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Don't Forget!

The next meeting of the Doña Ana County 4-H Council will be Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7PM at the CEO. The next Ext. meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the CEO at 7PM.



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DAC 4-H Members and Leaders Honored at 2008 Awards Night

Awards Night was held at the Elk Club on December 6, 2008 and we would like to congratulate the 4-Hers who turned in record books and received recognition, as well as the leaders and friends of our 4-H program.

The **Honorary Membership Award** was presented to Mrs. Ana Lyles and Curtis Creighton for their generous Contributions to the Dona Ana 4-H program.

In **Special Senior Awards, Leadership** went to **Katelyn Olson** (City Slickers), **Citizenship** went to **Cody Britton** (TRT), **Achievement** went to **Kassi Grooms** (White Sands). Added to the Dona Ana County **4-H Hall of Fame** were **Katelyn Olson** (City Slickers) and

Quentin Preece (Desert Clover).

Receiving **Danforth Awards** were **Kassi Grooms** and **Thomas Judd** (White Sands).

Honor Awards were presented to **Corie Britton** (TRT), **Sharlae Brown** (TRT), **Savannah Graves** (Ft. Selden), **Randy Woodall** (Desert Clover).

The **Meritorious Service Award** was presented to **Clayton Britton**. Thanks for all you do to help our 4-H members.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful program. A big Thank You to all of you who helped plan, decorate and clean up!



It's 4-H Enrollment Time Again!

It is that time of year again when clubs are enrolling for the new year. Please remember that members must *re-enroll for projects each year*. Leaders distribute enrollment forms at club meetings and these should be returned to the leaders. Project materials are ordered from the project form, so if you do not request it, it will not be sent. Project Enrollment Deadline is February 1, 2009.

Club Corner

Ridgerunners 4-H Club

Ridgerunners 4-H would like to thank our 2008 officers for their leadership, We would like to congratulate our new 2009 officers:

President: Kourtine Middagh
Vice- President: Rachel McReynolds
Secretary/Treasurer: Shawna Middagh
Reporter: Ty Erramouspe & Dirandra Perez
Song & Rec Leader: Catilin Erramouspe
Welcome to our new members: Austin, Reed,
Tori Hudgens and Andrew and Bryce Houghton

The Ridgerunners 4-H Club has adopted a family in need for the holiday's from La Union we will be presenting the family with gifts and staple supplies on the 14th of Dec. We will be winding up the end of the year with a holiday potluck and induction of New Officers on the 14th of Dec. Starting in 2009 our meeting place will be at the Santa Teresa Fire Department and we will be moving the day as well. From the 1st Monday of each month to the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm.

Desert Clover 4-H Club

At our November meeting, officer elections were held. Congratulation to our new club officers! They are:
President: Jeremy Witte
Vice-President: JW Lindsay
Secretary: Charlie Woodall
Treasurer: Randy Woodall
Song & Rec. Leaders: Letticia Martinez & Jeremy Witte
Calling Secretary: Estevan Martinez & Krista Tankersley
Reporter: Katheryn Dickson
Parliamentarian: Matt Carrasco
Council Delegate: Cassie Gallegos

We held a highway clean up, and had a canned food drive for our community service projects for November.

Ft. Selden 4-H Club

Submitted by: Lily Woodall

The Ft. Selden 4-H Club had a fun Christmas party. We had an awards ceremony and elected officers. A lot of nice awards were given to parents and children, the nominees for the club officer gave great speeches, and we had a good pot luck dinner. Our new officer are:
President: Coy Ragsdale
Vice-President & Song & Rec. Leader: Savannah Graves
Secretary & Reporter: Lily Woodall
Treasurer & Song & Rec. Leader: Makayla Richardson
We congratulate all the kids that worked hard on their record books and did so well with them.

City Slickers 4-H club

Submitted by: Elena Davidson

The City Slickers 4-H Club is very excited about another new year in 4-H. We appointed a wonderful new group of 4-H Officers.

