

# 4-H



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LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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October 2015

# 4-H Harvest Fest!!



**When: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 2 pm**

**Where: Old Fort Lewis in Hesperus – Library**

**Fun games, 4-H projects, pumpkin' picking, free vegetables from the  
4-H Giving Back Garden.**

**Potluck Lunch with Soup and Hot Dogs provided**

Greg Felsen  
4-H Youth Development

Angela Fountain  
4-H Administrative Assistant

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### **Alerts:**

#### **Junior Livestock Sale Checks**

The fair board is releasing the Junior Livestock Sale checks on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come to the Extension Office to pick them up. Don't forget your auction sale form that your buyer needs to sign for you to get your check.

We are open Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 p.m.

We will be electing New Officers, going over the Hippology Test and showing how the overall points were calculated.

#### **County Council Meeting**

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

We will be electing New Officers!

#### **Club Leader's Meeting**

Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the LPC Fairgrounds, in the La Plata room (upstairs in the Exhibit Hall).

This meeting is for all current club leaders and anyone interested in being a club leader.

### **Do You Want To Be a County Council Officer?**

La Plata County 4-H is seeking committed and responsible youth members for the 2015-2016 year. Council Officers will work together to make informed decisions for our county and act as representatives throughout our county, region and state for LPC 4-H. Duties will include attending monthly meetings, attending mandatory leadership trainings, participating in county 4-H events and fundraisers, collaborating with other youth organizations and assisting with sponsorship development. County Council offers a great opportunity to gain leadership and life skills while having fun and making a difference in your community. Applications can be emailed out and are in the Extension Office. You can apply for multiple positions. If you're serious about County Council then you're serious about getting an application! (Positions are for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter and Parliamentarian)

**\*\*Please bring your applications to the October 1<sup>st</sup> County Council meeting at 7:00pm.**

#### **National 4-H Week**

October 5 - 9, 2015 has been designated as National 4-H Week and is an excellent opportunity to promote 4-H in your schools and your community and recruit new members for your club. Remember that **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** is the day set aside to wear a 4-H shirt to school. The 2015-2016 4-H Enrollment begins on October 16<sup>th</sup>!

#### **2015-2016 4-H Enrollment**

4-H enrollment is going to be done a little different this year. The Colorado State 4-H is now requiring that all of our 4-H members, leaders and volunteers are now enrolled online via <https://colorado.4honline.com>

The website will not be open to the public to enroll until October 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Angela will be sending out a step by step guide on how to enroll online, if you have any trouble or questions please contact her at 970-382-6465 or [fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us).

For those of you that do not have access to a computer/internet, we have some set up in the Extension building for you to use. Greg and Angela are also willing to attend your club meetings and help with enrollment during the meeting. If any club leaders are interested, please contact Angela to schedule a time.

\*Leaders & Volunteers, don't forget that you need to reenroll every year, just like the 4-H members.

#### **La Plata County 4-H Council 2015-16 Schedule**

**\*\*\*All meetings will start at 7:07 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.**

October 1<sup>st</sup>

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

February 4<sup>th</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC)**

This is a great opportunity for All 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Members to take advantage of. This is a Colorado State 4-H leadership event. It will be held in Glenwood Springs, CO from November 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>. La Plata County 4-H will provide transportation and supervision for this event. In addition, La Plata County 4-H will subsidize the cost of the camp (*Registration Fee: \$120 (includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and workshop costs)*) and make this opportunity available for a \$40 cost plus some meals. Deadline to let the Extension office know if you want to go is October 23, 2015.

For more information visit [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org) or call Greg or Angela 970-382-6465

**\*\*Please note, if you register then cancel, you will be charged the full price of \$120.00\*\***

### **4-H Adult Chaperones Needed**

Every year, Colorado 4-H hosts state-wide leadership events. These are great events for both 4-H youth and Adult members. La Plata County 4-H is seeking registered Adult members to act as chaperones at these events. La Plata County 4-H will cover registration fees, transportation, lodging and conference associated food costs. Chaperones will be required to drive members to and from the event, monitoring our youths participation and health, and making sure members are in bed at night. If you are interested, please come by the office and pick up a Chaperone packet and get your name on the list. I will meet with individuals to go over logistics for each event. Depending on the amount of youth attending an event, will determine how many Chaperones will need.

