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Notes From Dr. Frank Hodnett State 4-H Department Head

2006 New Mexico 4-H Hall of Fame

Fifteen couples and individuals were inducted into New Mexico's 4-H Hall of Fame on December 5 in Las Cruces for their contributions to the 4-H Youth Development Program.



Top row (standing left to right): Kelcie Orphey, State 4-H Secretary; Phillip Zuni, State 4-H President/Master of Ceremony; Patrick Kircher representing J. M. & Fay Jeffries; Albert Gonzales; C. J. Blackburn; Butch Marks & Kay Locke representing Dorothy Marks; Karin Vallo; Lacie & Janet Grace representing Alan Grace; Norbert McCaw; and Dr. Frank Hodnett, State 4-H Department Head. Bottom row (seated left to right): Denise Gonzales; Rose Mary Rosas; Anita Blanton; Helen Candelaria; June Locknane; Nancy Blackburn; Floyd McAlister; and Sheila Massey. Not pictured: Don Leonard; and Catherine Grandia.

See Charlotte's Web and Help 4-H!

Get the word out: For every ticket purchased for Paramount Pictures and Walden Media's production of **Charlotte's Web** through www.fourhcouncil.edu, Hollywood Movie Money will make a \$1 donation to 4-H to support our state's 4-H program. Ask your friends and family and their friends and families to purchase Charlotte's Web tickets through www.fourhcouncil.edu.

Tickets to *Charlotte's Web* may be purchased beginning December 8,



2006, by clicking on the Buy Movie Tickets link. This link will take you to a purchase page at Hollywood Movie Money. Here you will enter a ZIP code and purchase as many tickets as you like via credit card. The price of the ticket is determined by your local movie theater. Then you print a ticket voucher that you redeem at the theater. For each ticket purchased, Hollywood Movie

Money will make a \$1 donation to 4-H. State 4-H programs will receive 100 percent of donations as determined by ZIP codes entered at purchase.

*A good head and
a good heart are
always a formi-
dable combination.
- Nelson Mandela*

We are glad to send you this educational material. Our purpose is to provide educational services to the people of New Mexico. These services are financed jointly by the county, state, and federal governments, and are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis regard-

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less of race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. The Extension Service is represented in every county in the state by a staff of local agents in agriculture and resource development, home economics and 4-H youth development work.

Linda Schultz
4-H Youth Development Specialist

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From Linda Schultz, 4-H Youth Development Specialist

This is the eighth article in an eight-part series about the essential elements that strengthen a young person's sense of belonging, generosity, independence and mastery.

4-H Fosters Engaged Learning for Youth

New Mexico 4-H uses eight essential elements in its programming to address the developmental needs of youth. These essential elements form a “best practices” guide to help parents, volunteers and staff work as partners with young people. One of those elements is to **engage** youth directly in their educational experience.

An engaged youth learns the subject area while making connections in order to develop greater understanding. Engaged youth learn from experience and display a high degree of self-motivation and an unending capacity to create.

Programs with engaged learners place young people in leadership roles to develop the content, activities and even yearly programs. Caring adults encour-

age members to select their own goals and evaluate their own learning within their projects. Youth also have choices and opportunities to evaluate and share what they did and learned.

Take the 4-H Challenge

List ways you can tell that your 4-H participants are engaged or not engaged in your activities, meetings or programs. Make a date to meet and plan with some of your 4-H participants for your next activity, program or meeting. List ways to ensure that at least one portion of your next 4-H experience involves interaction and allows youth the opportunity to make some choices.

Source: ISU Extension

*Don't tell people
how to do things,
tell them what to
do and let them
surprise you with
their results.
- George Patton*



**HEAD
HEART
HANDS
HEALTH**

From Mindy Turner, Extension 4-H Youth Specialist

Congratulations Record Book Winners

Nine New Mexico Youth attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, November 24-28, 2006. Youth were selected based on their State 4-H Record Books submitted in July. The New Mexico 4-H Foundation pays the expenses for youth to attend. Representing New Mexico at the 2006 Congress were Amy Zemler, State 4-H Office, and Mike Hanagan, Eddy County 4-H Agent as chaperones, and:



From left to right (Back): Danielle Hille, Samantha Hille, Kasey Armstrong, Bonnie McCauley, Haley Porter, Klessy Ann Muncy, Marissa Ham, Jennifer Driskell. (Front): Dustie Powell.

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project</u>
Kasey Armstrong	Colfax	Horse
Haley Porter	Colfax	Rifle
Samantha Hille	Dona Ana	Dairy Cattle
Danielle Hille	Dona Ana	Rabbit
Bonnie McCauley	Grant	Market Lamb
Marissa Ham	Sierra	Meat Goat
Klessy Ann Muncy	Sierra	Beef Cattle
Jennifer Driskell	Valencia	Sewing
Dustie Powell	Valencia	Beef

For more information about the National 4-H Congress trip in Atlanta, see story on page 6.

