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4-H and FFA Market Beef Weigh-in

Saturday, March 12, 2015, 9 am - 11 am, Fairgrounds – Pavilion

**Please use the Taco Bell entrance at 29th 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 Code of Practice document. 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 11th 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 11th.

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 Code of Practice document. 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 14th, one for Ignacio/Bayfield area and another for Marvel/Breen area, between 9 am - 11 am. Please remember to bring a filled out Code of Practice document. 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 17th to 20th 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 12/31/15) must attend, as well as all Swine project members that are planning on showing at the Colorado State Fair.

We are doing the MQA/PQA the same as last 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 Tuesday, May 17th through Friday, May 20th at 12:00 pm.

On Wednesday May 18th, we will have a livestock night (6:30-8:30pm) where you will be able to come and learn specific animal husbandry skills in your project from local volunteers. It is not mandatory but highly encouraged for all 4-H livestock members to attend.

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

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Alerts!

4-H Horse Council

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

No County Council Meeting in March

Next meeting is April 7th @ 7 pm.

4-H District Meet

April 17th at 9:00 am, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. More information coming soon!

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

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). See the link below for instructions and options on internet classes. There are three options for the internet instruction – they cost between \$13 and \$25. Once the internet portion is completed, students will need to print off the "diploma" or completion certificate and present it at check-in at the class/live fire day.

We have scheduled the date for the class/live fire day for Sunday, March 6th 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, and then do the live fire at the indoor range at Chapman Hill. All told, Sunday will run from 9:00 am till about 3:30 pm. Parents are responsible for transporting youth from the Fairgrounds to the indoor gun range.

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

Poultry Meetings

These meetings count towards you Poultry Supreme Awards!

All meetings are in the Extension Building at 6:30 pm

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

Rabbit Meetings

These meetings count towards your Rabbit Supreme Awards!

All meetings are in the Extension Building at 6:00 pm – You can bring your rabbits to all of these meetings to tag them in.

March 22nd @ 6:30 pm – Animas room – Rabbit Meeting

May 17th @ 6:30 pm – Animas room – Final Tag-in ***** You must be tagged-in on this date*****

Dog Meetings/Dog Trainings

These meetings/Dog Trainings are not required but encouraged

** Orientation for all 4-H Dog Members - April 15, 5:00-6:00 NO DOGS ...Going over books and paperwork that needs to be completed.

4-H Member Classes:

Every Friday in June at 12:00 pm, held at Durango Dog College

Every Friday in July, starting on the 8th, depending on rain and heat we will try to run the classes at the La Plata County Fairgrounds grass area

Horse Project - Important Dates

***4-H Horse Member Orientation**

March 13th, 1:00 pm, La Plata County Fairgrounds

***New Member Horse Safety Test and Ride**

April 17th, 1:00 pm, La Plata County Fairgrounds

Horse Camp – April 29th - May 1st

Spring Fling in Durango

Horse Show May 21st @ 9 am

Gymkhana May 22nd @ 9:30 am

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

Horse Safety Take Home Test due by June 1st at 5:00 pm *Test is coming soon*

Invitational in Durango

Horse Show June 11th @ 9 am

Gymkhana June 12th @ 9:30 am

Friday Night Lights - Gymkhana in Durango

June 24th at 5:30 pm

San Juan Basin District in Durango

Horse Show July 9th @ 9 am

Gymkhana July 10th @ 9:30 am

Horse Council Meetings:

Wednesday, March 2nd

Wednesday, April 6th

Wednesday, May 4th

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

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

Fair Dates for Horse Project:

Record Books Due: July 25th to 29th by 5 pm

Horse Show: Aug. 6th @ 9 am

Gymkhana: Aug 7th @ 9:30 am

Interviews: Aug 8th –between 8 am and 1 pm

Demonstration: Aug 8th – between 8 am and 5 pm

Hippology: Aug 8th – between 10 am and 2 pm

Horse Camp – April 29th to May 1st

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. Angela will email out the registration forms (mid-March) but you will also be able to get them online at www.laplatacounty4h.org or come into the office and pick one up.