Colorado State 4-H Leadership Events

November: Colorado Leadership Camp – Nov. 13-15 in Glenwood Springs, CO

January: LDC - Leadership Development Conference TBD (Usually last weekend in January) Denver, CO

January: Youth Fest – TBD (Usually 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in February) – Colorado Springs/Larkspur, CO

June: Colorado 4-H State Conference – TBD (Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June) Ft. Collins, CO

Please check out: [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org) under Events and Opportunities for more information.

### **Make Money for 4-H Without Having to Fundraise!!**

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 La Plata County 4-H will receive from the Community Rewards Program.

Go to [www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com](http://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.

### **Goat Breeding Class**

Donna Karp, the Goat Superintendent, is having a Goat Breeding class on Tuesday, November, 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome and Goat project members are encouraged to attend.

### **Support our Veterans**

Mountain Shadows 4-H Club is working with the Silver San Juan Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. We are collecting new unused items to be given to the veterans at the local Stand Down that will be held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Items Needed: shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.

We also will be collecting any adult sized clothing items such as socks, t-shirts, underwear, sweats, hats, gloves, and hand and feet warmers.

We will have a collection box at the La Plata County Extension Office.

We would like to thank our community for all the support you have given us.

If you have any questions please contact Sabrina by phone at (970) 946-8564.

### **Join the La Plata County 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM**

You can:

- Understand and recognize good horse conformation
- Improve your performance by knowing what judges are looking for
- Learn how to judge a show
- Make new friends
- Learn about the horse industry
- Travel with a team to competitions
- Win college scholarships

All ages are welcome!!

For more information contact Charity Swift at 799-7730 or Lisa Marie Jacobs at 903-6818

### **Letter from the 4-H Record Book Superintendent**

Fair is done for another year. School has started. Fall colors have started to show and temperatures are cooling down. I would like to take this time to congratulate everyone that completed their Livestock Record Books. I am very proud of all of the 4-H members that did record books for their livestock projects. This year's interview night went very smoothly and I want to thank all of the members for being on time and being courteous. I would also like to thank the judges who volunteered their time and expertise to the 4-H members.

I have been looking at the last three years of scores since we started the "new" record books. The first year, we had 164 entries in rabbits, poultry, swine, sheep, goats, and beef. We had 143 blue ribbons and 20 red ribbons. Last year, we had 198 entries with 150 blue, 32 red and 16 white. This year we had 201 entries with 163 blue, 31 red, and 7 white.

This data tells me that the first year because everybody was learning the new books - leniency and education was the key. The second year, we had to change a few things to make the books better and more educational. We also had a problem with everyone having the right book. This year, everyone had the right book and we improved greatly with more blue ribbons given overall.

We did have a few complaints that followed our new protocol. We learned a great deal for this and I anticipate a few tweaks to this procedure, but the written process worked well. We did have some suggestions for the record books and the guide that goes with it. I am making notes from those suggestions and working on some better explanations for certain pages. I will also be meeting with rabbit and poultry superintendents to make our record books better for those members.

I would like to thank all the leaders, parents and volunteers who make our 4-H program what it is. Your time and dedication to this program is priceless.  
Teddi A. Baird-Tharp, Livestock Record Book Superintendent

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters: High School Bigs Program**

#### **WANTED:**

High school students to serve as positive role models in our community! Big Brothers Big Sisters is the leading youth mentoring organization in the country, and we are seeking rising sophomores and juniors to volunteer starting in Fall 2015.

As a "Big" you will mentor one elementary school child for one hour every week for the entire school year, earning community service hours along the way. You will do activities with them at their school such as board games, homework, outside games, arts and crafts and also go on group community "outings." You will serve as their special friend and be a positive influence in their life. In your weekly meetings, you will work with your "Little" on issues such as increasing self-confidence, building relationships, effective communication, anti-bullying, and just plain having fun together! This volunteer opportunity is perfect for students interested in a career in education, youth development, or social services. The High School Bigs program serves both the youth and the teen mentor. High School students benefit from participating in the program because they acquire leadership skills, give back to their community, gain community service hours for graduation, and better understand the value of civic engagement through the HS Bigs professional development workshops. Second, the HS Bigs program offers parents and students an alternative to the traditional mentor program, where their child would be matched with an adult from the community.

