turn in your pack to Angela or Greg. We are hoping to have it open all day Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, or are unsure about whether or not you have to attend, please call Angela at 382-6465.

Greg Felsen  
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## **Alerts!**

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

March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, in the **Extension Office.**

### **No County Council Meeting in March**

Next meeting is April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 pm.

### **Like us on Facebook!**

### **Knitting, Felting, Needle Art**

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)

### **La Plata County Fair, August 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

2015 will have a Swine Breeding Show, it will not be terminal.

## **We Have Candy Bars!!**

La Plata County 4-H has been asked to do a Community Service Fundraiser for the Blue Star Mothers. The Blue Star Mothers support our current military personnel, veterans and their families and our fallen hero's families.

If you are interested in picking up candy bars to sell, please come by the Extension Office.

They come in boxes of 12 bars and each candy bar costs \$3.00

We have Milk Chocolate, Milk Chocolate with Almonds, & Dark Chocolate.

## **Shooting Sports Hunter Education Course**

If you have enrolled in (or are thinking about enrolling in) the Shooting Sports Projects, and have not done a Hunter Education Course, here is your chance!

La Plata County Shooting Sports requires that all Intermediates (11 to 13 years old) and seniors (14 to 18 years old) have passed a Hunter Education Course. Juniors (8-10 years old) only have to take the course if they want to participate at State.

There will have a special youth, hunter education course! All youth 8 and older are welcome. (Ages 8 to 12 must have a parent or guardian present).

This is a 3 part class. 1st is an internet class.

<http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Online-Classes.aspx>

There are four options for the internet instruction - one is free, the others have a small fee. Once the internet portion is completed, students will need to print off the "diploma" or completion certificate and present it at check-in on March 15th. Those who take the free class from IHEA may need to take a short quiz at check-in on March 15th. The second part to the class will be the class/live fire day, scheduled for March 15th at 9:00 am. The class will cover laws & regulations, ethics, firearm handling, firearms handling, and action types. Students will then take the written test. Then the third part to the class will be the live fire at the indoor range at Chapman Hill. Parents are responsible for transporting youth from the Fairgrounds to the indoor gun range.

\*\* You will need to sign up for the in class part of the training as well:

<http://register-ed.com/programs/colorado/99-colorado-hunter-education-internet-conclusion-course>

There is 1 other class scheduled in Durango (as of right now). It's a 3 day class; Wed. March 25th, Thurs. March 26th & Fri. March 27th from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the indoor gun range in Durango. This class in for 12 yrs. old and older.

You must register online at: <http://www.register-ed.com/events/view/57030>

If that doesn't work, go to: [www.Cpw.state.co.us](http://www.Cpw.state.co.us)

Click on: - Learn

- Standard Courses

- Find a course at a place & time to fit your schedule

Then you can search by your zip code to find the class.

## **4-H Volunteer Meeting**

Western Region Forum –Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. This class will be held at the Ignacio Fire Department, Conference Room. We will provide snacks and drinks. Please RSVP. We need 10 people to be a host site.

**Attention all active volunteers!** There will be a meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. We will be discussing summer activities, fair and any concerns you or your members may have. Dinner will be provided so please let Angela know if you are able to attend. [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us) or 970-382-6465

### **Kodi Grace McAlvain Box Supper & Dance**

Ladies, please bring a boxed supper, ready to eat, that will feed at least 4 people.

Gentlemen, please bring your checkbooks for bidding!

Boxed dinners will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, and the winner will get to eat dinner with the person/family that created the box.

Come swing your partner around the dance floor to MD 20/20 & Marlin Greer at the Breen Grange hall on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 8 pm to midnight. Pioneer, Mountain Shadows, & Westside Wranglers 4-H clubs are holding a family dance to help fundraise for Kodi Grace McAlvain. Kodi Grace is 6 years old and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014. She has begun a 2 year treatment of Chemotherapy and blood transfusions. Kodi is the granddaughter of Pat and Calvin Story who have been involved in our community in many ways. Admission to the Dance is \$5.00 per person. All proceeds from the night are going straight to Kodis' family!! We are looking forward to seeing you out there to help support our community and Kodi.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Greer at 970-749-9449 or [Daniel.greer@crossfire-llc.com](mailto:Daniel.greer@crossfire-llc.com)

### **Dog Training Classes**

If you are doing the Dog Project or are interested in doing classes with your dog, the Durango Kennel Club offers free classes to 4-H members. They only ask that you attend all of the classes.

