

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

2025 is off to a fast start! January was a busy month for Curry County 4-H. We are very proud of the Hippology and Meats Teams for their successes at Western National! We had 7 youth attend Senior Leadership Retreat and four members participate in the Virtual Horse Bowl!

We invite everyone to join our Curry County 4-H Council officers on February 20th as they host Project Exploration. Looking ahead to March activities, we will have; Ag Xplorer Days, FCS School in Albuquerque, Project Academy in Roosevelt County, and several other opportunities for members to participate in, please look for details in this newsletter. If you are interested in volunteering during the Ag Xplorer Days, please contact the office. YGA registration information will go out on facebook as soon as it is released from the State 4-H Office, please keep an eye out for that information if you are interested in attending or applying to be a CIT/Counselor.

Spring is always a busy time, please reach out if you need any information about activities, new member enrollment or projects. We hope each of you have an amazing month filled much joy and many blessings!

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**PROJECT
Exploration
DAY**

**Hosted by the
Curry County 4-H Council**

**Come learn about a variety of 4-H projects
during Curry County 4-H Project
Exploration Day!**

**Friday, February 20, 2026
3-6 PM**

**Extension Building on the
Fairgrounds**

(this event is come and go for members and the general public interested in joining 4-H, you are not required to stay the entire time)

****If you would like to provide a project station, please
contact the Extension Office.**

4-H County Council Report

The Curry County 4-H Council met on January 19th and discussed several items, we look forward to a busy spring with a couple of activities for our Curry County 4-H members to participate in. The Council will host one of our best learning opportunities for 4-H members on February 20th – Project Exploration Day. Our county council members will each present a project station and to help members learn more about the many projects 4-H has to offer. Our March meeting will be held Sunday March 22nd via zoom. The council will also be hosting a countywide activity in April at the bowling alley. We hope you can all join us in these wonderful events and make some lasting memories and grow together as 4-H members.

Curry County Council Reporter – Kyren Cortez



If you are interested in attending FCS School, please **contact the office by February 19th to register**. Cost of school and hotel will be the responsibility of the member attending. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

This program is being offered by Quay County Extension, if you are interested in signing up, please reach out to the Quay County Extension Office @ 575-461-0562 or by scanning the QR code in the flyer.



Youth Get-Away – April 17-19, 2026

Curry County Registration deadline – March 9

****We will send out a notice with more information once the registration link is available. Please watch Facebook for that notice! ****



2026

Registration
Closes
February 27th

4-H Project Academy

For more
information &
to register,
contact your
Extension Office



**MARCH 6, 2026
9 AM - NOON
PORTALES, NM**



**OPEN TO CURRY, DE BACA, ROOSEVELT & QUAY COUNTY
MEMBERS (NOVICE, JUNIOR, SENIOR)**

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FIRST COME, FIRST
SERVED ON AVAILABILITY**

**MEMBERS SELECT ONE PROJECT TRACK FOR THE ENTIRE TIME &
WILL LEAVE WITH COMPLETED PROJECTS:**

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New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.
If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact Morgan Haley at 575-356-4417 by March 1st.

Transportation will be provided for the Curry County 4-H members who register to participate. Please call the Curry County Extension Office to register. 575-763-6505.



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

NEW DATE!

**NEW MEXICO
YOUTH RANCH
MANAGEMENT**

★ RANCH CAMP ★
JUNE 21-26, 2026
Cimarron, NM
Ages 15-19 • Camp Fees: \$400

- Learn Ranching Skills & Management
- College-Level Instruction
- Real Working Ranch Experience

**Only 30
Spots Available!**

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Cooperative Extension Service

If you are interested in attending Youth Ranch Management Camp, please reach out to Kandy for help with the application. There are scholarship opportunities available for those who need it. Space is limited, apply now!

