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4-H Leaders are the Heart of 4-H

Do not forget to thank your 4-H Leaders! These dedicated volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Without the heart, there is no life. Thank your leaders - let them know how much you appreciate all that they do. Ask if there is anything **you** can do to help **them**.

One way to show your appreciation to your leader is to always attend the meetings that are scheduled. It is their time spend on scheduling and preparation for you (be there to make it worth their while!!)

Be prepared for each meeting. If you are expected to participate in any way (be there, be on time and be ready). If you have questions about your responsibilities, ask before the meeting, not after you get there. Participate in open discussions that concern you, your projects, and your club. Pay attention to what is being said, scheduled and voted on. Know what is happening within your club and the county. It is a great idea to take your parents with you to your club meetings. Younger members may not understand what is expected of them and your parents can help you with that. Many 4-H clubs will be holding Club Officer Elections in the next couple of months. If you are planning to run for an office, make sure that you understand the duties and obligations that go along with holding that office. If elected, it's your responsibility to learn as much as possible about that office (the La Plata County Extension Office will again be holding Club Officer Trainings, please contact Greg to schedule a training for your club) and it's your responsibility to be at every 4-H Club meeting.

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Alerts!

Horse Council Meeting:

September, 2nd at 6:00 pm, in the Extension Building

No County Council meeting in September! The next County Council meeting will be Thursday, October 1st at 7:00 pm, in the Extension Building.

Carcass Contest Result Presentation

The Carcass Contest Result Presentation will be on Sunday, September 13th. Ice Cream Social will start at 3:00 pm and the award presentation will be at 4:00 pm. If your animal was entered in the carcass contest, we recommend that you attend this educational presentation. All winners must be present to receive your winnings.

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Please, Please, Please pick up your Record Books and Projects

We still have a lot of record books and a few projects in the Extension Building. If you have not picked up your items, please do so as soon as you can.

Club Officer Books

Club Officer Books are due on Wednesday, September 8th by 5:00 pm. If you are an officer in your club, you should have an officer book. If you do not have one, please come by the Extension Office to pick one up.

Junior Livestock Sale Pictures

Junior Livestock Sale pictures are available at the Extension Office. If you sold something at the Junior Livestock Sale, you should have had your picture taken. When you come in to pick up your picture, be sure to pick up the form for your buyers to sign when you bring them their thank you. You will not be able to pick up your check on October 1st, if you do not have this form signed. Remember, its best to thank your buyer NOW rather than months down the road.

State Fair Qualified Projects

All State Fair projects need to be picked up from the Extension Office between Wednesday, September 9th and Sunday, September 13th. All projects will be stored in the Animas room. Please let Angela know if you will be unable to pick up your project by the 13th of September.

La Plata County 4-H Achievement Banquet

You're all invited to attend the 2015 La Plata County 4-H Achievement Program! It will be held on September, 26th at 5:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. We hope you are planning to join us while we celebrate the accomplishment of many of our 4-H members, leaders and clubs. We ask that each family bring one main dish, a side and/or dessert. Bring enough of each to serve your family and a few others. Table service (plates, silverware, napkins) and drinks will be provided. Even if you are not anticipating receiving an award, come support your fellow club members. The Achievement Program is a great way to celebrate the end of the 4-H year and the start of a new one. If you would like to help set up the Exhibit Hall, plan to be there at 10 a.m. on Saturday – it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to get it set up nicely. Lastly, Remember we are all Winners in 4-H and achieve great personal, club, family and community goals through our dedication and commitment!

***we need photos of 4-Hers for the slide show. If you have any, please email them to Angela at fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us

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 will 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 1st County Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC)

This is a great opportunity for All 6th-9th 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, November 13-15, 2015. 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 (\$120) and make this opportunity available for a \$40 cost which includes lodging, programs and 4 meals. Deadline to let the Extension office know if you want to go is October 16, 2015.

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 October 26th.

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.