The classes will be on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm:

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>.

They will be held in the Exhibit Hall, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Please remember to bring your vet records with you to the first class you attend. Also, because it's free, please help the instructors set up and clean up.

### **Goat Meetings**

We encourage that all Goat Project Members, and anyone interested in the goats, to attend these meetings.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup>

All meetings will start at 6:30 pm and be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

### **Rabbit Meetings:**

We encourage that all Rabbit Project Members and anyone interested in the rabbits to attend these meetings.

March 18th and April 8th @ 6:30 pm – Pine room – Meeting

May 20th @ 6:30 pm – Animas room – Tag-in \*\*\*\* you must be tagged-in on this date\*\*\*\*

All meetings will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

### **Poultry Meetings**

We encourage that all Poultry Members, and anyone interested in poultry, attend these meetings:

March 18th & April 15th @ 7:00 pm – Animas room

May 20th @ 7:00 pm – Pine room

All meetings will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

**\*Turkey Project Members!** You should be getting your Turkey in March so they will be full grown by Fair.

### **Shooting Sports Leader Meeting**

This meeting will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

All Shooting Sports Leaders are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be discussing the Bulls-eye Shoot in Montezuma County, June 6 & 7, as well as our upcoming shoots.

### Fun Shoot

The Fun Shoot is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9:00 am. All youth (4-H and non-4-H) are welcome to participate! It will be held at The Wright's property.

### Horse Project - Important Dates

#### **Gymkhana in Ignacio**

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

**Horse Camp** – May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Spring Fling in Durango**

Horse Show May 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

Gymkhana May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

#### Horse Council Meetings:

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

All meetings will start at 6:00 pm and be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

**Horse Certificates** are due by June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm

**Horse Safety Take Home Test** due by June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm \*Test is coming soon\*

#### **Invitational in Durango**

Horse Show June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

Gymkhana June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

\*\*\*\*All of our Gymkhanas and Horse Shows are open to the public. \*\*\*\*

#### **San Juan Basin District in Durango**

Horse Show July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am

Gymkhana July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am

### Horse Camp - May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

This year's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Horse Camp looks like it's going to be better than ever. This camp is open to any and all 4-H members (you do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project to participate) in the San Juan Basin (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata and Montezuma Counties) and will begin on Friday night and conclude on Sunday afternoon.

If you haven't been to 4-H Horse Camp before, we will begin, on Friday, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, we will have clinics, games and swimming. Then Sunday we will have more games before cleaning up and it will be over by about 2:00 pm

To enhance the camping experience, bring your tent and lawn chair. We are going to set up tents downstairs in the Exhibit Hall. We will also be going swimming on Saturday evening so don't forget your bathing suit and towel. Registration will begin on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Angela will email out the registration forms (beginning of April) but you will also be able to get them online at [www.laplatacounty4h.org](http://www.laplatacounty4h.org) or come into the office and pick one up.

### Horse Judging Team

The Horse Judging Team is now meeting the first and third Monday at 6:30 pm at the LPC Fairgrounds. All ages are welcome and senior members will be able to compete at the State Conference in June.

Meeting Dates: March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

We have updated the record books from last year and have added a guide book for each age group. 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](http://www.laplatacounty4h.org). If your club is interested in having a training on the record books, please contact Teddi Baird (970-217-5609) and schedule a time for April or May.

### **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](http://www.laplatacounty4h.org). If you have any questions or problems, please call Angela at 970-382-6465

### **4-H Tracker to help with your Record Book**

The 4-H Tracker is a web-based application that will help 4-H members keep track of expenses, inventory and activities for all of their 4-H projects. This application will allow the 4-H member to enter items at the time of purchase through any device that will access the Internet. The 4-H member will be able to track all the activities done throughout the project with this application. You can sign up at: <http://co4htracker.colostate.edu/>

### **Companion Project**

New this year! We will be offering a Companion Project. This will be like the other General Projects, but you can use your companion animals (cats, gerbils, pet rabbits, etc.). You will be required to complete the Companion Record Book, Interview and Project Board. Please contact Greg or Angela if you have any questions.

