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The La Plata County 4-H office would like to thank and recognize all the wonderful 4-H Moms in our program.

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Alerts!

4-H County Council

There is not a 4-H Council meeting in May. The next meeting will be June 4th at 7:00 pm.

4-H Horse Council

There is not a 4-H Horse Council Meeting scheduled in May.

Project Drop Date

Last day to Drop a project is June 1st!

Fair Camper Spaces

You may start signing up for Fair camper spaces on Monday, June 1st at 8:00 am. You may call or come in to the office. The cost is \$40.00. Please make your check out to La Plata County Fair Board.

4-H Volunteer & Leader Meeting

Attention all active volunteers! There will be a meeting on May 7th 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 or 970-382-6465

Raise Money for 4-H with 1 Simple Step!

Enroll in the City Market Community Rewards Program and every time you shop at City Market, you'll be helping to support La Plata County 4-H!! In order to participate, you must have a City Market Value Card, enroll online and choose La Plata County 4-H as the organization that you'd like to support. You'll still get all the same discounts and prices, but the money you spend will count as votes toward the size of the donation that LPC 4-H will receive from the Community Rewards Program.

Go to www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com and click "ENROLL" It will prompt you to log in to your value card account. If you do not have one, you will need to set one up in order to participate. You will be able to enroll with your City Market Rewards Number or with the phone number you use as alternate ID.

Truck Raffle Tickets Fundraiser

We are offering the Truck Raffle Tickets as a fundraiser for your clubs! 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!

Checks will be mailed to each club by Oct. 31st, 2015.

Tickets are available in the Extension Office.

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

Electric Fencing for Bears Demo

Gallagher Fence representative Dale Klotz will provide a demonstration on setting up electric fencing to deter bears. Local electric fencing vendors will provide set-up examples and be on hand to answer your questions! Light lunch and beverages provided, courtesy of local fencing vendors.

What: Electric Fencing for Bears Demonstration

Where: CSU Extension, La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave

When: TUE. MAY 5, 11AM-2PM (light lunch and beverages provided)

Sponsored by Bear Smart Durango, CSU Extension, Gallagher, Agritek Fence, Basin Co-Op and Tractor Supply. Contact Bear Smart Durango atbp@frontier.net or 970-749-4262 for more info.

***They would love for some 4-Hers to attend and are looking for a 4-Her to give the fencing materials to! ***

Cribbage Tournament Fundraiser!

The Mountain Shadows 4-H club is hosting a Cribbage Tournament. This is a fundraiser event, so please pass along this information to all your cribbage playing friends!

It will be on Saturday, May 9th at 7 pm at the Breen Grange.

Cost: \$5.00

You can come and learn how to play Cribbage as well!!

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 13th 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 13th.

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 are not attending State Fair, there will be two weigh-ins to choose from on May 16th. One at the Pine River Church, outside of Ignacio and another at the Old Fort, 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 11th to 15th 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.

The workshop will be open:

Monday, May 11th – 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 12th – 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13th – 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Thursday, May 14th – 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday, May 15th – 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

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.

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

Protocol for Record Book Disputes at County Fair

1. Fill out and turn in a formal Record Book Challenge form. Forms will be available in the Extension office and may be turned into Angela or Greg.
2. We will contact you regarding a time we can meet to review the form in person.
3. The Record Book Challenge form will be reviewed by the County 4-H Agent, Record Book Superintendent, and General Projects Superintendent. (Record Book TEAM)
4. The Judge who graded the Record Book will be contacted regarding the challenge. ***
5. You will be contacted by the County Agent to set-up a time to review the challenge decision.

*** If Judge can't be reached in a timely manner, the RB TEAM will decide the proper course of action at that time.

Dog Training Classes

All 4-H dog members are encouraged to attend the 4-H Dog Training Classes. All classes will be held at the Durango Dog College located in the DCI Complex. 463 Turner Drive unit 104C, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

May 8th & 22nd

June 5th & 19th

July 3rd, 17th & 31st

If you have any questions or plan on attending, please call or email Traci Moriarty at 970-946-9116 or

wagbetweenbarks@gmail.com

Rabbit Meeting:

We encourage that all Rabbit Project Members and anyone interested in the rabbits to attend this meeting at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

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

Poultry Meeting

We encourage that all Poultry Members, and anyone interested in poultry, attend this meeting:

May 20th @ 7:00 pm – Pine room, La Plata County Fairgrounds.