Shooting Sports Safety Training

Two Shooting Sports Safety Trainings will be offered in March. *If you plan on participating in any shooting sports practices, or in district or state shoot, you MUST attend one of the safety trainings offered.*

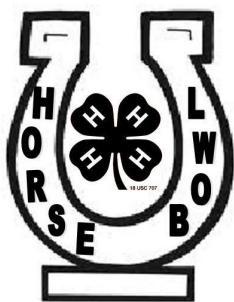
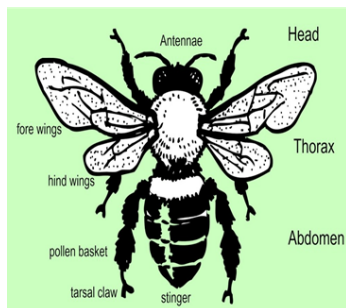
Friday March 13th @ 6:00pm – Extension Office

Tuesday March 24th @ 6:00pm – Extension Office

February School Enrichment Highlight

BUSY BEES

This month the Curry County Extension office is offering a program teaching students all about bees. The students will have the opportunity to learn different types, parts and pollination of honey bees. The teacher packets will offer many activities that can be used together in English, Math, and Science. If you would like this program in your classroom please email Diana Wood woodd@nmsu.edu



We would like to congratulate Harli Windham, Lauren Brown, Kason Windham and Robin Porter for their efforts in the Virtual Horse Bowl!

Harli Windham – 5th place Junior
Kason Windham – 9th place Junior
Lauren Brown – 10th place Senior



HISTORIAN'S REPORT – BY PRESLEY RUSH

4-H AROUND THE WORLD

Dear Curry County 4-Hers, this year as your Council Historian I have come up with an idea that I thought would be very interesting to talk about over the next couple months. I will talk about different countries 4-H programs or programs similar to 4-H. I hope you enjoy reading and learning about “4-H around the World” from my passages.

Latvia

The country of Latvia does have 4-H which is called Latvijas Mazpulki, The program in Latvia was started in 1929 almost 27 years after American 4-H was established. They do almost the same types of activities and projects that we do in the Americas. In Latvia they focus on teaching life lessons and common sense.



Notes from the NMSU Campus

February – Submit Your FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) helps you access grants, work-study, and student loans to help pay for college. It's free to fill out—and it can make a big difference. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible at studentaid.gov using NMSU's school code: 002657.



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senders. If you
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receiving
emails, contact
the Extension
Office.**

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and post-
cards!**

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newsletters
and info at
[https://curry
extension.n
msu.edu/](https://curry.extension.nmsu.edu/)**

4-H ENROLLMENT

- *Enrollment is open from October 1- March 1.*
- *Previous/Current Members Enrollment Deadline – January 15*
 - *Have been a member of 4-H in 2024-2025 or prior*
- ***New Membership Enrollment Deadline– March 1st***
 - *Have never been enrolled in 4-H and are brand new members*
- The deadline to add projects is July 1.

4-H AGES for the 2025-2026 4-H Year

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1 st , 2 nd	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	6 th , 7 th	8 th & Up
Age as of January 1, 2025 - the current 4-H Year (October- September)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September).

Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

Active Membership

Curry County 4-H members must maintain an “Active Membership” status prior to participation in 4-H Rodeo, County Contests, District and State Conference, or Junior Divisions of the Curry County Fair. An “active” member will be considered one who completes enrollment prior to *January 15th or March 1*, attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 4-H meetings. No more than two (2) meetings in any given month will count toward the membership requirement. Meetings count during the 4-H year which is October 1st through September 30th.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
February 20	Project Exploration Day
February 20-22	Shooting Sports Leader Training – T or C, NM
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline – New members only
March 3-4	Curry County Ag Xplorer Days – <i>please call if you would like to volunteer</i>
March 6	Project Academy
March 9	Curry County 4-H YGA Registration Deadline
March 13-15	FCS School – Albuquerque
March 13	Shooting Sports Safety Training
March 22	Curry County Council Meeting – via Zoom
March 24	Shooting Sports Safety Training
April 17-19	Youth Get Away - Glorieta
April 30-May 3	State Shooting Sports Championships
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 14-17	State 4-H Conference
August 10-15	Curry County Fair
September 10-20	NM State Fair
October 5-10	Eastern NM State Fair



H A P P Y
Valentine's Day

