

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow! October was crazy! Congratulations to those who participated in the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Farm Safety Day Field Trip and the Pumpkin Patch Field Day.

County Council Officers work with the Extension Office to plan countywide events, conduct service projects, and plan fundraisers. All clubs are part of the County Council, and any 4-H member is welcome to attend the meetings. We will elect a new slate of officers at our next County Council meeting on November 17th @ 6:30 pm. If you are interested in running, please get in touch with the Extension Office for more information and a council officer application. Each club is allowed two votes, so please send your elected council delegates to vote. Officer candidates and voting delegates must have membership enrollment completed before being allowed to vote.

Senior Parliamentary Procedure practices will begin soon. Please call the office if you are interested in competing. Registration for the Senior Leadership Retreat will be due December 1st. Please check out the newsletter for more information on that! Record Book Awards and the Christmas Light Parade will be Saturday December 6th, we look forward to seeing many of you there!

As we move into this busy holiday season, we would like to remind everyone to stop and take time to spend with family, make memories, and enjoy the small moments that bring big blessings.

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Notes from the NMSU Campus



November – Make NMSU Your Home

College is an investment and NMSU is committed to making it affordable. Completing your FAFSA and scholarship applications early gives you the best shot at financial aid. Learn more about your options at fa.nmsu.edu

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4-H County Council Report

We are so proud of all our 4-H members who participated in the state fairs and represented our county at the state level! From livestock shows to indoor exhibits, our youth showcased their hard work, dedication, and talents. Congratulations to all participants for their achievements and for making our county proud. It's time to look ahead. 4-H enrollment officially opened on October 1st! Be sure to get signed up early and encourage friends and family to join in on the fun, leadership, and learning opportunities 4-H offers. Our next Curry County Council meeting will be on November 17th. We will hold elections during that meeting. Each club will be allowed two voting delegates. Please make sure your club is represented. Please join us for the Record Book Awards and Christmas Light Parade on December 6th! Here's to a great new 4-H year ahead!

Curry County Council Reporter –
Haylee Sharp



School Enrichment Highlight November



We have fun kits going out to schools across Curry County this month with New Mexico culture being featured! Students will have the opportunity to make their own corn husk doll while learning about New Mexico history, the Zia symbol and nutrition. Each teacher will receive a packet with great sources to use in your classroom. If you are an educator and would like to have this in your classroom please contact Diana!

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Curry County Council Meeting and Elections

The month of November brings the opportunity for 4-H members throughout Curry County to represent their club by running for an officer position on the Curry County 4-H Council. During the November County Council meeting, we will hold elections for the 2025-2026 council officer team.

Each 4-H club in the county is asked to send two representatives from their club to be the voice of their club not only during elections, but at every council meeting. All voting delegates must have completed their enrollment.

If you are interested in running for a council officer position you will need to *fill out an officer application, be in good standing in your club and have completed the enrollment process for this year*. Being a council officer requires a commitment from you to be present at council meetings and county council activities and be an active, engaged member of your club and attend regular club meetings and represent the council throughout the year at different activities and events.

4-H Service Workshop

This year Curry County 4-H will be joining forces with "It Takes a Village" to help provide Christmas gifts and stockings for families in need. They are needing members to help collect, sort and wrap gifts that have been donated. They are asking any 4-H members that are available to come to the Curry County Extension Office **December 10th & 11th from 9-5** to wrap and sort gifts and fill stockings or **December 12th from 9-2** to help hand out packages to families.



Record Book Awards and Light Parade

Join us Saturday, December 6 at 2 pm in the Extension Office for our 4-H Record Book Awards reception! All youth who completed record books will receive an award.

Following awards we will assemble our 4-H float for the Christmas Light Parade. The Council will provide pizza for float builders. Due to the limited size availability on the trailer, we will only have the County Council officers and record book award winners walk and ride down Main Street with the float this year.



2024-2025 Record Book Award Winners

Registration Deadline – December 1, 2025
Registration Cost – TBA (cost will be at the expense of the participant.)



SLR is open to Senior-age 4-H members. (13 and in 8th grade or 14 and up). SLR will be held in Las Cruces this year. Members must have their enrollment complete prior to registering for this event and have attended a minimum of two meetings.

Contact our office for a registration form and workshop descriptions. Adults wishing to attend as chaperones will need to have their volunteer enrollment complete, including a current background check, in order to register. We will cover the cost of one chaperone for every 8 youth (at least one chaperone of each gender).

Junior Livestock Sale Info

We are collecting the final bills for the sale and hope to have checks ready extremely soon. We will send out an email and post on Facebook when checks are ready. You **cannot** pick up your check until your thank you notes have been turned in. We have many who have not picked up their list for thank you lists. Only the designated parent or the exhibitor themselves will be allowed to pick up the check. If you need someone else to pick up your check, please notify the office. Checks will not be released without permission.



Parliamentary Procedure Zoom

If you are a senior 4-H member interested in learning more about Parliamentary Procedure and participating in the senior contest, join us on Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. This will help us determine if we will have a team and set practices. Please call the office to let us know if you would like the link to attend the zoom, or reach out to Kandy.



The Senior Parli Pro contest is held the weekend of Senior Leadership Retreat.

2025-2026 Enrollment

If you were a member of Curry County 4-H last year, you have a ZSuites account. It is under the primary email you used to enroll. Each family is created under a Household, so you can update all youth and volunteers in one account. Deadline for currently enrolled members is January 15 and new members deadline in March 1, however if youth want to attend events/workshops, they will need to complete enrollment asap. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

You will log in with your email and select reset password. Verify that contact information is correct, update clubs and projects, then submit enrollment for each individual. Provide a signed copy of the liability and medical release form to the Extension Office to complete enrollment. Enrollment will be pending until all documentation is received in the Extension Office.

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/> Please remember to double-check that all your projects are for the correct age category for the member. Deadline for adding projects is July 1.

If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. They do not have an app, but they have a great way to quickly add this to your phone. You can find instructions on adding to your mobile device here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east2.amazonaws.com/.../AddingZSuit...>

If you do not have internet or phone access, you are welcome to come into the office to complete an online or paper enrollment form. Please contact us if you have questions.

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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 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
November 17	County 4-H Council Meeting – Extension Office 6:30pm
November 24	Senior Parli Pro Zoom Meeting – 7:30pm
December 1	SLR Registration Due
December 6	Light Parade & Record Book Awards - Extension Office 2pm
December 13	4-H Ornament Workshop - Extension Office 4-6pm
January 7-11	Western National Roundup – Meats & Hippology teams compete
January 15	MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – ALL CURRENT MEMBERS
January 23	State 4-H Record Books DUE
January 23	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Las Cruces
January 23-25	Senior Leadership Retreat – Las Cruces
February TBA	4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February TBA	Project Exploration Day
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline – New members only
March TBA	FCS School – Albuquerque
April TBA	Youth Get Away
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July TBA	State 4-H Conference