Goat Meetings

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

June 2nd and July 7th

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

Horse Project - Important Dates

Spring Fling in Durango

Horse Show May 16th @ 9 am

Gymkhana May 17th @ 9:30 am

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

Horse Certificates are due by June 1st at 5:00 pm

Invitational in Durango

Horse Show June 13th @ 9 am

Gymkhana June 14th @ 9:30 am

San Juan Basin District in Durango

Horse Show July 11th @ 9 am

Gymkhana July 12th @ 9:30 am

Fun Shoot

The Fun Shoot is scheduled for May 23rd 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 at 993 CR 323, Ignacio, CO 81137. No preregistration required.

San Juan Basin Bull's-eye Classic

June 6, 2015

LOCATION: Montezuma County Fairgrounds, 30100 Hwy 160, Cortez, Colorado

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration will open May 15th and is strongly recommended. Registrations may be submitted to the Montezuma County Extension Office, but must be turned in (NOT POST-MARKED) no later than Friday, May 26, 2015. You can pick up registration forms from the Extension Office, or contact Angela and she will email them to you.

FEES: \$10.00 for each shotgun discipline; \$5.00 for each non-shotgun event; MAXIMUM OF TWO EVENTS PER PARTICIPANT. Payment must accompany entry form. Make checks payable to: *Montezuma County 4-H Shooting Sports Council*. For more information, see the registration form.

RULES: The contest will follow the State 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Books.

Contestants are required to sign a waiver whether or not you possess a valid Colorado Hunter Safety Card. The waiver will be mailed with your registration and fee to the Montezuma County Extension Office. All participants are expected to know and obey all standard NRA range rules and commands. All equipment is subject to inspection by range officers for safety of function.

EQUIPMENT: Each contestant must provide his or her own firearms. Bring a ground mat, your own eye and ear protection, and kneeling rolls.

AMMUNITION: Each contestant must provide his or her own ammunition.

PROTECTIVE GEAR: All contestants must provide their own eye and ear protective gear. Contestants who do not bring proper protective gear will not be allowed to compete.

4-H Marketplace & Working Demonstrations

There are many opportunities in 4-H for developing life skills. This year, you can make money while working on those skills and learn about becoming an entrepreneur at the same time! It's called the "4-H Marketplace." You will be able to reserve a booth space (free) for a specified time on the Saturday of the fair. This gives everyone the opportunity to earn money at county fair! We will have training available to help you become a successful entrepreneur.

Here are just a few ideas of what you might sell if you are enrolled in any of these projects: Leathercraft- bookmarks, barrettes; Poultry- eggs; Foods- baked cookies, breads; Cake Decorating- cupcakes; Gardening- fresh produce, baked goods using produce; Sewing- grocery bags, accessories; Welding- key racks; Woodworking- bird houses, peg racks. These are just some ideas. It must be related to your project (but you don't have to exhibit it) so if you are interested in participating but not sure what to make, we will help you with ideas. Of course, you will want to make profit and consider your potential buyer, so you might need to brainstorm several ideas. Just imagine how much fun it will be to get a taste of running your own business! See below for the opportunity to do a "Working Demonstration" at the 4-H Marketplace and earn even more rewards!

All workshops will be held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, in the Extension Building:

July 14th, 10 am to 2 pm—Business Plans and Working Demonstrations

July 30th, 10 am—1 pm—Practice, Practice & Practice

Durango to Denver Exchange (D2D) June 15th to 19th

We will be taking 5 girls and 5 boys, between the ages of 10 and 13, and partnering with 10 Denver County 4-H Members, for a fun filled week of events in Durango and Denver!

The events will include: Giving Back Garden! Tour the Old Fort, Mesa Verde National Park, Camping, Lakeside Amusement Park, Sand Dunes National Park, Scavenger Hunt, Ghost Tour, Denver Downtown Activities and Much, much more!!

If you are interested, please fill out an application (found online www.laplatacounty4h.org or the Extension Office) and turn it into the Extension Office, by June 5th.

Summer Fun Days

June 5th – S.T.E.M Adventure Day

- The S.T.E.M. Adventure Day is open to all Junior and Intermediate 4-H members. This is a fun day where we will start at the Extension building with some games, then go on a nature walk along the Animas River, and arrive at the Durango Discovery Museum. We will spend a few hours at the Museum exploring the wonderful world of Science!! We will have a picnic lunch along the River and then take a nature walk back to the Extension building. The day will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch and admission into the Durango Discovery Museum provided. Please call or email the Extension office to sign-up. We will limit the day to the first 20 members.

