

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

March is upon us, and spring brings many new things to look forward to! Enrollment closed as of March 1, so now is the time to evaluate the projects you have signed up for and begin working on those projects! You can add or drop projects until July 1. As a reminder, there is a four (4) meeting requirement for members to participate in 4-H events, including the fair. If you have any questions on the number of meetings you have attended or would like to add or drop projects, call or come by the office or reach out to your club leader.

We have several activities and programs coming up in March and April that we are excited about and hope to see many of you join us, look for details on each of those throughout this newsletter! We will be hosting Ag Days March 5th & 6th for all area 4<sup>th</sup> graders, if you are available on those days to help, we can always use more volunteers!

Registration is open for Project Academy, and Youth Get Away. To sign up for those activities, please look for information within the newsletter.

Springtime brings new growth, opportunities and animals, as you begin looking for your next show animal projects, please know Kandy is available and would love to help you in the process of finding breeders, choosing your animals and helping guide you in your feed and work routines. If you need information or have any questions, please reach out to her and let her know.

We are excited to have Lindsay Keller on board as the new Ag Agent, check out her bio below. Stop by sometime and introduce yourself and help us welcome her to the Curry County Extension family!

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FCS Agent  
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*Kandy  
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Lindsay earned her bachelor's degree in Horticulture & Turfgrass Science and her master's degree in Soil Science & Agronomy through New Mexico State University. She has spent her career in various roles of the agricultural industry broadening her experience in research, farming, analytics, policy, and education. Lindsay enjoys working with animals, gardening, and bridging connections within the community. She is excited to be a part of Curry County Extension and looks forward to assisting Curry County in agriculture, gardening, livestock, and homesteading needs.

## 4-H County Council Report

February was filled with many activities for Curry County 4-H. We want to congratulate the members who participated in the Online Horse Bowl for their accomplishments! Several members placed as individuals and the teams placed First Overall and Third Overall. Way to go! A group of Curry County Council Officers were able to attend 4-H Day at the Roundhouse on February 4<sup>th</sup> and learn about how our NM government works, as well as speak with many legislators and officials. We are proud of Denny Turner, Kyle Wood and Shaylee Priest for representing us in Santa Fe with the State 4-H Leadership Team. The Council Officers hosted Project Exploration on February 28<sup>th</sup>, it was great day and many members and others learned about a variety of 4-H projects available! Looking ahead to March, our next County Council meeting will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Curry County Extension Office.

*Curry County Council Reporter – Haylee Sharp*

### Curry County Horse Project Mounted Meetings

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm



@ Mounted Patrol Arena

\*To participate a child must be enrolled in Curry County 4-H and enrolled in the Horse Project.

## March School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is offering gardening in the classroom. This curriculum teaches students the life cycle of the plant they will be growing themselves. Students will have the opportunity to start their own garden at home once they have a strong sprout. This is a wonderful way for students to experience farm to table while gaining knowledge in science, math, and English. If you would like this in your classroom please contact Diana Wood at:

woodd@nmsu.edu.



Registration closes  
**March 7.**

For more information and to register, contact your Extension Office.

**2025**  
**4-H Project Academy**  
**March 14, 2025**

**9 AM-Noon**

**Tucumcari, NM**

Open to Roosevelt, De Baca, Quay and Curry County 4-H Members (Novice, Junior, Senior)

Pre-registration required. First come, first served on availability.

Members select one project track for the entire time and will leave with completed projects:

## NM Cultural Projects Cake Decorating

*Transportation will be provided for the Curry County 4-H members who register to participate in the Project Academy.*



### Steer & Heifer Tag-In May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Call the office to schedule a time for us to come and tag your steers and heifers. If you have a production steer that has been tagged that you plan on showing at the NM State Fair, we will need to pull DNA.







# 2025 NM 4-H YOUTH GET-AWAY



April 11-13, 2025

Glorieta, NM

Cost - \$60/member

Registration and payment due March 10th to the  
Curry County Extension Office!

**Member must have attended a minimum of  
3 club meetings to be eligible to attend!**

Scan QR Code  
to register

Code for Curry  
County 4-H  
members only!!



BE OUT OF THIS  
WORLD  
WITH 4-H



Congratulations to our two  
Curry County 4-H teams that  
participated in the Online  
Horse Bowl!