### **Add, Drop and Enrollment Deadlines**

The last day for the 2015 4-H enrollment is fast approaching! April 1<sup>st</sup>, is the last day that anyone can enroll in 4-H. If you know of anyone that has not enrolled yet, please contact them and let them know they must have it done by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The last add a project is May 1<sup>st</sup> and the last day that to drop a project, without penalty, is June 1<sup>st</sup>. For all adds or drops, you can email Angela at [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us)

### **New Family Orientation**

All families are welcome to attend our New Family Orientation. It will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. We will be talking about what to expect in your first year in 4-H and how to prepare for Fair. Please bring any questions you have!

### **2015 La Plata County 4-H Scholarships**

Seniors, don't forget to apply for our 2015 Higher Education Scholarships! 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. Applications are available at the Extension Office or Angela can email you one.

### **Would You like To Highlight a 4-H Member or Volunteer??**

Well, we have partnered with the Durango Herald to do a 4-H Spotlight on our 4-H program. If you know of someone that should be recognized for something they have done, it does not have to be 4-H related, please write up a paragraph, get a picture of the member or volunteer and email them to Angela [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us)

### Camping Spaces at the Fair

We will start accepting reservations for camping spaces at the fair on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. You are welcome to come in to the office and sign up or give us a call at 970-382-6465.

### Truck Raffle Tickets Fundraiser

We will be offering the Truck Raffle Tickets as a fundraiser for your clubs again this year. The Colorado 4-H Foundation has a raffle every year; the grand prize is a 2015 Ford F-150! Ticket is sold for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. In return for selling these tickets, your club will receive 40% of your ticket sales!

Tickets will be available in the Extension Office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions, please call Angela. 970-382-6465

### Wild West Squares Comes to Durango

Durango based square dance caller Carla Roberts is putting the call out for young dancers to come and experience this fun and challenging form of recreational team dancing.

Did you know that square dancing was a very popular 4-H activity in decades past and many of our mountain communities had competitions that sometimes involved larger events as far away as Denver?

Modern Western Square Dance retains its roots in the American tradition. By learning a few steps, or calls, you will be carrying on that wonderful dance lineage handed down by our pioneer ancestors. It is wonderful exercise for the body and mind.

Through team dancing, kids develop strong social ties, which contribute to self-esteem and a positive outlook. Cultural background does not make a difference. In fact, square dancing breaks down many barriers between cultures. And talking about fun . . . just ask any square dancer how much fun they have!

Using her 35 years of experience working with children, Carla Roberts has created an exciting and inclusive square dance program called "Wild West Squares" that ranges from "barn dance" style celebrations, educational demos, short term training and ongoing teaching programs. Her work in local schools, church groups and libraries is gifted as a community service. Her fun, easygoing teaching style fosters learning in a safe and friendly environment.

For more information call Carla Roberts at 970-903-6478.



**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**

### 2015 Four States Ag. Expo.

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 9 am-5 pm, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - 9 am-6 pm and Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - 9 am-5 pm

Four States Ag expo is packing in so much these three days!

-Multiple Daily drawings & Door prizes!

-Live Demos

-Products, services and education

-Ranch management and horse skills training

-Family Entertainment

-Equipment and information for a profitable operation

Admission: \$5 at the gate or \$15 for 3-day pass! **Kids under 16 are free, Free parking!**

For more information or to sign up for classes & workshops go to: <http://fourstatesagexpo.com/>

### Cugnini Show Pigs Auction

March 21<sup>st</sup> at Farmers Supply, Keyton Cugnini will be auctioning off show pigs. The viewing will be from 10 am to 11:30 am and the Auction will start at 12:00 pm. Chili lunch will be available to purchase, proceeds will benefit the Florida Mesa Presbyterian Youth Ministries. For more information, please call 970-739-0801.

## 2015 Tentative 4-H Calendar

### MARCH

- 2 4-H Dog Project Educational Meeting – 4:30 pm \*\*463 Turner Drive unit 104 C
- 2 Web-Training for all Volunteers. LPC Fairgrounds 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- 3 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 3 Goat Project Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Extension Building
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - **Extension Office**
- 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.
- 15 Hunter Safety Education Class – 9:00 a.m. – Extension Building **\*\*Must be preregistered\*\***
- 17 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 18 Rabbit Project Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 18 Poultry Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Extension Building
- 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
- 30-April 3 Ignacio Spring Break
- 31 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit

### 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 4-H Exchange Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Extension Building
- 2 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 4 4 Corners Horse Bowl – 8:00 a.m. – Extension Building
- 7 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 7 Goat Project Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Extension Building
- 8 Rabbit Project Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 8 Catch-it Record Book Help Class – 7:00 pm – Animas room – Extension Building
- 9 New Family Orientation – 7 pm – Extension Building
- 14 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 14 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting – 7:00 pm – Animas room – Extension Building
- 15 Poultry Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Extension Building
- 19-25 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 21 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit
- 25 Break-a-way Roping and Calf Daubing Workshop – Sky Ute Fairgrounds
- 26 La Plata County 4-H Horse Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. – Sky Ute Fairgrounds

### MAY

- 1 Last Day for ALL 4-H Members to **Add** a project
- 1-3 San Juan Basin District 4-H Horse Camp – Fairgrounds
- 5 Goat Project Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Extension Building
- 6 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. – Extension Building
- 7 4-H Volunteer & Club Leader Meeting – 6 pm – Extension Building
- 8 La Plata County 4-H Higher Education Scholarships due by 5:00 pm to the Extension Building
- 11-15 MQA Trailer at the Fairgrounds – Call Angela for times – 970-382-6465
- 13 4-H/FFA Livestock Tag-in for Market Sheep, Swine and Goats (Durango Option), Fairgrounds 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**
- 16 Spring Fling Horse Show – 9:00 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 16 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.
- 16 Ignacio Graduation

- 17 Spring Fling Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. – Fairgrounds
- 17 Bayfield Graduation
- 20 Rabbit Tag-in – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 20 Poultry Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Extension Building
- 20 Last day of School for Ignacio
- 21 Last day of School for Bayfield
- 23 Fun Shoot – Wright’s Farm in Ignacio
- 25 4-H Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 29 Durango Graduation

## JUNE

- 1 All 4-H Horse Certificates to be turned in to Extension Office by 5 p.m.
- 1 Last day for all 4-H members to **Drop** Projects
- 1 Sign up for Fair Camper Space starting at 8:00 a.m.
- 2 Goat Project Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Extension Building
- 3 Last day of School for Durango
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 6-7 San Juan Basin Bull’s-eye Classic Shoot – Montezuma County Fairgrounds (RV spots available)
- 7 Catch-it Sponsor Pot Luck – 4:00 pm - Fairgrounds
- 13 Invitational Horse Show – 9:00 a.m. – Fairgrounds
- 14 Invitational Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
- 15-19 D2D Exchange
- 22-26 State 4-H June Conference - CSU Campus
- 27 Jackpot Old Fort Hesperus



# Club Reports



### February 5th County Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Tyllor Ledford, Rylie Van Solan lead the pledges. Taylor Jenkins read the minutes from last meeting we had a motion to accept the minutes as read and the motion was passed. Jessica Looman read the treasures report. For other reports there was livestock judging, horse judging, fair board, and extension office. We next moved to Old Business and discussed the movie night we had, the steam punk wipeout and LDC. After that we moved to new business. Stephenie Riegel asked for a donation for the livestock judging team. Tyllor then discussed the market beef weigh in, the rabbit camp, the fair theme, the sno-ball classic and the career success workshop. Stephenie Riegel then did a presentation on the Citizen Washington Focus trip. There is a dance the Durango FFA is putting on in Breen on Saturday the 14th. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Reporter- Cooper Knox

### Animas Valley 4-H Club February’s Report

The Animas Valley 4-H club began with a workshop at 6:30 pm on February 10th. Cara Kallaher and Maddie Mortimer did a presentation about how to complete an animal record book. Then, Stan Ott and Lyla Slaughter did a talk on how to complete an e-record. Later after the workshop, at 7:06 pm we started our meeting. There was no Cloverbud presentation because of the workshop, but there were some guests. Georgia Witchel presented her parliamentarian’s moment. She taught the group how to address the president of the group the correct way. Next, Mrs. McGaw discussed the community service and the committee report. Finally, we came to old business. We discussed that there will be cheese making on February 22nd at 3:00 pm at the Grange Hall. The cheese making will be taught by Wendy Rice. Then, we all found out that there would be a fiber arts class on Monday February 23rd at 2:30 pm. Members and guests are welcome to the fiber arts class. Our senior members, Cara Kallaher, Katie Kallaher and Stan Ott, were all able to make it to the LDC trip. They said it was all fun and they learned a lot. Many people were able to make to the snow down course and Maddie Mortimer stated, “It was a lot of fun!” Cara Kallaher had an idea. She thought maybe a younger member could pair up with an older member so they could help each other with their projects. The group discussed the idea and it’s still developing. Then, we had a report about having the tea

with the grangers on March 15th at 1 pm at the Grange Hall. The group decided that the Grangers will love it. It was Mrs. Ott's Birthday so the song leader decided to sing Happy Birthday to her. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