Commit a year with this unique service opportunity, but make a difference in a child's life forever! For more information or to apply call Chloe at 764-8208, email [chloe@bbig.org](mailto:chloe@bbig.org), or see Mrs. Peggy in the counseling office.

### **Daniels Scholarship Program Application Now Open**

Motivated college-bound high school seniors in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming are encouraged to visit the Daniels Fund website ([DanielsFund.org](http://DanielsFund.org)) to apply online for the Daniels Scholarship Program. The application deadline is November 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. MST.

"In establishing the Daniels Scholarship Program, cable television pioneer Bill Daniels wanted to seek outstanding young people who possess tremendous strength of character, the passion to succeed, a willingness to work hard, and a commitment to giving back to the community," explained Linda Childears, president and CEO of the Daniels Fund.

The Daniels Scholarship Program provides the opportunity to obtain a college education at any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the journey. Selected scholars are offered resources, encouragement, and inspiration far beyond the financial assistance needed to earn a college degree. The goal is not only to help Daniels Scholars succeed in college, but to ensure that they thrive beyond their years in college.

This four-year, annually-renewable college scholarship essentially functions as a "full-ride" scholarship at our 24 partner institutions, all of which are located within our four-state region of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. You can see a complete list of our partner institutions here.

At all other institutions, the Daniels Scholarship functions as a "last dollar" scholarship which covers the unmet need of the student. The scholarship amount is determined after all other financial aid resources and an Expected Family Contribution have been applied. The Daniels Scholarship pays toward a student's required college expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and miscellaneous educational expenses.

To be eligible to apply for the Daniels Scholarship Program, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Be a current high school senior graduating during the 2015-2016 academic year from a high school in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming.
- Be a current resident of one of the four states.
- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Earn ACT scores of at least 17 in each category (Math, English, Reading, Science); or an SAT math score of at least 400 and critical reading score of at least 440. Writing scores are not required. All test scores must come from a single test. Super scoring is not accepted.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Visit [www.DanielsFund.org](http://www.DanielsFund.org) to learn more.

### **Asset of the Month Project**

“The Developmental Assets are 40 research-based, positive qualities that influence young people’s development, helping them become caring, responsible, and productive adults. Based in youth development, resiliency, and prevention research, the Developmental Assets framework has proven to be effective and has become the most widely used approach to positive youth development in the United States and, increasingly, around the world.” (<http://www.search-institute.org/>)

The CYFMP and CHC utilize the Developmental Assets Survey as a periodic measure for how well our agencies and families are providing asset-rich supports, services and opportunities for La Plata County youth. Both organizations teach our community about the assets and how to utilize them in program development, parenting and in our daily lives.

Please join our community partners in promoting the Assets framework, by placing the following “Asset of the Month” in your newsletters, communications and interactions with youth and families. For a full list of the 40 Assets go to: <http://www.search-institute.org/what-we-study/developmental-assets>

Developmental Asset of the Month

**Asset #20 Time at Home—Young person is out with friends “with nothing special to do” two or fewer nights per week.**

Local Data: 62% of La Plata County youth report time at home as described in Asset #20. (Assets Survey 2015)

Essential Question: Do I provide a positive climate at home that encourages my teen to spend time with the family?

Tips for increasing healthy time at home:

- With input from your preteens and teens, develop a weekly family night activity that the whole household enjoys together. Designing the evening could be a rotating job for all family members.
- Honor mealtimes as media-free so that everyone in the family connects. Encourage full participation in meal preparation so cooking and communication skills are developed at the same time!
- Some preteens and teens want to drop activities to have more time to “hang out”. Gently guide your children back to healthy physical or arts activities and positive programs that help them discover and deepen their particular “sparks” (passions and interests).