President: Katherine Rathgeber
Vice-President: Bryson Olson
Secretary: Frances Attiogbe
Calling Secretary: Katie Homa
Treasurer: Rachel Kenney
Reporter: Elena Davidson
Song & Rec. Leaders: Elisa Davidson and Katelyn Olson

Congratulations to all the Club Officers!

The service project that we will be doing this year will be sewing 'Adopt Me' vests for dogs from the local animal shelter. Finally, we would like to welcome new members to our club; Connor Olson, Hannah Kenney, Caroline, Shelby Mekenna.

Valle Verde 4-H Club

The Valle Verde 4-H Club installed the 2009 Officers at their Christmas Party on December 20th. New Officers include:
President: Veronica Alba
Vice-President: Brenden Martinez
Secretary: Briana Montano
Treasurer: Britt Martinez

The Club made Luminarias for the Ft. Selden annual Luminaria Tour, made cookies for the "Me and My Neighborhood" elderly population, and took up a collection of clothing for the Gospel Rescue Mission as our community service for December. Our Club welcomed several new members and we are looking forward to an awesome year.

Veronica Alba will be going to Western Round-Up to represent Dona Ana County in the Horse Judging Contest... Good Luck Veronica! Members are getting ready to start practicing their shooting sports skills for County Shooting Sports Contest in April.

Taylor Road Turkeys 4-H Club

Submitted by: Sharlae Brown

At our December meeting, we had a Christmas Party/meeting. We are taking the Arts & Crafts project as our club project, so we made several Christmas crafts. For our community service, we donated diapers to an orphanage in Palomas, Mexico and made candy cane ornaments so that the kids could have some candy on Christmas. We planned our community service for January and talked about upcoming events. Everyone brought a present and we exchanged them. It was a nice way to end the 4-H year.

Scholarship Information

NM Dairy Producers: For a graduating Senior or NMSU Student. * Preference given to youth involved in dairy projects or with a family dairy connection. **Deadline March 1st**
<http://cahe.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships.html>

Mesilla Valley Dusters 4-H Club

President: Annie Stout
Vice-President: Kendall Anderson
Secretary: Maria Stout
Treasurer: Caitlyn Salopek
Reporter: John Eric Frieze
Song & Rec. Leader: Brent Carrillo

If you see these young people at your school or at a 4-H function stop and congratulate them. Good job guys.

Kim Allbright is our new organizational leader. She is being assisted by Stacy Simpson and Kathy Stout. Our club is accepting new members. If you know someone that wants to join 4-H, have them call Kim at (575)642-4162. Our next meeting will be held February 8, 2009 at 2PM.

Hunter's Education Classes

When: February 6-8; Fri.6-9pm & Sat-Sun 8-5pm
February 20-22; Fri. 6-9pm & Sat-Sun.8-5pm
March 13-15; Fri.6-9pm & Sat-Sun. 8-5pm

How: Must go to sign up on January 20th starting at 8am at Game and Fish. Must have Childs name, address, phone number and date of Birth. Child does not have to be present. There will be materials you need to pick up.

Where: Game and Fish 575-532-2100

There will be a \$10 fee that you will need to take along with you to the first Class on February 6th.

New Mexico State Fair Changes

This will go into effect immediately for the 2009 NM State Fair.

The NMSF Ag. Committee has come to a decision regarding the weight break for the Junior Market Steer Division.

There will be a minimum weight of 1000lbs and no maximum weight. The sale weight has increased to 1350lbs. Classes will be broken by weight. There will be a 5% weigh back as well.

4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training

This year's 4-H Shooting Sports Leader's Training will be held in Hobbs, NM on February 20-22, 2009. This will be a certification training for leaders wanting to work with 4-H youth in the Shooting Sports projects. There will be a \$30 registration fee per person and the check needs to be made out to DAC 4-H.

If you are interested please come by the CEO no later than January 28th, 2009 to register.

Kids, Kows, & More is set for April 1-2nd, 2009. If you are interested in helping, Please contact Rafa at 575-525-6649.

Don't forget! Ft. Selden's 4-H Sweetheart and Valentine's Dance!