June 11th – General Projects Day

- Are you interested or already enrolled in any of these projects: Leathercraft, Cake Decorating, or Heritage Arts. Please come and get help with your project, or if you are not enrolled, please come and see if you would like to ADD this project and get started. We are making a special exception for these projects to be added after the deadline, ONLY if you attend the General Projects Day. The workshops will go from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Please call or email the Extension office to sign-up and please indicate what project you will be participating in.

June 20th – Old Fort Jackpot

- This annual event will take place at the Old Fort Lewis Campus in Hesperus, CO. This is a great opportunity to practice your showmanship and in the ring skills. This contest will have Steer, Sheep and Goat classes being judged. Registration will be morning of the Jackpot. For more information or how to volunteer to help out, please contact Beth LaShell at 970.759.1387

June 22nd – 26th – Colorado State 4-H Conference – “4-H...The Road to Success!”

- Senior members are invited to take place in this great Leadership event at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, CO. The State Conference will host Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Knowledge Bowls and Speech and Demonstration Contests. In addition, members can participate in educational seminars and meet 4-H'ers from around the State. La Plata County 4-H can provide transportation and a sizeable discount for members who want to attend. Registration forms are available online & the Extension Office. Registration is due Friday, May 8th at 5:00 pm.

July 19th – Livestock Day at the Fairgrounds (Large Animals)

- Livestock Day will run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and we will provide snacks. We will start out in the Animas room to talk on ethics, feeding and Record Book assistance. Then we will head down to the Pavilion and will allow members an opportunity to learn about grooming and showmanship skills for Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine projects. Please call or email the Extension office to sign-up.

July 16th - Final Record Book, Display Board and Project Assistance Day!

- Come to the Extension Office anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to finalize your livestock and general project record books, display boards and projects. Feel free to bring in your project and work on it all day. Greg will be available to help you with those last minute questions that you may have. Refreshments and snacks will be available throughout the day. No registration is required, just stop in when you can.

***If you would like to bring a non-4-H member to one of our local events, please let the Extension Office know and we will make the proper arrangements for a potential new 4-H'er!

Change to Silver Steaks Award

Great News!! Exhibitors can enter an unlimited number of market beef. This has been limited to two in the past. Market beef must meet all eligibility requirements described in the Fair Book especially being born within 75 miles of Durango.

New this Year – Silver Loin Award for Market Goats. The award will be run like the Silver Steaks Award for Beef.

- Market Goats must meet all eligibility requirements set forth in the Fair Book for Class 8.
- Goats must be born within 75 miles of Durango.
- Exhibitors or Producers may enter an unlimited number of goats if they meet all other requirements
- Entry fees for this award are \$7.50 per goat entered. This fee pays for the ultrasound.
- Ultrasound will be done immediately following weighing of the animal, Wednesday morning of Fair.
- Calculation for the award will be done in a formula like the Silver Steaks Award.
- Top Exhibitor and Producer will each receive a belt buckle. The top five exhibitors will receive a check along with the top 3 producers.

An informational display will be available at Livestock Day in July and during Record Book turn in week. Additional questions should be directed Teddi Baird – Tharp at teddiabear@hotmail.com or 970-217-5609.

Got Baling Twine? Recycle it!

The 4-H Horse Judging Team is trying to reduce the amount of polypropylene in our landfills by recycling baling twine and raising money at the same time! By donating your baling twine, you will be raising money for the 4-H Horse Judging Team so they can travel to judging contests and put on judging contests here in La Plata County.

