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LA PLATA COUNTY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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New 4-H Year End Awards

We are pleased to announce three new “4-H Grows” awards for the 2015-16 4-H calendar year. An award will be given to one deserving member in each of our three age classes (Senior, Intermediate, Junior). These awards will be presented to recipients at our annual Achievement Banquet on September 24th. Our intention is that these will be annual awards given out yearly. Award recipients will be selected by a special committee of community members.

4-H Grows character, compassion, leaders, resiliency, teamwork, courage and so much more in today’s youth. These awards are to honor youth that have had a remarkable year in the 4-H club program. The recipients will have shown solid growth throughout the year through participating in 4-H. The award will highlight a member that has been dedicated and committed to their club, community, country and/or world. This award is open to all project members regardless of how they placed at County Fair.

Mandatory Criteria:

- Enrolled La Plata County 4-H member in good standing
- Completed a 2015-16 project

Nomination process:

- Nominations can only be submitted by La Plata County 4-H Club Leaders. However, volunteers and parents can assist the club leader in completing the nomination form.
- Only one nomination form per age class per club. So, a club leader could submit three forms, just not multiple entries in same age class.
- Complete a nomination form and turn into the Extension office by Friday September 9, no later than 5:00 p.m.
- Provide a digital photo of your nominee(s).

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND EMAILED WITH THE HUBS.

Greg Felsen
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Alerts!

Horse Council Meeting:

September, 7 at 6:00 pm, in the Extension Building. We will be going over the Hippology test and scheduling our 2016-2017 Horse activities.

No County Council meeting in September! The next County Council meeting will be Thursday, October 6, at 7:00 pm, in the Extension Building.

Livestock Sale Photos are Available at the Extension Office.

Carcass Contest Result Presentation

The Carcass Contest Result Presentation will be on Sunday, September 11th. The award presentation will be at 1:00 pm followed by root beer floats! 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.

State Fair Qualified Projects

All State Fair projects need to be picked up from the Extension Office between Wednesday, September 7th and Sunday, September 11th. 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 11th of September.

Club Officer Books

Club Officer Books (except Treasurer) are due on Wednesday, September 7th 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.

La Plata County 4-H Achievement Banquet

You're all invited to attend the 2016 La Plata County 4-H Achievement Program! It will be held on September, 24th 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 and a side 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

Livestock Record Book Corner

I would like to say Congratulations to all the Livestock participants. Judges told me that across the board the record books were great. Good Job Everybody. I know you have all started your record books already – just kidding. I hope everyone has recuperated from fair and school is going well for everyone. Angela and I are busily working on our surprise for the Champions. I hope you like it.

Good News – the record book themselves will not change this year unless you have found a typo we haven't caught yet. You can start them at any time. If you start them now, the only pages that will need to be updated when we get them done is the Front Page and the Market Vs. Comparison in the Intermediate and Senior Books. The Guide Book will change some. I plan to explain a few pages in greater detail based on the questions that were posed last year.

We would like to know what everyone's version of Excel is. We might be able to solve some of the formatting issues by sending you a copy saved in your version. Please let Angela or I know if you would like to try this. Also, I will be providing tips on how to put formulas, auto sum and other key tips in the Excel workbook so watch for those in the future.

We will schedule meetings as the need arises. Please let us know what works for you and those things that you need clarification, more explanation, or help on.

Record Book Completion Guidelines: The following pages can be completed or started at this time.

- Beginning Inventory
- Goals

Also questions, concerns, and comments are always welcome and given due consideration. We continue to strive to make the Livestock Record Books a valuable educational tool for our 4-H members.

Teddi Baird – Tharp

Livestock Record Book Superintendent

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4-H Harvest Festival

Mark your calendar for our annual 4-H Harvest Festival will be on Saturday October 1 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Old Fort in Hesperus. Last year, we had a hay maze, horse buggy rides, archery, leathercraft and much more.

More details to come and dates to help harvest potatoes!

Do You Want To Be a County Council Officer?