Saturday, February 14, 2009
7pm- 10:30pm at the Radium Springs
Community Center
\$2 Admission



Note from Rafa:

Michael Jasper from World Turkey Federation Invites all Shooting Sports leaders and Wildlife leaders to a meeting on January 20th at 6:30pm at the CEO.

4-H Youth Encourages to Enter Pecan Food Fantasy Contest

The Annual Pecan Food Fantasy Contest, sponsored by Western Pecan Growers Association will be held Sunday, March 1, 2009 in Las Cruces at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, with the entries due between 9:30am-12:30pm.

The Categories include Appetizers, Unusual Desserts, Cakes, Breads, Traditional Pecan Pie, Other Pies, Candy, Cookies, On the lighter side, Cheesecake.

Ribbons will be awarded for all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category and four overall awards including \$40 for each Blue Ribbon, \$100 for Outstanding Junior, \$200 for outstanding Adult, \$250 for Best Tradition Pecan Pie for both youth and Adult, and \$50 for 2nd place Tradition Pecan Pie.

Please see rules and entry form included in this newsletter or contact Karim Martinez or Gayla Weaver at 525-6649 for more information.



2008 Youth-Get-Away

The event is going to be held April 17-19, 2009 at Inlow Baptist Camp.

The deadline to register is March 27th and needs to be turned into the CEO by 5pm.

Applications can be picked up at the CEO. The cost is \$110 per person, please make your checks to DAC 4-H.

If you have any questions please call Eva or Rafa at 525-6649.

Congratulation to all the participants that attended National Contest in Colorado.

A big applause to:

*Thomas Judd for receiving 1st place in Prepared Public Speaking and 4th place in Impromptu Public Speaking.

* Veronica Alba, Jodi Lindsay, Katy Rosencrans and Charlie Woodall for receiving 5th place as a team in Horse Judging.

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

IMPORTANT!

DAC 4-H County Contests in Livestock, Horse, Dairy, Wool & Meats Judging will be held March 21, 2009.

Each contest will be \$5 per member plus you will need to buy a scantron for \$1.

So please submit \$6.

Seniors will be giving 3 sets of reasons and Novice & Junior's will be giving one set of reasons.

You MUST pre-register no later than March 13, 2009 by 5PM. Please see your 4-H leader to do so.

Horse-O-Rama is open to anyone taking the Horse Project. Be sure and get a horse certificate into the CEO by April 15. The schedule is not yet set but we will get the information to your leader and have it in February's newsletter. If you have any questions please call Rafa at 525-6649.

'09 Leadership Workshop Sponsored by the Office Team

Free to all DAC 4-H members!
Saturday, February 21, 2009
8AM to 12PM at the Extension Office

Learn Leadership Skills through fun games and Activities and meet other 4-Hers.

There is still room! Call 525-6649 by February 17, 2009 to register.

Note from Eva:

Mark your calendars for a New Parent Orientation to be held at the Extension Office on March 7, 2009. More Information will follow.

Novice Fun Fest

The 2009 Novice Fun Fest will be held March 13th and 14th. This over-night event, sponsored by the White Sands and Valle Verde 4-H clubs, is designed to help novice 4-Hers learn about different things they can do in 4-H. The event will be held at White Sands Missile Range Child and Youth Services Youth Center. Although geared towards novice 4-Hers, it is the perfect opportunity for beginning junior members to learn what 4-H is all about also. Participants will get to know and visit with other county 4-H members, learn new games to take back to their clubs, attend workshops to help prepare them for county 4-H contests, learn about different 4-H projects and more. Cost for the Fun Fest is \$35.00 per member. This includes all meals, lodging, workshop supplies and a T-shirt. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and over-night supplies. A complete supply list will be sent to those members who register to attend. Registration will be Friday evening with dinner, opening ceremonies, activities and recreation to follow. Workshops will be scheduled Saturday throughout the day. Saturday evening there will be a family potluck and closing ceremonies.

We encourage all interested 4-Hers to join us for a weekend of fun, friends and 4-H. For more information, contact Cindy at 678-2708 or 644-6004, or Gloria at 526-2090. Registration packets will be available at the county extension office. Pre-registration including payment needs to be completed by close of business March 2nd and returned to the County Extension Office. Late registration may be accepted if space permits, but t-shirts may not be available.

