

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

As always, spring has arrived way too quickly! With it brings lots of activities! Spring is the time to begin working on your projects, whether it is baking, sewing, rocketry or livestock! We look forward to seeing the many projects that our members complete and enter at the county fair. If you need help with any of your projects, please reach out to the office for help, Mindy, Kandy and Diana are all available to help guide members on project selection, completion and records. July 1st is the last day to add a project. Thank you to those who participated in Project Exploration and Project Academy in February!

Spring also brings the reminder that the opportunity to get your meeting attendance in is now! To be able to participate in any 4-H activities, including being eligible to show at the county fair, members MUST attend a minimum of four meetings. Most clubs will only hold three more meetings including the March meeting. To check on the number of meetings that you have attended, please reach out to your club leader. Your club leader can also give you guidance on what to do if you are short on meetings. There will be several activities hosted by the Curry County 4-H Council that could count towards your meeting attendance, but please remember it is up to your club leader if those will be accepted towards your attendance. You may only count two activities each month for attendance.

There are many livestock sales happening in the area, as well as online. If you need help with your livestock projects, please reach out to Kandy and let her know.

Please remember that if you need information for an activity, refer to the newsletter, NMSU Curry County 4-H facebook page or contact our office by calling 575-763-6505 or stopping by at 600 Woods St. (on the fairgrounds) our hours are 8-12 & 1-5 (we are closed for lunch).

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4-H County Council Report

February flew by! Thank you to everyone that attended the Project Exploration Day! It was a great time and we hope that everyone learned something new about a project area and are ready to start working on your projects! The next County Council meeting will be Sunday, March 22nd via zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact the Extension office to request the link. The County Council would like to wish everyone a happy spring!

Kyren Cortez -Curry County Council Reporter



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 Babysitting, Electrical Circuits, Weight Training, Jewelry, Cake Decorating, Beef, Public Speaking, and completed a Service Project!



March School Enrichment Highlight



GREEN CHILE TO SALSA

This month the Curry County Extension office is offering a program on New Mexico Green Chile to all classrooms. The students will have the opportunity to learn what all goes into growing green chile peppers and how it gets to their table. Along with a fun hands-on activity with the life cycle of the plant. 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



Steer & Heifer Tag-In April 30 – May 1st

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.

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

ARE YOU SHOW SAVVY

COME LEARN ABOUT THE BASICS OF
RAISING A SHOW ANIMAL

- Inspections & Paperwork
- Records
- Tags
- Monitoring health and rate of gain
- Animal welfare and safety
- Facility needs



Along with a variety of other topics for all levels of showman.

*This will not include information about animal selection or in-depth nutrition/feeding information.

APRIL 10, 2026 @ 6PM
CURRY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact Kandy Hutchins at 575-763-6505 or khutchin@nmsu.edu



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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.

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County 4-H**

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email:
Look in your
junk, spam or
promo folder
and add us to
your safe
senders. If you
are not
receiving
emails, contact
the Extension
Office.**

**Read your
newsletter
and post-
cards!**

**Find past
newsletters
and info at
[https://curry
extension.n
msu.edu/](https://curryextension.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, 2026 - 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
March 13	Shooting Sports Safety Training
March 22	Curry County Council Meeting – via Zoom
March 24	Shooting Sports Safety Training
April 10	Show Savvy Workshop – Curry County Extension Office 6pm
April 15	<i>Deadline for State Shoot entries</i>
April 17-19	Youth Get Away - Glorieta
April 30-May 1 st	Steer & Heifer Tag-In/Validation
May 1st	<i>Deadline to declare entry for 4-H Sweepstakes</i>
April 30-May 3	State Shooting Sports Championships
June 1-6	Tentative Tag-In Dates
June 16-18	Southeast District Contest – Quay County
<i>July 1</i>	<i>Last Day to Add Projects</i>
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

Notes from the NMSU Campus



March – Use Your Support System

At NMSU, you're never alone. From tutoring and career guidance to mental health services, there are resources to support you every step of the way. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Explore what's available at studentlife.nmsu.edu.



**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE
TO LEARN ABOUT?**

HEAD

**Find the PROJECTS
and PROGRAMS that
4-H offers to kids.**

ART
BICYCLES
ELECTRICITY
FISHING
FORESTRY
GARDENING
HEALTH
LEADERSHIP
LIVESTOCK
MONEY
OUTDOORS
PETS
PHOTOGRAPHY
RECYCLING
ROCKETS
SCIENCE
SEWING
WOODWORKING

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