Horse Judging Team

The Horse Judging Team generally meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm, at Charity Swift's house, (please call her for directions, 970-799-7730). All ages are welcome and senior members will be able to compete at the State Conference in June. If you are interested, please call Charity to have her add you to her email list.

Livestock Record Book Corner

According to Wikipedia – “Procrastination is the avoidance of doing a task which needs to be accomplished. It is the practice of doing more pleasurable things in place of less pleasurable ones.” I realize that Record Books of any kind are not the more pleasurable part of your project even general projects. I also procrastinate at times. To overcome this, I set deadlines for myself and don’t move the deadlines just because I don’t want to do it. I keep a day planner with deadlines for specific dates by which I want to get things done. I used this for finalizing the current record books and the supplemental pages. I understand the tendency to procrastinate, but if you start now there is less panic, confusion, and frustration later.

Breeding Supplement pages will be available for download the first week of March. All of the supplemental pages have been reworked to hopefully minimize the number of pages needed to give a clear picture of your breeding project. Breeding Poultry will have 3 pages they need to put in their book. Poultry projects also need to attach the receipt for their chicks behind the Animal Purchase page to prove ownership for fair purposes. Other species supplemental pages have been changed to allow more than one breeding animal to be included on the page. You no longer have to have a page for each breeding animal for your project. Dairy Goat projects will need to complete both the Breeding Goat Record and the Dairy Goat Record. Rabbit projects need to include any animals they tag-in in their record book. Those members in Market Rabbit projects will need to fill out the Breeding Rabbit Litter Record and place it before the Market Performance page as proof of ownership for fair purposes. You will not be required to do a Breeding Rabbit Record Book if you are not enrolled in that project.

Record Book Meetings:

- Other meetings – Saturday at Rabbit Camp and March 17th at the Poultry Meeting.
- The second county level record book meeting will be in conjunction with the April Catch-it meeting.
- Last meeting will be at Livestock Day during the summer before fair.
- If you would like to have a record book meeting at your club, please contact me to schedule these soon.

Questions:

1. If I take an animal to fair from my parents’ herd or flock, how do I show this in my record book when I don’t pay them for it?
 - a. You should purchase the animal in the Animal Purchase Record at what your parents’ value the animal at. If you don’t plan to take the animal again, you can sell it back to your parents after fair in the Income section.
 - b. The Purpose of the record books are to give you an idea of what the project would cost if your parents, grandparents, guardians and others weren’t able to help you like they do. Accounting for everything that is donated or given to you helps you get a true account of your project and how much people help you. Give these people a huge thank you.
2. I have more involvement records than the pages allow? You can put more pages in if you want, but it must have the same information that is on those pages. If it doesn’t have the same information, then the judges will be unable to score you accurately since each section has specific points for the information.

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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Record Books

All record books are available on our website: www.laplatacounty4h.org If you have any questions about your record books or where to find them, please contact at Angela 970-382-6465 or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us

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/>

Add, Drop and Enrollment Deadlines

The last day for the 2016 4-H enrollment is fast approaching! April 1st, is the last day that anyone can enroll in 4-H and still participate in the La Plata County Fair. If you know of anyone that has not enrolled yet, please contact them and let them know they must do so by April 1st.

The last add a project is May 1st and the last day that to drop a project, without penalty, is June 1st. For all adds or drops, you can go to www.co.4honline.com or contact Angela at 970-382-6465 or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us

New Family Orientation

All families are welcome to attend our New Family Orientation. It will be March 23rd, at 6:00 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! Also, please RSVP to Angela. We will provide light snacks.

2016 La Plata County 4-H Scholarships

Seniors, don't forget to apply for our 2016 Higher Education Scholarships! We will be offering four (4) \$500 dollar scholarships to 2015-2016 currently enrolled members that are in good standing and are looking to go on to higher education in the fall of 2016. Applications are due by May 6, at 5:00 pm, in the Extension Office. Scholarship Award recipients will be announced at the June 2nd 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??

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

Camping Spaces at the Fair

We will start accepting reservations for camping spaces at the fair on Monday, June 6th. You are welcome to come in to the office and sign up or give us a call at 970-382-6465. Space is VERY limited and will only be taken on a first come, first served basis.

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 2016 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 1st.