State Fair Indoor Exhibits Update

Due to the number of new projects we have - CLASS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED! Be sure you contact your County Extension Office or visit our website for updated information on State Fair Indoor Exhibits.

From Mindy Turner, Extension 4-H Youth Specialist

New Mexico 4-H Project Update

Our curriculum committee has been working very hard to get project information updated and out to you! Here are some new and revised projects you should be on the lookout for - be sure you have the newest version of the 4-H Literature Handbook to find project descriptions and numbers, the 2006 version is burgundy.

New Projects

These are projects that have been added as a brand new project or had a complete revision resulting in a new project book in the last two years.

- Entomology Unit I, II and Advanced
- Leathercraft Unit I
- Scrapbooking
- Electric Energy Units I, II, III and IV
- Woodworking Units I, II, III and IV
- Small Engines Units I, II and III
- Consumer Education Units I, II, and III
- Wildlife Unit IV
- Leadership Unit I

- Super Snacking
- Digital Photography
- Cakes Pilot Project
- Dairy Goat Unit I

Updated Projects

These are project books that have had extensive reformatting done resulting in the same information presented in a more attractive package.

- Crochet
- Embroidery
- Needlepoint
- Cross-Stitch
- Macramé
- New Mexico Flavor
- Uniquely New Mexico
- New Mexico Roundup
- Serger Sewing Project-Leaders
- Guidelines for Clothing Evaluation

Upcoming Project Revisions

The upcoming project revisions for 2007-2008 include:

- Braiding
- Leathercraft Unit II
- Quilting
- 4-H Rodeo
- Ceramics
- Serger Sewing Project-Members
- Clothing Leader's Handbook

- Knitting
- Guidelines for Conducting A 4-H Clothing Revue

4-H Calendars Available

New Mexico 4-H has partnered with El Paso Electric Company to create a calendar featuring photos submitted to the State 4-H Photography Contest.



Calendars also include electric safety tips and 4-H facts.

All proceeds from the sale of calendars go to the New Mexico 4-H Program. If your club or county would like to purchase calendars and resale them as a local fundraiser, please contact Mindy. Calendars are available for purchase at \$5.00 each.

Notes From Amy Zemler, State 4-H Activities Specialist

Teen Get-Away

Believe it or not but a new year has started and the State 4-H Officers are already excited about Teen-Get-Away. The event is going to be held at Inlow Baptist Camp, April 20-22, 2007.

During TGA the youth are going to learn how to make a hand of "4 of a Kind with 4-H" by attending workshops, recreational activities and sessions. As the event date gets closer, check in with your County Extension Office for further registration information.

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

- Lao Tzu

Nine Youth Attend National 4-H Congress

This year nine youth had the awesome opportunity of attending the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia. The nine youth arrived in Albuquerque on Thanksgiving evening to be honored for their hard work with a send-off banquet. The attendees were Samantha Hille and Danielle Hille, of Dona Ana County, Marissa Ham and Klessy Muncy, of Sierra County, Haley Porter and Kasey Armstrong of Colfax County, Jennifer Driskell and Dusti Powell of Valencia County, and Bonnie McCauley of Grant County.

The theme of the event was "Lead, Learn, Grow" giving each of the youth a chance to take back to their communities what they learned at Congress. During Congress, the youth each donated 104 dimes for the Habitat for Humanity program. A delegate from each state was given the opportunity to see the first completed house this year that was funded through the program and their dime drops. Some of the other community service events that were attended were assisting with the Festival of Trees, an annual event in Atlanta that raises money for the children's hospital. They helped plant trees, assisted in various classrooms and assisted teachers with upcoming holiday events.

Other events they attended were the International Dinner and Dance, experiencing food and music from other cultures, power workshops on team building and meeting people, and various workshops on cooking, leadership training, pilates, as well as many more. At the sessions they had the opportunity to see our own Barbara Chamberlin, professor in NMSU's College of Ag and Home Economics, speak, as well as Rick Rigsby, a minister and professor from Texas A & M University. The youth had a great time and recommend to any senior to submit their record book to have a chance at participating in this event.



NMAE4-HA Members Receive Service Awards

By Kelly Knight
Otero County
Extension Agent

Each year the New Mexico Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NMAE4-HA) recognizes members for outstanding service to the Extension Service and 4-H. The Achievement in Service Award (ASA) is given to a member with 3-7 years of experience.

The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is presented to those with 7 or more years of service and the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) can only be given to someone who has previously received the DSA.