#### **Florida Four Leaf 4-H Club Feb. 10, 2015**

The meeting is called to order at 6:48 pm by Cooper Knox our Vice-President. Every one introduced themselves, then we introduced guests and new members. Cooper then dismissed Clover Buds. Jenna Baker read the minutes of our last meeting. Next we had a motion to except the minutes as read. Now we moved to the Treasurer's Report by Vinny Lopez. We went straight to our reports Kali Fasset went over the Hubs Report. Then Cooper talked about the County Council meeting. Kali went over leaders Report. Cooper went over Office Training and Workshop. Tommie Knox went over Steampunk Wipeout. Cooper Knox went over the Jan. and Feb. Birthdays. Cooper went over Hobo bags and he went over Canned goods. May 12th we are going to clean the cemetery. New Business Kali went over Record Books, Thank you cards, and Sympathy cards. Cooper Knox went over Livestock Judging Donation. Then we went over the La Plata County Fair theme, and County certificates. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm we did hobo bags and Tommie Knox did her Demo.

Tommie Jane Knox Reporter

#### **Ignacio Westerners**

Ignacio Westerners was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on January 12 at the oxford grange. Laura Witt led us in the pledges. Alex Knight our president made sure everyone was signed in. We had one new guest Bryan Peirce he is doing Rabbits and goats. We did February at the end of the meeting. Taylor Jenkins read the minutes for the December meeting those were approved. Clay Sanburg gave the treasures report we gave Kodi 500 dollars for her sickness and we gave the judging team 150 dollars. Taylor Jenkins gave the council report. Keele Harper gave us the report for the record book thing. We talked about enrollment forms and how they should be in already. A whole bunch of kids came up with fundraisers to do including a Candy bar fundraiser, butter braids, purple gold cards, raffle, and a fundraiser called pretzel rod. Then we went to demonstrations. Heili Pierson did one on making glue, Grace Pargin showed us how to make a half knot bracelet, Alexis Pontine showed us how to make ice cream in a bag, and Natalie Wright did how to set a table properly. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

#### **Mountaineers 4-H Club**

Happy New Year everyone! The Mountaineers held our monthly 4-H meeting on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup>. Breann Hawman our president could not make the meeting, so our vice president Chantel Fugate called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Florida Mesa Grange. Rylie Wonderling led the pledges. Keyton called the roll of the members, where we introduced one new member. Keyton then also read the minutes from last meeting. Dalton read the treasurers report and explained how much we spend on the Angel tree and how much money we had left. There was no council report this meeting. Bethany was chosen to lead the clover buds class for February's meeting. We decided to do Valentines cards for the nursing home concerning our February community service. We then went over old business, and then discussed new business concerning new record books, scholarships, hub information and when we will be performing our demonstrations. The meeting was adjourned by Chantel at 7:36 pm.

#### **Mountaineers 4-H Club**

Hello everyone and happy February! On February 12 the Mountaineers 4-H club met at Florida Mesa Grange and called out meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Chantel, our vice president stepped in to take the place of our President Bre Hawman for this meeting. Johnny Dezendorf led the pledges. Rylie Wonderling stepped in for Keyton this meeting and called the roll. Shayla Walker read the minutes from last meeting. We tabled the treasurer's report because our treasurer was not present. Rylie then read the council report. We have decided to start out demonstrations starting at next month's meeting. Our club is doing the Turkey Federation on March 7th as our community service for March. We did Valentine's Day cards for sunshine gardens as our February community service. After going over old and new business, Chantel adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