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

Pioneer 4-H Club Fundraiser – Box Supper and Dance

Our Box supper and Dance will be on March 12th in the Marvel Grange Hall starting at 5:30.

This year the Ladies will be bringing a ready-to-eat meal that feeds 3-4 people and the gentlemen should bring their bidding hand and wallets. Ladies are encouraged to “Dress up” a box or flyer advertising the meal you brought. Then each “box supper” will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, along with the company of the one who brought the meal to enjoy their dinner. Following dinner there will be a Free Family Dance until 11:30 ish. There will be a concession stand. We hope to see you there and remember to invite all of your friends.

Live Music

Florida Four Leaf Family Dance

Florida Four Leaf is hosting a Family Dance on Saturday, March 19th, from 8 pm to 12 am, at the Florida Grange. 656 County Road 172 Durango, CO 81303

2016 Four States Ag Expo.

Thursday, March 17th - 9 am-5 pm, Friday, March 18th - 9 am-6 pm and Saturday, March 19th - 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/>

Diversity Dialogue

An opportunity is just around the corner that lends itself to increasing Unity in our CommUnity! The annual **Diversity Dialogue on Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Durango Rec Center Peaks room** is appropriate for mid school age through adult and we love to see all generations represented to have meaningful conversations about life in La Plata County through a diversity-oriented lens.

We encourage you think about youth you work with who may benefit from this experience and help them with transportation to the event if needed. Those who RSVP by March 11th will get a scrumptious free lunch provided by the City of Durango's Community Relations Commission. See you at the **Durango Rec Center** for the event this year.

IFYE Potluck (International 4-H Youth Exchange) Presentation

Come join us for a special 4-H Presentation. On Monday March 21 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Extension building, Tyler Ansicar will be sharing with us his experience of being a 4-H IFYE member. Tyler is a 4-H Alumni from Montrose County. Tyler spent six months working on farms in Austria and Norway and would love to tell us all about it and encourage current 4-H members to join the IFYE program. Bring a dish to pass and we will provide plates, silverware, napkins and beverages.

La Plata County 4-H Marketplace

4-H Marketplace wants you!! We had a very successful 2015, and want to make 2016 even better! Are you interested in youth entrepreneurship? Do you have a product or a 4-H general project you would like sell at County Fair? Please let us know. Contact Greg at 382-6460 or email him at felsengh@co.laplata.co.us and sign up. Once we have enough interest, we will organize classes and trainings to get going!

D2D (Durango to Denver) Exchange Trip

D2D Exchange trip is for La Plata County 4-H members 10-13 years of age. This is a wonderful trip to meet new people, see new places and have lots of fun! For the last two years, we have partnered with Denver County Extension for a five-day 4-H adventure in Colorado. This year activities include: rafting, camping, and exploring Denver, community service events, film making, Science and much more. Again we are looking to match 5 girls and 5 boys for this trip.

Dates: Friday June 10th – Tuesday June 14th.

Cost is \$50 dollars and scholarships are available.

Please contact our office as soon as possible to register for this great opportunity and get any further details.

Priority will be given to 4-H members who haven't gone on the trip before.

Check out this YouTube video of our first trip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQaVuV4_UD8

La Plata County 4-H Higher Education Scholarships

La Plata County 4-H is pleased to announce that we will be offering four (4) \$500 dollar scholarships to 2015-16 currently enrolled members that are in good standing and looking to go on to higher education in the fall of 2016. Applications are due by May 6, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Extension Office. Scholarship Award recipients will be announced at the June 2, 2016 County Council Meeting. Please come into the office to get an application.

The Old Fort at Hesperus 2016 CSA

The La Plata County 4-H Giving Back Garden will be growing food at the Old Fort in Hesperus again this year. We will also be growing for their CSA program. To learn more about what a CSA is and how to get involved check out their website at: <https://www.fortlewis.edu/oldfort/TheOldFortFarmStand.aspx> We will be providing financial assistance to families that would like to join the program in exchange for working on the garden throughout the season. Give Greg a call or email to learn more.