Members are nominated and selected by a committee of their peers and receive recognition at the National Association Annual Conference. The 2006 award winners are:

Achievement in Service Award - Tom Dean

Tom Dean has had experience in two Extension Programs, Texas & New Mexico. Settling in a one agent county, Tom is the county program director and has extended the services provided in the county. Having a passion for 4-H, much time is devoted providing opportunities for the 4-H youth.



From left to right: Tom Dean, County Program Director, Socorro County; Linda Schultz, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Outreach Programs / Volunteerism; Craig Painter, County Extension Agent-4-H Agriculture, San Juan County.

Distinguished Service Award - Craig Painter

With nearly 650 members and over 200 registered leaders and thirty-three active 4-H clubs, San Juan County New Mexico has the largest "traditional" 4-H program in the state. As one of the 4-H Agents in the county, Craig's responsibilities include leadership to the 4-H junior livestock

program, rodeo & shooting sports.

Meritorious Service Award - Linda Schultz

Linda began her career in Washington State Cooperative Extension. She served as a county 4-H agent and later as an area 4-H agent. After seventeen years in Washing-

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Start Planning for the Next 4-H Leaders' Forum

By Cindy Grooms
4-H Leaders' Association
President

Well, the new 4-H year is upon us and we started it with a bang at our recent New Mexico 4-H Leaders' Forum held in November. From learning

that New Mexico has a state soil — do you know what it is? — to getting an update on changes in the New Mexico 4-H program for the upcoming year — to singing along with Maureen and her Cowpoke band, participants truly were “Enchanted with New

Mexico 4-H.” Thank you to everyone who attended, and to those who put on workshops and helped with the Sunday morning activity. A huge thank you goes to the Forum planning committee members for a job well done. We look forward to seeing all interested individuals in January when we meet to start planning for the next 4-H Leaders' Forum.

Speaking of next year's forum, mark your calendars for November 10th and 11th. We are encouraging everyone to bring a friend with them next year, so start thinking now about who you would like to share a weekend of fun, friends and 4-H with and get the dates on their calendars. In the spring we will start looking for workshop presenters and we would like to encourage all of you to share

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ton she moved to New Mexico where she is a 4-H Youth Development Specialist focusing on volunteer development and outreach to new youth audiences.

A special Clover Award has been added for staff with three or less years of service. This award is recognized at the State Level and will be awarded at 4-H In-Service Training this April.

Clover Award -
Patrick Kircher.

Patrick has served as the 4-H Agent in Roosevelt County for just under three

years. Patrick considers assisting the volunteer leaders in the county in recognizing the importance of 4-H members and their role in the program to be one of his biggest accomplishments. Other accomplishments he is proud of include realizing his strengths and weaknesses and seeking help in those areas of weakness, the addition of a new class at the county fair for beef project participants, and the development of a power-point slide show that uses vivid color pictures and graphics to illustrate the growth and development of chicks to be utilized with the Egg to Chick Program.

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your 4-H talents and knowledge with the rest of us by submitting a proposal to teach a workshop. If you are interested, start watching for information on the state 4-H web page about the first part of April or contact a board member or the state 4-H office to get more information. If you would like to help plan next year's forum, we invite you to join our planning committee. Our first planning meeting will be during Senior Leadership Retreat on January 20th in Albuquerque. Contact Linda Schultz at schultzl@nmsu.edu or 505-646-1156 to get your name on the planning committee list so we can keep you up-to-date on meeting schedules, etc.

On a much larger scale, in 2010, New Mexico will host the Western Regional Leader's Forum which encompasses all 13 of the western states and Canada. We will have our first planning meeting for this event also on January 20th. If you would like to be a part of this planning committee, whether you serve on the state one or not, please notify Linda also so we can get you on our committee list.

And, on a completely different note — yes, we occasionally do think of things other than Forum — we want to remind each of you as the new year starts that as 4-H leaders in your county, you are automatically a member of the State 4-H Leaders' Association. The Executive Board of the associa-

tion is here to support you as an individual leader, at your club level, or the county program as a whole. If there is anything that we can do, please contact us. Our contact information is on the State 4-H web site, or you can contact the State 4-H office at 505-646-3026 and they can put you in touch with one of us. We all realize that volunteer leaders are the heart of the 4-H program and we want to make your jobs as easy as possible.

In closing, I hope each of you have a joyous holiday season and that 2007 brings you and your family health and happiness. On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for their kindness and support during this year's Forum.



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is a way of life!



From Rick Richardson, 4-H Youth Specialist / Ag and Natural Resources

State 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is one of our more popular projects. To meet specific criteria for insurance, liability, etc... it is important for our volunteer leaders in the Shooting Sports Program become certified. This provides some protection for you and the 4-H program. New Mexico State 4-H conducts a leader training each year on a rotational basis across the state.