To schedule a Developmental Assets Workshop for youth and/or adults or a presentation of La Plata County 2015 Assets data, contact Cody Goss at [cody@ourhealthycommunities.org](mailto:cody@ourhealthycommunities.org)

### **Horses Available**

1. Three very gentle kid's horses. One is Duke who is a great gymkhana horse. If anyone who interested please email Penny Stahl at [penneyrides@gmail.com](mailto:penneyrides@gmail.com)

2. Patti Carlile has a rescue horse that she thinks would be great for a 4-H kid. If anyone out there needs a horse for the upcoming year, they can call Patti at 970-799-8968 Carlile Ranch She also has premium horse hay for sale \$7 bale.



## **Club Reports**



### **The Animas Valley 9/8/15 Report**

The Animas Valley 4-H club first had a Cloverbud presentation prior to the meeting. Instead of the Cloverbuds regular presentation we announced the graduates of the Cloverbuds. The new members are Julia, and Sasha. We started the meeting at 7:00 pm on 9/8/15 and we also had 3 new guests. A bunny and 2 dogs. A committee was formed to help form the membership drive. Also, a committee was formed to come up with our new goal(s) for the year. Everyone is encouraged to go to the Award Banquet. We also had nominations for officers. Everyone who accepted a nomination be prepared to give a speech on why you think you will be right for the position. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm. Also free pickling cucumbers at (970)-764-4027 (Stan Ott's grandmother).

Sydney Flores, reporter

### **Florida Four Leaf 4-H Meeting, September 8 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by Ethan McInnes, our President. Vinny Lopez our Treasurer lead the pledges. Then Jenna Baker our Secretary did Roll call and had every one stand up and say there name, age, and how they did at fair there, was one guest Elizabeth Wancura ,we were happy to have her. Then Vinny Lopez did the Treasurers report. Next we went to reports Cooper Knox our Vice President went over Hubs and County Council meeting, Ethan McInnes went over T-shirts, Wynn McInnes talked about the Appreciation Dinner. Then we went to Unfinished Business Ethan McInnes talked about the pancake breakfast and said it got canceled because it was a busy holiday for everyone. Then we went straight to New Business Kali Fassett had a Questionnaire for the club to fill out, then Ethan McInnes went over the Appreciation Dinner Refund and Caleb Lee made a motion to refund Kali Fassett for the Appreciation Dinner and Vinny Lopez second it. Next Kali Fassett went over the Demonstration sign-Up sheet, meal/desert sign up, and Officer Elections. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. Then we played a game. Our next meeting is October 13 2015

Written by Tommie Jane Knox, Reporter.

### Mt. Allison Go-Getters September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Kaylee lead us in the pledges. We had 7 members, 3 Cloverbuds, and 1 guest. Shaylee made a motion to approve both of June's and July's minutes. Kaylee seconded both of the motions. Kaylee also gave the Treasurer's Report. We discussed about our Home Show Day, St. Ignacio Parade, and County/ State Fair. Kaylee made a motion to donate \$150 to the McCaw Family for Jerry McCaw. Allison seconded the motion. The club decided to form a committee to design a new club T-shirt. Eli made a motion to continue our old fundraiser, and Allison seconded it. The club still is trying to come up with a new Community Service to replace Highway clean-up. The club discussed Officer Applications for a new year. The club discussed reminders, and then adjourned the club at 8:06. Kaylee made the motion to adjourn, and Eli seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

### 4-H Pioneer Meeting

Our September meeting was lots of fun, it started with a potluck dinner and then we held our meeting. All of the members who attended the meeting told about their 4-H projects and how they did at fair and even State Fair!

As of September 1st Tracy Smith and Brandy Walts stepped down as leaders of Pioneer and Russell and Daniel started as club leaders. We would like thank Tracy and Brandy for all of their hard work and dedication over their years as club leaders!

We came up with lots of ideas for community service as well as lots of ideas for things that our club could do for fun.



#### Things to Think About

We would like to make a club logo! So bring all of your ideas to the next club meeting so we can get started on getting that designed.

Pumpkin carving was one of our fun ideas for this year, with Halloween right around the corner we should probably decide when and where we wanted to do that.

What should our community service be for the month of October? Officer Election happens in the month of October, have you thought about what office you would like to run for? There's President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Recorder, Council Members, and Parliamentarian.

Save the Date!

\*October 12th is our next meeting at the Marvel Grange. Don't forget to invite a friend or 2 or 3 or 4.

\*October 24th is the FLM School Halloween Carnival 6:00-8:00