Calendar of Events **Dates are subject to change**

MARCH

- 1 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 2 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 4-6 Rabbit Camp – LPC Fairgrounds - *pre-registration is required
- 6 Hunter Education In Class/Life Fire Day – 9:00 am – Extension Building **Must preregister and complete an online class.
- 8 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 9 Catch-It Meeting – Birthing Class – 7:00 pm – Extension Building
- 12 4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-in - 9 a.m. till 11 a.m. – Pavilion**
- 13 New Horse Member Orientation – 1:00 pm – Extension Building
- 14 Pioneer Fundraiser – Box Supper and Dance – 5:30 pm - Marvel Grange
- 15 Durango Kennel Club Classes – 6:00 p.m. – Exhibit Hall
- 15 4-H Poultry Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 17-19 Four States Ag. Expo Montezuma County Fairgrounds
- 19 Florida Four Leaf Family Dance – 8 pm – Florida Grange
- 21 IFYE Presentation – 6:00 pm – Extension Building
- 22 4-H Rabbit Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 28-April 1 Bayfield, Durango & Ignacio Spring Break

APRIL

- 1 Deadline for all returning and new 4-H Members to register in 4-H and still participate in the La Plata County Fair**
- 2 Bayfield Riders Riding Clinic – Time TBD- Pavilion
- 6 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 6 Catch-It Meeting – Record Book Help – 7:00 pm – Extension Building
- 7 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 10 Catch-It Livestock Tour with Committee
- 17 Required for all New Horse Members – Safety Test and Riding – 1:00 pm – Extension Building
- 17 District Meet – 9:30 am to 4:00 pm – Exhibit Hall - *pre-registration is required.
- 18-22 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 19 4-H Poultry Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 29-May 1 Horse Camp – LPC Fairgrounds *pre-registration is required
- TBD New Family Orientation

May

- 1 Last day to ADD Projects.
- 1 Dog ID Forms MUST be uploaded to 4honline by 5 pm
- 4 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 5 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 6 La Plata County 4-H Higher Education Scholarships are due by 5:00 pm
- 11 **4-H/FFA Livestock Tag-in for Market Sheep, Swine and Goats (Durango Option), Fairgrounds 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** (If you are planning on attending State Fair, you MUST attend this tag-in)
- 14 **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.
- 17-19 MQA/PQA Trailer at the LPC Fairgrounds
- 21 Spring Fling Horse Show – 9 am – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 21 Fun Shoot – 9 am – Wright’s Property in Ignacio
- 22 Spring Fling Gymkhana – 9:30 am – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 30 Extension Office closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1 All 4-H Horse Certificates are MUST be uploaded to 4honline by 5 pm
- 1 Horse Safety Tests to be turned in to the Extension Office by 5 p.m.
- 1 Last day for all 4-H members to **Drop** Projects
- 1 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 2 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 3 D2D Registration Due – 5 pm – Extension Building
- 4 San Juan Basin Bull’s-eye Classic Shoot – Wright’s Property in Ignacio
- 5 Catch-it Sponsor Pot Luck – 4 p.m. - La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 6 **Sign up for Fair Camper Space starting at 8 a.m.**
- 11 Narrow Gauge Rabbit Show – 9:00 am – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 11 Invitational Horse Show – 9 a.m. – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 12 Invitational Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. - La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 12-17 D2D Exchange
- 18 Jackpot Old Fort Hesperus
- 20-24 State 4-H June Conference - CSU Campus
- 21 4-H Poultry Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building
- 24 4-H Gymkhana – 3:00 pm - La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 24-25 Fiesta Days/Fair Royalty Clinic – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- TBD STEM Day – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- TBD Cake Decorating, Leathercraft & Heritage Arts Project Day – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – La Plata County Fairgrounds