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

Questions? Call Lisa Marie Jacobs 903-6818

Calendar for 2015 **Dates and times are subject to change**

MAY

- 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 4-H Dog Training – 5 pm to 6 pm - 463 Turner Drive unit 104C
- 8 La Plata County 4-H Higher Education Scholarships due by 5:00 pm to the Extension Office
- 8 Colorado State Conference Registration due by 5:00 pm to the Extension Office
- 9 Giving Back Garden – Work Day – 9 am to 4 pm - Old Fort
- 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
- 22 4-H Dog Training – 5 pm to 6 pm - 463 Turner Drive unit 104C
- 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
5	STEM Day - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm – Fairgrounds *please preregister*
5	4-H Dog Training – 5 pm to 6 pm - 463 Turner Drive unit 104C
5	D2D Registration Due by 5:00 pm - Extension Office
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
11	Cake Decorating, Leathercraft & Heritage Arts Project Day – 9 am to 3M – Fairgrounds *preregister*
13	Invitational Horse Show – 9:00 a.m. – Fairgrounds
14	Invitational Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. - Fairgrounds
15-19	D2D Exchange
19	4-H Dog Training – 5 pm to 6 pm - 463 Turner Drive unit 104C
20	Jackpot Old Fort Hesperus
22-26	State 4-H June Conference - CSU Campus

Asset of the Month Project

La Plata Children, Youth and Family Master Plan (CYFMP) Community Partners

Developmental Asset of the Month

Asset #15 **Positive Peer Influence – Young person’s best friends model responsible behavior.**

Fact: 71% of La Plata County youth grades 6-12 say their best friends model responsible behavior. (Assets Survey 2015)

Essential Question: Have I helped my child or children I know find ways to spend time with groups of peers who will model positive influences?

Tips for increasing positive peer influences:

- Get to know your children’s friends and their families. Make your home a welcoming place for your children and their friends—from toddlers to teens.
- Make positive comments about your children’s friends. If you’re concerned about a friend being a negative influence, have an honest conversation in which you and your child listen and compromise.
- Enroll your child in local clubs and organizations that help build assets for youth and typically include positive peer influences such as the Boys & Girls Clubs, 4-H, scouting programs and various school clubs.

Source: [Search Institute](#) *When Parents Ask for Help*, Renie Howard.

Goat Kids for Sale

Stephenie Riegel has market goats for sale; 3 wethers & 3 does. If you are interested, please call her at 970-946-2470.

Goat Kids for Sale

TJS Boer Ranch has 4 goat kids for sale, all \$200 or less. (They will pay entry into the Silver Loins competition for any goat out of their herd) Any of the kids they have on the ground would make awesome market show prospects or breeding prospects. They also offer a yearly clinic. At their clinic, you learn about nutrition, exercise, showmanship, and clipping. Please call TJS Boer Ranch at 970-799-6279.

Show Lambs for Sale

Denise King-Stovall has 3 show lambs for sale. If you are interested, please call her at 970-749-1091.

Pet Rabbit Needing a Home

Daisy is looking for a good home. She is a sweet girl (needs a little work, since daughter quit working with her). She's about five or six years old. We saved her from a pet store. We have never had any health issues with her. She is a French lop and mini lop mix. She's opal color. She took grand champion in Gunnison when we first got her. She will lay in your lap so you can trim nails. She likes to have something to chew on inside her cage. She is super spoiled, treats, lettuce, oatmeal and carrots. We love her but it's not fair that she's not getting the attention she needs. She can be ornery when she's nesting. Other than that she is a very sweet girl. Just looking for a good home. If you have any questions please let me know. Thank you so much.

Billie Thorpe (970)903-2968



Club Reports



Animas Valley 4-H April 14th

The Cloverbuds had met at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting. The Animas Valley 4-H club met at 7:02 pm on April 14th. The Cloverbuds planted seeds in their meeting. One of our officers read our catch-it letters. Also, we had announcement that there are animal camps. You don't need to have an animal to attend the animal camps. The parliamentarian's moment was told by introducing a new fact. Sadly, the cheese making will not happen with Wendy Rice though Mrs. Ott is trying to find somebody who will teach us to make cheese. Then, we all found out that at the Old Fort on May 9th we all will hopefully be planting plants. The plant planting is for the whole day. The plant fundraiser was great and almost everyone met the goal of 10 plants to sell. If you bought plants from the fundraiser than you will need to schedule a date to pick the plants up from Mrs. McGaw. Just like last year we have the other fundraiser to sell tickets for a truck. To sell tickets pick them up at the extension office. Remember that the fundraiser goes all the way through August. If you have not signed up for any projects the deadline is May 1st. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th. After the meeting we had a short workshop. Since one of our officers is leaving before fair, she did her demonstration at the workshop.