Team 1 – Denny Turner, Ty  
Windham, Hunter Casey and  
Jebediah Martin – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
team overall

Team 2 – Robin Porter, Harli  
Windham – 3<sup>rd</sup> place team  
overall

Individual standings:

Denny Turner – High Point  
Individual Senior

Ty Windham – 2<sup>nd</sup> HPI Senior

Hunter Casey – 8<sup>th</sup> HPI Senior

Robin Turner – 7<sup>th</sup> HPI Junior

\*not pictured – Hunter Casey,  
Robin Porter, Harli Windham

Curry County Council Officers Greeley Goodson, Ty Windham, Talynn Wood, Presley Rush, Jessica Lamb, Harli Windham and Robin Porter were able to attend NM 4-H Day at the Roundhouse. Denny Turner, Kyle Wood and Shaylee Priest represented Curry County as members of the State Leadership team where they got to visit with Governor Lujan-Grisham, and help serve during the annual Ag Fest. 4-H Members were able to visit the State land Office, visit the rotunda of the Capitol Building and view legislators in action in both the House and Senate. We would like to express our gratitude to Senator Woods, Representative Chatfield and Representative Zamora for taking the time to visit with us during 4-H Day at the Roundhouse! Thank you for all you do for our great state of New Mexico!



Thank you to all who  
attended Project Exploration!  
Our Curry County Council  
Officers and friends did a  
great job presenting about  
the many different projects  
available through 4-H!

Members learned about  
Photography, Citizenship,  
Clowning, Creative Touches,  
the Horse Project, Sewing,  
Origami and Robotics and  
completed a Service Project!



## Curry County Fair 4-H Sweepstakes Award

The Sweepstakes Award is an achievement award available to 4-H members in recognition of participation in the 4-H Indoor Projects at the Curry County Fair. A member is eligible to win as a Novice, Junior or Senior member; however, they may only win once in their 4-H career. Sponsors provide award funding annually. All funds contributed to the Sweepstakes Award go to the winner (this will not be less than \$500, but could be more, depending on sponsorships). Any member wishing to compete for the Sweepstakes Award must declare his/her intent to the County Extension Office by **May 1**. Members who do not declare by the deadline, will not be eligible in that year. In order to be eligible, a member must enter at least 45 exhibits in the 4-H Division. Of these, at least 15 must be in the 4-H Project section (meaning they must be enrolled in the appropriate projects to exhibit). The remainder can be any combination of project and open 4-H exhibits. The winner will be determined by points (points will be awarded based on placings and shall be cumulative for all exhibits entered in the 4-H Division by the exhibitor). If you have questions, please contact Mindy.



## 4-H Contests

Contests offer youth the opportunity to learn new skills, engage with fellow members and have fun! Youth may choose to participate in competition and advance, or simply participate at the county level. We would like to determine what contests we need to offer for practices and county contest. Orientations and practices will begin in April. We have a survey that lists all available contests with a brief description. Please complete the survey for each youth who would be participating – you may get a hardcopy from the office or complete the survey online (link and the QR code is available below or on the 4-H Facebook page). Cloverbuds are not eligible for contests. Novice and Junior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the Southeast District Contest to be held in June (schedule pending). Senior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the State 4-H Contests to be held July 7-10 (schedule pending).  
Contest Interest

[https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1NsK69HT8BaTkma](https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NsK69HT8BaTkma)



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## **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 2023-2024 or prior
- ***New Membership Enrollment Deadline– March 1<sup>st</sup>***
  - ***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 2024-2025 4-H Year**

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> & Up
Age as of January 1, 2024 - the current 4-H Year (October-October)	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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
March 1	Curry County 4-H NEW Member Deadline
March 5-6	Ag Xplorer Days
March 7-8	FCS School – Albuquerque
March 10	YGA Registration due
March 14	Project Academy (in Tucumcari – leave from Clovis)
March 17	Curry County 4-H Council Meeting – Extension Office 6pm
March 21	Mounted Meeting – Mounted Patrol Arena 1-3pm
March 21-23	Senior Leadership Retreat - Glorieta
March 28	Mounted Meeting – Mounted Patrol Arena 1-3pm
April 11-13	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
May 1-2	Steer & Heifer Tag-In (call the office to schedule)
May 1-4	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
May 17-18	Small Animal School – Bernalillo County (see facebook for info)
June 2-8	Livestock Validation/Tag-In Dates (specific locations and dates TBA)
June 4-6	Southern Region Livestock School – Lincoln County Registration open April 16-April 30 (ask Kandy for info)
June 17-19	Eastern District Contest – Curry County hosting
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference
August 11-16	Curry County Fair
Sep. 6-14	NM State Fair - Albuquerque
Sep. 29-Oct. 4	Eastern NM State Fair – Roswell