JULY

- 4 4-H Office Closed for Independence Day
- 6 La Plata County 4-H Horse Council Meeting – 6:06 p.m. - Extension Building
- 7 La Plata County 4-H Council Meeting - 7:07 p.m. Extension Building
- 9 San Juan Basin District Horse Show – 9 a.m. – La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 10 San Juan Basin District Gymkhana – 9:30 a.m. - La Plata County Fairgrounds
- 15 ALL CLUB TREASURERS BINDERS & IRS FORMS ARE DUE BY 5 P.M. to the Extension Office
- 20 Shooting Sports Fair Entry Forms due by 5 p.m. to the Extension Office
- 23 State Fair Shoot (not Shotgun) – 9 a.m. – Outdoor Durango Gun Club
- 25-29 All 4-H/FFA Animal and Community Service Record Books, Fair Entry Forms and Fair Royalty Applications due into the Extension Office
- 29 Last Day that 4-H/FFA Livestock/Horse/Dog Record Books and Entry Forms and Community Service Books accepted in the Extension Office - before 5 p.m.
- 30 Shotgun ONLY Fair Shoot – 9 a.m. – Witt’s Property in Ignacio

For Sale:



4 month old female Australian shepherd pup for Sale!
She has great potential as a 4-H dog or just a wonderful pet.
She is calm, smart and super cute. If you are interested, please call Jamie at 970-551-0044.



FF Goats
4-H Market Weathers for Sale out of Pagosa Springs, CO
Available for viewing after March 1, 2016.
For more information or to request a farm visit call Kitzel Farrah at 970-946-1481



Club Reports



Animas Valley February Meeting Report

The Animas Valley meeting started out at 6:00pm with a Community Garden Project meeting. Some 4-Hers and Mrs. Paulson planted onions lettuce and beans. The meeting started at 6:58pm on February 9th, 2016.. Then our song leader handed our lyrics to, "We've got the Whole World in our Hands," and we all sang with her. Our Clover buds had their meeting prior to ours and they showed us their paper fortune teller. They demonstrated how they used the fortune teller and they also told us they made them because they wanted to get to know each other better. Then parliamentarian explained the correct way to start a 4-H meeting. We had a report on the Youth Fest and a report on the Snowdown Wipeout Optical Course. The fair theme this year is still being decided on so the group brainstormed some ideas. A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up for food for the Tea parties we would have with the Grangers. On the 20th of February we would meet at the Grange hall and split into groups. The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.
By the Animas Valley Reporter, Sydney Flores

Bayfield Riders

The meeting of the Bayfield Riders was called to order at 6:42 p.m. on February 8th, 2016, by our President, Savanna. We had 10 members and 1 guest present.

Reports:

- ☐ Savanna reported on the Horse Judging Team.
- ☐ Jamie McDonald gave a Leader's Report. Included therein was the dates for the next couple of rabbit meetings, dog meetings, and record book workshops.

Club Business:

- ☐ The Club voted to donate \$150 to the Swift family to help with the expenses of rebuilding their indoor arena, which collapsed recently due to heavy snows.
- ☐ We also discussed hosting a horse jumping clinic on April 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Kaleb gave a demonstration on setting up a temporary skink (a kind of reptile) transport habitat, and Savanna gave a demonstration on Preparing a Dog for Surgery.

Our next meeting will be March 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Zebulun Shields, Reporter

Florida Four Leaf 4-H Club

Before our meeting we all got together and decorated cookies to give to groups around our community that are supportive of 4H. Some of the places that we went to were the firehouse, Coke, and Morhart. We decorated about 130 cookies altogether. Our meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm and pledges were lead by my Amanda. We had 21 kids present with 3 guests. Cloverbuds were then excused to their meeting and the minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was also approved as read. Ms. Kali went over the hubs and some of the changes that are happening with the new record books and reminded us that there will be a record book help night the 16th of this month. Ms. Leah read the council report and a reminder of the club's by-laws on attendance of club meetings and community service. We had two birthdays this month, Tommie and MaryAnn and Isaiah gave us a run down on what he did at Youth Fest. We also talked about fundraising ideas and the club picked to do a dance at the Florida Mesa Grange on the 19th of March. The motion was made by Amanda and seconded by Kaleb. Meeting was closed at 7:47 pm.