Sydney Flores, Reporter

Florida Four leaf 4-H Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:49 pm by Ethan McInnes. Ethan Casias lead our pledges then Jenna Baker did roll call. We dismissed the clover buds. Jenna Baker read the minutes of March's meeting the minutes were approved as read. Vinny Lopez went over Treasurer's report it was received as read. Then we went to reports and Cooper Knox did the Hubs Report, Vinny went over the County Council Meeting Report, Kali Fassett went over the Leaders Report, Tommie Knox went over hobo bags, Cooper went over livestock judging, Brock Fassett went over beef tag-in. Cooper Knox and Ethan McInnes went over thank you cards from the Ag Expo, there were no other reports. We went to unfinished business Ethan McInnes went over Club dues/club enrollments, canned goods, and Swine, Sheep, and goat tag-in. Kali went over volunteer meeting. Ethan McInnes went over clothing: Club decided on putting our club's name on hats and/or t-shirts and set a budget and then a committee was formed to get information on hats and/or T-shirts. Brock made a motion for the clothing idea and it was passed. We talked about fundraising we decided to do a pancake breakfast for Labor Day weekend. Motion was made by Kate and it was passed. New business: Club talked about cleaning the cemetery. Club decided on clean it on May 18th at 4:00. Minnie made a motion and it was passed for community service. We talked about 4-H awards that we do every year, club decided on an amount for the awards. Kaleb made a motion and it was passed. Appreciation Diner was decided to be talked about at next meeting in May. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Laura Smith, Vinny Lopez, and Ethan Casias did their demos.

Mt. Allison Go-Getters

The Mt. Allison Go-Getters was called to order at 6:49 p.m. on April 13th.

Joseph led the club in the pledges. We had 11 Members, 0 Guests, and 5 Clover buds. Kaylee made a motion to approve March's minutes. Allison seconded the motion.

Keanna gave the club a run-down report of the County Council meeting. Kaylee gave Treasure's report. Keanna also reported on the beef-weigh in.

The club decided to start bringing canned food to the club for the canned food drive.

The club is going to part in the St. Ignacio Parade. The club also decided on helping out the McCaw family with the preparation for the home coming of Jerry McCaw.

The discussion about the Ag Expo 2016 was held off until the next meeting. The club is still trying to find an alternate community service project that is safe for the Clover buds. We went over the reminders of upcoming events. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Shaylee made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Eli seconded it.

-Eli Armendariz, Reporter of the Mt. Allison Go-Getters club.

Mountaineers 4-H Club

Hello everyone! The Mountaineers 4-H Club held our monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9th. Bre Hawman called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at the Florida Mesa Grange. Keyton Cugnini the secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. Chantel Fugate read the council report. Our April community service will be Trash Clean up on county road 307 on the 19th of April. We also planned our May community service. We started discussing our club BBQ but have no set dates. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Mountain Shadows 4-H Club: March 9, 2015

We are starting to get into the move of summer. Demonstrations started at this meeting with Angelina. She did a great presentation at the end of our meeting on chickens. There was a lot of community service decided on for this month. With the passing of Mr. Huntington, we agreed to service and make desserts for the meal at the funeral. Also, we will be helping with at the Breen Grange fundraiser. Ending the night on a fun note, we went around the room and read different riddles to work on our public speaking skills.

-Stephenie Riegel, Mountain Shadows 4-H Club Reporter

Mountain Shadows 4-H Club: April 13, 2015

There was brief talk on the outcome of different community service events in the past month. Everyone that reported on the Breen Grange Fundraiser and the Huntington Funeral stated that both events were very nice. Mr. Huntington had a lot of people that came to support his family on his passing. This month's community service, as the right time of year, as everyone decided has to be our first trash clean-up on the road that we have adopted. Tractor Supply's paper clover event was agreed upon to just go as individuals and have a group of people make a poster to represent us. With the preparing of the 2015 La Plata County Fair, as a club we decided to donate money for 2 trophies and an award with a gift card. Before the reading of Thank you notes from sisters on the Tri-Rivers Livestock Judging Team, Penny developed a tornado in a jar for our April science experiment. Than everyone was dismissed.