#### **Horse Council Hubs Report**

La Plata County 4-H Horse Council met on Wednesday, February 4th. Horse Council is excited about the upcoming year. We have made several changes in the horse show and gymkhana format. New this year, we are offering novice classes for beginning riders and horses as well as classes for Cloverbuds and adults. Watch your hubs for the 2015 entry forms. We are

also including breakaway and calf daubing. There will be a free break away clinic right before our first gymkhana on April 25th at the Sky Ute Downs. The clinic will run from 1-4 pm and we will have calves and a breakaway sled. Watch the Hubs for more information. Our first gymkhana is Sunday April 26th at the Sky Ute Downs. Entry forms should be in the March Hubs. We also clarified our year end award - 2015 All Around Champion in each age group. This award will be based on points from all horse shows, gymkhanas, Fair horse show and gymkhana, Hippology test, demonstration contest, record book and volunteer hours. To qualify for the All-Around Champion award you will need 6 volunteer hours from you or a family member to Horse Council. Volunteer hours can include but not limited to coming to horse council meetings, planning or helping at the horse shows and gymkhana horse camp and Fair. We will present a saddle for the high point winner in each age group. Not having your volunteer hours can knock you out of the award so start now. Starting in March we are going to add a quarterly educational component to our Horse Council meetings. We will spend about 30 minutes on a horse topic. We will invite various experts (vets, farriers, nutrition, training, etc.) to do a short presentation. Attendance will count towards your volunteer hours. Horse Judging practice has been moved to the Fairgrounds. This is a great way to learn more. Horse Judging team will be hosting a hippology contest on April 4th and is working on a horse judging completion sometime this year. Watch you Hubs for more information. Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 4th. In addition, to the education component we will start planning our annual Horse Camp. Hope to see you there.

#### **Mountain Shadows 4-H Club, February Minutes**

Changes are coming to the Mountain Shadows 4-H Club! We are adding more games and science experiments! Therefore we have more attendance and get more out of the meeting. We are changing it up! Also, we will have more public speaking throughout the club members. On another positive note, we have a new clover bud, Kenny Kirkpatrick, and his parents would like to be our clover bud leaders! Now to the meeting! On February 9th of 2015, we had an exciting gathering. We discussed new events that are happen around us. We also decided to not have community service this month as we will be doing two in March. The box supper is going to be interesting and exciting to see what the girls will dish up for the gentlemen to buy for either themselves to eat with the girls or joined by his family. I want to thank our new STEM tech, Zach Thorsheim, for agreeing to take us on adventures! We all enjoyed the "flame throwing" and "vacuum making" experiments!

-Mountain Shadows 4-H Reporter, Stephenie Riegel

#### **February 2, 2015 Pine River 4-H Club Report**

Amanda Ludwig called our meeting to order at 6:30 pm. We had our pledges followed by roll call. We had one guest Susan Baker. Dante Hawkins joined us as a new member. Tayler read our secretary's report which was passed. Mike then gave our treasure report, which was also passed. There was not a county council report since there wasn't a meeting. Harley spoke about LDC and how much fun she had. Tayler read our thank you letters. We passed out thank you notes for Baskin Robins and First National Bank. Amanda spoke about the Vallecito Game dinner. We reminded Rylie and Kole that they were signed up for Youth Fest and then discussed snow shoveling at the Lions Hall. We decided to move our March meeting to Sunday, March first from 1:00-3:00. We will meet at the bowling alley in Ignacio and have casual meeting. We reminded everyone of the Love Your Library event at the Bayfield Library on February 8th from 1-4. We discussed rabbit camp and the next rabbit meetings. Harley and Tayler were very informative and encouraged people to attend both. Amanda spoke of the upcoming hunter's safety classes and shooting sports information. Swine, Sheep and Goat tag in dates, location and times were also discussed. Harley spoke about the dog project meetings and trainings that are coming up and how important they are for the dog projects. The changes in the Meat Quality Assurance Training was the next subject on or agenda and we reminded everyone that the date they attend needs to go in their record book. Harley reminded us of the 4-H record book app. She told us how easy it is to use and it is very helpful with multiple projects as well. We discussed the horse judging team and moved on to turning in our can goods for the food bank. Harley asked if our members would support the upcoming FFA dance and dinner on 2/14 and spoke of the dinner, door prizes and entry costs. Our February birthdays were: Tegan Schleeter and Jan Bradberry. Kalen Elliott from Basin Coop talked about the different feeds available at Basin Coop and if 4-H kids sign up to have an account with the Coop they get at 10% discount off their feed. If anyone is interested to talk to Lynn at the Co-op. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm; it was followed by a team building game and refreshments.

Our next 4-H meeting will be Sunday, March 1st from 1:00-3:00 at the Ignacio bowling alley

Our next officer meeting will be Wednesday, February 25th 5:30 at the library

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