Josephine Vigil

Ignacio Westerners 4-H Club

The January meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. January 11, 2016. First of all, Rachel Samburg led the club in pledges. Then, we got down to business; welcoming three new members; Lana and Trey Mckee, and Zach Hufnagel. Following this, the minutes were approved and seconded. Clay Sanburg gave the County Council report, and Guy Wright gave the Livestock judging report. The current treasurers report was \$2,591.47. Then, Taylor Jenkins read the HUBS and everybody with a January Birthday sang too. The club then discussed topics such as Re-Enrollment due dates, Fundraiser Ideas, Community Service Ideas, Fun Activities, and dates to add/drop projects. After six demonstrations, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Ignacio Westerners 4-H Club

The February Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm on February 8, 2016. The club welcomed two new members and sang happy Birthday to members with February Birthdays after the pledges. Finally, the club got to business. Minutes were approved. The club Treasurer reported that the club has \$2,591.47. Next, the County council and Livestock Judging reports were given and the HUBS were read. Moving on, recent local events were discussed, such as the Snow-Ball Classic. The club decided to go to the Durango Recreation Center on February 28 for a fun swim day. Finally, 3 Demonstrations were given and the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

By Claire Hufnagel

Mountaineers February Meeting Report

The Mountaineers Club meeting was called to order at 7:09pm. Bre started us off with the pledges. Roll was taken by Oceana. Old business was discussed and approved. The club is going to volunteer at the National Wild Turkey Federation banquet on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The club will help set up in the morning and come back in the evening to help with the auction. The club agreed to renew the contract to adopt CR 307 for the next 2 years. The club also approved a donation be made to Cole Crawford to help with his shooting competition. Demonstrations will start next month. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm. After the meeting we played a game of Red Rover.

Reported by Holli Timmerman

Mt. Allison Go-Getters, January 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. Kaylee lead the club in the pledges. We had 8 members, 3 Cloverbuds, and zero guests. Kaylee then made a motion to approve the November minutes and the December's minutes. Moriah

seconded both motions. Kaylee also gave the Treasurer's report. Nobody gave a report on the canned food drive. Kaylee, once again, gave a report on the Pictures with Santa community service. We decided on a new community service. We also decided that we would do our fall fundraiser longer. We went over Youth Fest and LCD. The club also discussed reminders. Eli will complete his demonstration next month. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. Haylee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Allison seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

Mt. Allison Go-Getters, February 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. Allison lead the club in the pledges. We had 8 members, 3 Cloverbuds, and 0 guests. Kaylee made a motion to approve last month's minutes. Allison seconded the motion. Kaylee gave the Treasurer's report. Shaylee gave the County Council report. Then we read all of the catch-it letters. Allison made a motion to help pay half of the fee for two of our rabbit camp participants. Haylee seconded the motion. We planned out our next upcoming community service, discussed important dates, and discussed projects. Shaylee is doing Demonstrations for next month, and Kaylee is bringing snacks for the next meeting. Allison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Kaylee seconded it.

-Reporter, Eli Armendariz

Pioneer 4-H Club

We had a great time decorating cookies at the Carither's home for our February meeting. Thank you to the Carither's Family for letting our club "crash" your home! After decorating cookies we had an informal meeting that our Vice President Dakota led. We discussed the sledding day that we had in January, and how much fun it was. We also talked about the upcoming box supper and reminded everyone to dress nice and don't forget to dress up your box too. We also decided that it would be a good idea to write what was included with your meal so our auctioneer could announce what was for dinner before it was bought. One of the other items brought up was the awards sponsorship for the county fair. We decided to table that until our next meeting. It was decided that our 'fun' for March would be our box supper and dance.

Our next meeting will be March 14th we hope that you can make it! Don't forget to tell your friends how much fun you have in 4-H!!

The Box Supper is on March 12th starting at 5:30, Marvel Grange.

Rocky Mountain Rough Riders 4-H 2/8/16

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm at the fairgrounds. We had a few guests so we started off introducing ourselves with our name, years in 4-H, and projects. We discussed Youth Fest and the County Council meeting. The Durango to Denver exchange trip was also discussed. At the end of the meeting we split into our comities and discussed the next meeting. We then adjourned the Meeting and had a snack while we made goodie bags for the Senior Center as a Valentine's Day gift.

Weasel Skinners 4-H Club

The Weasel Skinners meeting was called to order at 6:20. Cody (VP) began the pledges. It was Birkley's birthday on Feb. 2. Our community service will be for Sunnyside Elementary for the St. Patrick's Party. On March 14 we will have our bowling party. Be there.