This year the Shooting Sports training is held in Rio Rancho, N.M. on February 23-25, 2007. The cost is \$30.00 per person. This cost covers program materials and ammunition. The registration deadline is February 1, 2007. Registration materials are available through your county extension office.

National Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications

If you have youth who would like to apply to be a National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador, have them download the application from the National website. The revised application is available now at county offices or go to http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/teen_ambassador.htm. The new application due date is February 1, 2007. We hope you will actively recruit youth from your state to come to the Ambassador training in Rapid City, South Dakota June 24-28, 2007.

Daisy Scholarship

Daisy Outdoor products announced the winner of their second annual 4-H scholarship winner at the National Invitational in June. The winner was Melissa Stevens of Maryland. The scholarship application and guidelines are available/downloadable on the National website at: www.4-hshootingsports.org/. Applications for 2007 scholarship cycle are due on February 1 of 2007. This scholarship is open for high school juniors and seniors.

Savage Rifles for Instructor Purchase

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation Executive Director has worked out a rifle purchase with Savage Sports Corp. for .22 caliber rifles. If you are interested in these rifles for your program give Rick a call.

Important Dates to Remember

June 11-15	Horse School (Albuquerque, NM)
June 24-28	National Shooting Sports Ambassador Training (Rapid City, SD)
June 27-30	Livestock Schools (Albuquerque, NM)

From Rick Richardson, 4-H Youth Specialist / Ag and Natural Resources

2006 National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Award

Now in its 27th year, the National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Program, co-sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) of the U.S. Department of Interior and the National 4-H Headquarters, housed within the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, annually honors and recognizes 4-H Volunteer Leaders who assist 4-H members in learning about wildlife and fisheries conservation and management.

The recognition award promotes positive youth development through the 4-H Mission Mandates that support the educational foundation of 4-H in science, engineering and technology, healthy living and citizenship. Of the nearly seven million youth enrolled in 4-H programs, over 1.1 million are participating in natural resources and environmental education programs.

The outstanding volunteer leaders selected from the nominations received from the State Land-Grant Universities receive national recognition, including an all-expense paid trip to attend the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference to be held March 20-24, 2007,

in Portland, Oregon. FWS and CSREES will recognize volunteer leaders with plaques and awards during the conference. The nation's natural resources leaders will attend a formal banquet and reception. The Boone and Crockett Club, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the National Rifle Association and the Wildlife Management Institute also give recognition to volunteer leaders.

To nominate a volunteer leader, the leader must complete the nomination form and have it signed off by the appropriate County Extension Educator and the State 4-H Program Leader. A complete nomination packet is comprised of the nomi-

nation form, photograph and "The Leader's Story," a biographical sketch (no longer than one-page) outlining why they got involved as a 4-H volunteer and what it means to them. Submit all of these items with the nomination. They permit only one nomination per state or territory.

USDA must receive nominations on or before January 8, 2007. Call Rick for an application if you have someone you would like to nominate. The application is simple and easy to complete.

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'07 NM State 4-H Calendar of Events

January

- 8 Nomination application deadline for National 4-H Wildlife and Fisheries Volunteer Leader Recognition Awards due in USDA Office-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 11-15 Western Region 4-H Leaders' Forum (Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix, AZ)-Linda Schultz, 646-1156
- 19-21 Senior Leadership Retreat (Marriot, Albuquerque)-Amy Zemler, 646-5204
- 20 2007 4-H Leaders' Forum Planning Committee Meeting and 2010 WRLF Planning Meeting (Marriott, Albuquerque)-Linda Schultz, 646-1156

February

- 1 Applications due for National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador-go to www.4-hshootingsports.org/teen_ambassador.htm-mail to Jim Simms on application form-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 1 Registration deadline for Shooting Sports Volunteer Training due in State 4-H Office-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 1 Daisy Scholarship applications due-go to the National 4-H Shooting Sports web site at www.4-hshootingsports.org/ for application and guidelines-Rick Richardson, 646-5472

- 15 Honey Bee Essay Contest deadline-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 23-25 Shooting Sports Volunteer Training (Rio Rancho, NM)-Rick Richardson, 646-5472

March

- 15 Second payment deadline for Citizenship Washington Focus due in State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler, 646-5204
- 20-24 North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference/Volunteer Leader Recognition Awards (Portland, Oregon)-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 31 Registration deadline for Teen Get-Away due in State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler-646-5204

April

- 20-22 Teen Get-Away (Inlow Baptist Camp)-Amy Zemler, 646-5204

May

- 1 Final payment deadline for Citizenship Washington Focus due in State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler, 646-5204
- 4-6 State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest (Raton, NM)-Rick Richardson, 646-5472
- 15 Registration deadline for Horse School due in State 4-H Office-Rick Richardson, 646-5472



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