-Stephenie Riegel, Mountain Shadows 4-H Club Reporter

March 16, 2015 Pine River 4-H Club Report

Amanda Ludwig called our meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Jordyn and Tegan led our pledges. Tayler called roll. We had a new member Noah DeDear. Tayler read our Secretaries report which was accepted. Mike went over our Treasure report, it was also accepted. There was no County Council report however Rylie reminded everyone that our next County Council meeting will be April 2nd. Our Old Business was next on the agenda. We are unable to build the small animal habitat at Four Corners Nursing Home, we discussed building a raised community garden for the residents

instead. The idea was then tabled. Amanda will ask the nursing home if they are interested in our idea and will report back to the club at our April meeting. We reminded everyone about the upcoming truck raffle. Aimee will pick them up and we will dispense them at our April meeting. Since our bowling trip was canceled we then took up discussion on what group activity we would like to participate in. We were unable to set an activity at this meeting and will revisit it in our April meeting. Harley then gave us a report on rabbit camp. Amanda reminded everyone that there was lots of information in the HUBS about shooting sports and to please read your HUBS. Harley reminded our goat, sheep and swine members of the upcoming tag in dates and the dog training classes. Rylie spoke about Ag Expo and how it went. We turned in our canned goods for our food drive. Amanda volunteered to bring snacks to our April meeting and Rylie volunteered to bring the drinks. Tayler, Noah, Mike and Rylie will do Safeties or Demos at our next meeting. Our Clover Buds then presented the gourd bird houses they made, they were all very colorful. Amanda adjourned our meeting at 7:19 pm

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April 6, 2015 Pine River 4-H Club Report

Amanda Ludwig called our meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Tegan and Jordyn led our pledges. Aimee read our reflection. Tayler called roll. Our new member Kaden Valencia was welcomed. Tayler read our Secretaries report which Mike amended the amount of our First National Bank donation from \$200.00 to \$250.00. The report with the amendment was accepted. Tayler gave our County Council report and reminded everyone that our next council meeting will be June 4th at 7:07 pm. Our Old Business was started off with the community garden boxes for the Nursing home. They would love to have portable garden boxes. Mike was able to make arrangements with Mr. Gillespie the Bayfield High School shop teacher to build our boxes for us. We will use the \$250.00 donation from First National Bank for this project. To help with cost several families from our club will grow plants at home and donate them to the Nursing home. We will get together on May 9th at 9:00 am in the Four Corners Nursing Home parking lot to plant the veggies. We then moved on to the truck raffle. Each member is asked to sell 4 booksth of tickets. We proposed June 6th, June 27th, July 11th and July 18th as dates we can come together and sell tickets as a group. Molly pointed out that June 27th is the Old Fort Jack Pot so this day was taken off our list. Members will take the remaining 3 date's home and review their calendars to see what day will work best for us. This date will then be voted on at our May meeting. 2016 Ag Expo was the first item on our New Business. There wasn't much participation at the Learning Barn during the 2015 Expo. Jan Bradberry was asked if our club would like to participate next year. We discussed this and would like to have further discussion before we vote. We will get more information and revisit at our May meeting. Amanda proposed a bake sale, everyone who was interested in participating met up after the meeting. We went on to remind everyone of our upcoming community service projects. We will be meeting up on May 22nd at 6:30 pm to put flags out at the Bayfield Cemetery for Memorial Day. We will then come back on May 26th at 6:30 pm to pick the flags up. These times may change depending on the American Legions schedule. Becky will keep us informed. At our June 1st meeting we will come early at 6:00 pm and plant red, white and blue petunias. Our flower buying budget will be \$25.00. Aimee and Becky will purchase the flowers prior to our meeting. Amanda, Harley, Mike and Tayler went over our announcements. Tracy Harwood was recognized for picking the wining 2015 fair theme. Aimee reminded everyone that Hantavirus and Bubonic Plague are present and to be careful when cleaning this spring. Kathy Elliot asked for our help in baking pies for JJ English and his family. JJ was in a car accident on St. Patrick's Day and there will be a fundraiser on April 24th at the Florida Mesa School to help raise money for their travel and medical expenses. We turned in our canned goods for the food drive. Our April birthdays were: Noah, Becky and Tracy. Our next officer meeting will be April 29th at the Bayfield Library at 5:30 pm. Our next club meeting will be May 4th 6:30 pm at the Bayfield Lions Hall. Tayler gave her demo on CPR, Mike gave is demo on building an electrical current. Rylie started her demo on survival bracelets but wasn't able to finish. Next month Tegan will bring snacks and Ben will bring drinks. Harley, Amanda, Kole and Rylie signed up for demos and safeties next month. Amanda adjourned our meeting at 7:57 pm.

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