The Radon Education Program is managed by Dixie McKay, Admin. Assistant. During the past 6 years, Dixie has written numerous newspaper articles about the cause and effects of Radon gas to one’s health. She has also made this information available on the UNCE Pershing County Facebook page, has distributed fliers, coloring books, the EPA’s Citizens Guide to Radon, the CDC Household Radon fact sheet, and charts showing the lifetime risk of lung cancer death from Radon exposure in homes. Fact sheets help residents to find out if they have a radon problem, how to obtain a radon test kit, how to test, and how to mitigate the problem.

Nevada Cooperative Extension is an outreach college of the University of Nevada that provides information to solve problems and deal with critical issues within local communities. With local needs at the forefront, we develop educational programs in a number of ways - public presentations, workshops, demonstrations, publications and through the media. In recent years, we’ve begun to use Internet, interactive video and satellite broadcast technologies, bringing knowledge directly to your home and community. With the help of volunteers we deliver educational programs in these areas: Agriculture, Children-Youth and Families, Community Development, Health and Nutrition, Horticulture and Natural Resources.

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This year the WSARE State Coordinators Annual Meeting was held in Guam. I was invited to give a presentation on the 2020 annual meeting that will be held in Reno, NV. In addition, teams of state coordinators were invited to give educational workshops on several of the islands in Micronesia. I gave a presentation on "Proper Swine Artificial Insemination Techniques and Estrus Synchronization" on the island of Pohnpei.

- H Had 12 clubs going this past year. We had a total of one hundred and seven 4-H members enrolled in those five clubs.

4-H Camp at Lake Tahoe was canceled.

Shooting Sports Leader Ryan Ferrari, with 4-H County Based Coordinator II, Joshua McKinney

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

Pershing County farmers/ranchers identified a significant need for more knowledge about how to safely, and economically manage pests. Therefore, I developed a comprehensive pest management program that addressed local and statewide audiences.

Inputs/Outputs: This year, I organized, hosted and presented a four-hour pesticide CEU training session, for Pershing County pesticide applicators, with the collaboration of Nevada and National Extension Educators/Specialist. Also, 8 hours of CEU training was offered by statewide training through interactive video

Topics presented at the Pershing County training session were:

- Weed Control Principles – Harold Watters, Ohio State Extension, Agronomist.
- How Herbicides Work – Brad Schultz, UNCE Extension Educator, Humboldt County.
- What is Your Label IQ? – Steve Foster, UNCE Extension Educator, Pershing County.
- Kochia and Herbicide Resistance – Steve Foster, UNCE Extension Educator, Pershing County.

4-H CO-ORDINATOR III, COLBY BURKE JOINS OUR TEAM

Local resident Colby Burke accepted the position as Pershing County’s 4-H Community Based Co-Ordinator III, in June of 2020.

Colby is also a wife, mother, and has her own family business. Colby has 3 children.

Since her hire, she has started several new 4-H Clubs. We now have Arts and Crafts Club, a Horse Club, & a Photography Club. Colby organized, along with her 4-H Club members, a very successful car wash in August 2020, in lieu of our usual 4-H BBQ which was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

We welcome Colby aboard with open arms, and have high hopes for her success in the 4-H Program.