2015-2016 4-H Enrollment starts Oct. 16th

Colorado State 4-H is now requiring that all 4-H members and leaders register through the 4honline system.

This means that we will not be offering the paper enrollment forms.

There is no need to panic! Greg and Angela are available to assist anyone that is having trouble with the online system. We are also willing to attend your 4-H meetings to help everyone enroll.

On October 15th, Angela will be sending out step by step instructions on how to enroll online.

Thank you for your understanding.

4-H Horse Level Training and Testing

September 11 through 13th- Durango Fairgrounds

*Needed Adults to become certified raters for English and Western levels testing for La Plata and Archuleta Counties

*Needed 4-H horse riders to come take the level 1-4 tests so adults can become certified.

Schedule of events

Friday Sept 11

6-8 pm Adults only needed for PowerPoint training on level program

Dinner will be available

Saturday Sept 12

8:30 - Demonstrator rider (English and Western) for "Practice" testing and discussion

9-12- **Testing of Level 1-2 English.** Each test will take approx. 30- 45min. Kids should be ready/warmed up by 12 and then saddles removed as brushing is included in these tests. Raters will be practicing on these tests and Lori Kelly (clinician) will be giving tests.

12 pm- Lunch

1 pm- Testing **of Levels 1-2 Western**

3 pm Practice Testing of Levels 3-4 English and Western for raters- Riders may come ride if want to practice or I can have a "demo" rider for this portion

Sunday Sept 13th

8:30 AM - **Shadowing/Testing for Level 3 and 4 English tests.** 2 adult shadowers/ test max so please tell me if you want to be rated for levels 3 and 4 .- Right now I have 2 kids taking each test which would allow for 4 raters to shadow. 1 rater spot taken for sure so spots will be first come basis on RSVP for clinic.

Kids should be warmed up and in show attire with appropriate helmet and boots and don't need to unsaddle.

12:00- Lunch available for all at clinic

1:00 PM- **Shadowing/testing for western level 3 and 4 riding tests** for following same procedure as English tests.

Please contact Dawn to reserve your spot as a level rater for Friday- Sun sessions **no later than Sept 1st.** Please also contact Dawn with information on 4-H riders who would like to be tested for levels 1 to 4 in either English or Western **by Sept 1st** as well. The written test portion of the levels test does not need to be taken prior to the clinic and I can help you with study materials as needed or answer any questions on the levels program in general.

2015 Old Fort Youth Hunt, Oct. 2nd – 4th. *Applications are due Sept. 1st

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) and the Old Fort at Hesperus have teamed up to sponsor **the 10th Annual Youth Hunt**. This special event will be held at the Old Fort at Hesperus facility, 4 miles south of Hesperus, CO and is scheduled for October 2, 3 and 4 of 2015 and is open to Colorado Resident youths only. Colorado is known for its vast wildlife resource and the opportunity for hunting recreation. Hunting plays an important role in Colorado's wildlife management.

We created this opportunity for Colorado youth because we believe that this is a great investment in the future of this state as the youth of Colorado are the most important asset to the state. Our goal includes giving the youth of Colorado the opportunity to participate in the sport of hunting and to learn and develop new ideas and skills about hunting, wildlife and the outdoors.

Any youth from Colorado interested in participating must be **12 - 16 years of age as of October 2, 2015** and have **successfully completed a hunter education course**. Interested youth meeting these requirements must fill out and send in the enclosed application via email to leland.flores@state.co.us or in person to the CPW Durango Service Center at 151 E. 16th Street, Durango, CO 81301.

All applications must be received on or before September 1, 2015 by 5:00 PM.

No late applications will be accepted. **Applications must include the signatures of the applicant and their parent or guardian.** The program will be limited to six (6) participants chosen through a lottery drawing.

On the afternoon of October 2nd, the selected participants are required to attend an orientation at the research center. During this time, the youth hunters will review hunter ethics, hunting regulations and rules of conduct while on the research center; sight in rifles if necessary, practice shooting with .22 caliber rifles; and become familiar with the research center. Participants must attend the orientation program in order to be eligible to hunt.