La Plata County 4-H is seeking committed and responsible youth members for the 2016-2017 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 6th County Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC)

Join your 4-H friends at the upcoming Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC) in Glenwood Springs, November 4-6, 2016 to see how high you can soar. The theme this year is "Soaring to Success". The conference will have several hands on workshops to develop your skills in communication, teamwork, critical thinking and social skills. Delegates will enjoy building planes and flying them. Delegates will design a miniature roller-coaster to meet criteria. Teamwork is always a part of every workshop as you work with new friends and old. As a part of the conference we will build Christmas Shoe Boxes for less fortunate children around the world. These boxes will include pencils, paper, markers, small toys, etc. For more information check out the website:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/clc/clc.pdf

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 19, 2016.

Support Our Veterans

Mountain Shadows 4-H Club is working with the Silver San Juan Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. They are collecting new unused items to be given to the veterans at the local Stand Down that will be held on October 6th.

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 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.

2016-2017 4-H Enrollment starts Oct. 16th

Don't forget that we are still using www.Colorado.4honline.com to enroll! You will use your same log-in information as you did last year. If you forgot what email you used or changed your email, let Angela know and she will update your profile. If you forgot your password, please type in your email address then click on "forgot password". Now is a good time to decide on what projects you will be doing next year!

San Juan County, NM Calf Tour on Sept. 25th at 12:00 pm

San Juan County, NM will be having the first annual club calf tour (please see attached flier) and would like to invite all 4-Hers to join. It will be a fun filled day with plenty of education. We will see some of the region's best calves and go over selection, halter breaking, feeding, and visit with breeders and culminate with a BBQ and social gathering afterward. Please let Aaron Preator, at San Juan County Extension, know if you are interested in attending. 505-334-9496

2016 Old Fort Youth Hunt, Oct. 7th and 8th. *Applications are due Sept. 16th

Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) and the Fort Lewis College (FLC) Old Fort at Hesperus have teamed up to sponsor **the 11th Annual Youth Deer Hunt**. This special event will be held at the Fort Lewis College, Old Fort at Hesperus facility, south of Hesperus, CO. It is scheduled for October 7, 8 and 9 of 2016 and is open to Colorado resident youths only.

Any youth from Colorado interested in participating must be **12 - 16 years of age as of October 7, 2016** and have **successfully completed a hunter education course**. An apprentice license is not valid for this hunt. Interested

youth meeting these requirements must fill out and send in the attached application via email to leland.flores@state.co.us or in person to: CPW Durango Service Center, 151 E. 16th St, Durango, CO 81301.

All applications must be received on or before September 16, 2016 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 7th, the selected participants are required to attend an orientation at the Old Fort at Hesperus. During this time, the youth hunters will review hunter ethics, hunting regulations, rules of conduct while on the property, sight in rifles, and become familiar with the Old Fort at Hesperus property. Participants must attend the orientation program in order to be eligible to hunt.

On October 8th and 9th, the youth hunters will then take part in a very unique hunting opportunity. The participants will have the opportunity to hunt on the 4,500 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 cost \$10.75. **YOUTH HUNTERS NEED TO BRING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS IN ORDER TO GET THE LICENSE.**

Youth hunters must have a mentor 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, knives, and safety orange garments 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 1, starting at 10:00 am. Entry forms will be available on their website <http://www.durangocowboygathering.org> Registration deadline is September 26.

For Sale

A litter of five purebred Champagne rabbits for sale

They are nine weeks old and are being sold for \$20.00 each, I also have one mix breed rabbit that is the same age that would be a good pet rabbit to have that is being sold for \$15.00
Contact Wren Bourriague if interested at (970) 553-0720



Club Reports



Weaselskin 4-H Club - July Report

We had our meeting at Rhonda's (4-H leader) house. The club members were doing well. The meeting was missing all of its officers besides three people so we ran the meeting and began the pledges. We had an ice cream social with lots of ice cream. We did demonstrations too and several people did theirs.