To all Junior and Senior 4-H members:

Do you need a little TLC to boost your 4-H spirits and increase your leadership potential? Dona Ana County has just what you need -- the upcoming Teen Leader Conference. This conference is scheduled for February 13, 14 and 15. The cost is \$55.00 which includes all but one meal, lodging, and workshop supplies.

Participants will meet and get to know new friends and spend time with old ones, learn games and activities to take back to their clubs, enhance their leadership skills and discover opportunities available to junior and senior 4-Hers to expand their 4-H experiences. Other activities will include 4-H contest workshops as well as community service and 4-H promotion projects. Participants will celebrate Valentine's Day at the Ft. Selden Dance in Las Cruces and finish the night off with a midnight marathon of 4-H adventure.

The event will begin at White Sands Missile Range Friday evening and will move into Las Cruces Saturday evening. Participants will stay at the Staybridge Suites off of North Main Street for the remainder of the conference. Transportation will be provided for the trip from White Sands to Las Cruces. Sunday morning breakfast will be at IHOP. Parents and families are welcome to join us. The event will end approximately 1:00 Sunday afternoon. Adult participation is welcome and appreciated.

Pre-registration deadline is February 2, 2008. Late registrations will be accepted if space is available. Pre registration packets can be picked up from the county extension office. For more information, contact Cindy Grooms at 678-2708 or 644-6004.

NM 4-H New Projects

- * 4-H Cakes
- * Focus on Photography I & II (Replacing Adventures w with you camer)
- * Breads Project- Pilot (Replacing Baking III)
- * Welcome to NM 4-H (Replacing This is 4-H)
- * Fashion Magic-Pilot-

Updated Projects

- * Mix & Match I
- * Senior Clothing Construction



Calendar



January

- 13 County Council meeting at 7PM at CEO
- 16-18 Senior Leadership Retreat in Albuquerque
- 19 HOLIDAY Office Closed
- 20 Shooting Sports Meeting 6:30pm at CEO

February

- 2 Deadline for project enrollment to be turned into the CEO by 5PM
- 7 District Officer Leader Training, Las Cruces
- 10 County Council Executive Meeting, CEO at 7PM
- 13-15 Teen Leadership Conference at White Sands
- 14 Valentine's Dance at Ft. Selden Community Center at 7PM
- 21-22 Leaders Shooting Sports Training in Hobbs, NM
- 21 4-H Officer Leadership Workshop at CEO
- 21 Steer & Heifer Jackpot at SNMSF

March

- 7 New Parent Orientation
- 10 County Council Meeting at CEO at 7PM
- 13-14 Novice Fun Fest, WSMR
- 21 County 4-H Judging Contest with FFA

EXPO BOARD

The DAC 4-H/FFA Expo board is already busy planning for the 2009 DAC 4-H/FFA Expo. Newly elected officers are:
 President: Gary Lindsay
 Vice-President: Bobby Sloan
 Secretary: Bridget Burris
 Treasurer: Patrick Sullivan
 Board members include: Mary Alba, Nola Franzoy, Russell Gardner, Brad Achen, Ron Mitchell, Mike Graves and Steve Martinez. **New for 2009 DAC 4-H/FFA Expo: Shooting Sports Competition.** Stay tuned to the Roving Clover for more details.

8th Annual Tumbleweed
 Classis
 Steer & Heifer Jackpot

February 21, 2009

Southern New Mexico State
 Fairgrounds
 Registration:

Check in no later than
 8:30AM. Heifer Show at 10AM
 with Steer Show following.
 Ring B to follow Ring A.

Entries:

Steers & Heifers are \$30 per
 ring. \$5 per head one time
 clean up fee.

For Further info. Contact
 Rafa at 525-6649

Congratulations to the New Ambassadors!

The 2009 Dona Ana
 County 4-H Ambassador
 team was announced at
 the 2008 Awards Night.

They are:
 Savannah Arrey,
 Sharlae Brown,
 Cassie Gallegos,
 Tyler Gardner,
 Savannah Graves
 and Charlie Woodall.