On October 3rd and 4th, the youth hunters will then take part in a very unique hunting opportunity in the state of Colorado. The participants will have the chance to hunt on the 6,300 acre Old Fort at Hesperus property that consists of a mixture of sagebrush, pinyon pine, juniper and ponderosa pine. Hunting will be limited to **ANTLERLESS MULE DEER** only. Participants will purchase an antlerless deer license prior to the hunt. Instructions will be sent to successful applicants. The Colorado Resident Youth licenses will cost \$10.75. **YOUTH HUNTERS NEED TO BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN ORDER TO GET THE LICENSE.**

Youth hunters will be hunting with hunter mentors during the hunt. Mentors must be 18 or older **and** have a valid hunter education card. Hunter mentors will be available to those participants who do not have a parent or guardian available to be part of this unique experience. Parental involvement is strongly encouraged as the youth hunters will want to share their experiences with those closest to them.

Hunting equipment, such as firearms, ammunition and knives, will be made available to participants who don't have access to these items. These items must be returned at the conclusion of the hunt. Participants will also be assisted with game care, if needed. Participant should prepare for all types of weather and wear proper attire to be comfortable and safe while hunting.

For more information or to receive an application, please contact the CPW at (970) 247-0855.

Durango Cowboy Poetry Parade

The Durango Cowboy Poetry Parade is on Saturday, October 3rd starting at 10:00 am. Entry forms will be available on their website <http://www.durangocowboygathering.org> Registration deadline is October 1st.

For Sale/Lease/Free

Laura Kutchen has an 8 year old mare that is VERY GREEN. She is hoping to find someone that would like to lease her and work with her. If you are interested, please call her at 970-759-0125

Linda Burton has 2 female (2 yrs. old) & 1 male goat she wants to donate to a 4-H her. She bought from Johnny Seale earlier this year. If you are interested, please call her at 970-759-8029



Club Reports



The Animas Valley 4-H

This August meeting started at 7:02 pm. We first off had our CloverBuds present their projects that they entered into the fair. All of the Cloverbuds that did enter a project did very well. After the Cloverbuds presented we then had a wonderful visit from a guest that wanted to join our 4-H group. We hadn't had a letter from either of our catch-it sponsors lately therefor we read multiple of the letters about them getting ready for fair. Finally it was the time for everyone to share what they had won on their fair projects this year. All of their fair stories, ribbons and projects were exciting to see. At the fair we did get a Grand Champion on our display board and we all have our display board volunteers to thank. It was a great report on how they made it and who they wanted to thank. We also did a marketplace report for the fair marketplace this year. If you did happen to turn in one or more of your projects this year to state fair then you will be able to pick them up at the Exhibit Hall on September 9th-13th. Also at the Exhibit Hall there will be an Award Banquet on September 26th at 5pm. Calling all officers, the President, Vice President, Sectary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Reporter books are due no later than Monday September 7th at 5pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm on the 18th of August.

Rocky Mountain Rough Riders' July Report

The Rocky Mountain Rough Riders' July meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm. We approved last month's minutes and went over the treasurer's report, and decided to match a member's work's donation of \$300 and discussed reimbursements. We got a parliamentarian report from Kate and I reported on the Natural Resources Camp earlier in the month. As a club we went over the old business and decided to move our community garden work to the fall. Everyone was reminded to sell raffle tickets, peaches and pears (if anyone want to order some get ahold of Naomi Riess or Betsy DeLuca), and barbeque tickets, in addition to the goal sales of each. Next, we finalized our livestock tour with all the new destinations and explained to newer members the typical process. As a club we reviewed the HUBs and upcoming local events. Club leaders and older members informed every one of appropriate fair demeanor and dress, as well as answering any questions. We adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm and moved on to putting together our blessing bags and John gave us a wonderful demonstration on a typical electrician's tool belt.

-RMRR Club Reporter, Oakley Felker