

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Thank you to everyone who helped sell peaches! Proceeds raised will be used to support County Council activities like Family Fun Night and our quarterly countywide events. Watch your newsletter for opportunities to participate.

Congratulations to all of the exhibitors who participated in the Curry County Fair! We are very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. The sale was a huge success! *We are very fortunate to have a community that supports our youth at such a tremendous level!*

Many of you are gearing up for NM State and Eastern NM State Fairs. Information for each of those fairs will be listed in this newsletter, please make sure you read those sections carefully if you will be participating. If you need a tag replaced, or any help preparing, please let Kandy know as soon as possible!

4-H enrollment for the new year begins October 1. We will be putting out more information on how to re-enroll and select projects in September, please watch your emails and the facebook page. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about getting started for the new year. *The re-enrollment period for current 4-H members (for anyone who has been previously enrolled in 4-H) will close January 15th. Enrollment for all NEW members closes on March 1, please don't wait to complete your enrollment.*

Sincerely,

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ICAN Educator

Look for Curry County Fair Jr. Livestock Show results published in the Clovis Livestock Market News and the Stateline Tribune! We appreciate those publishers for highlighting our members' accomplishments!

NMSU Highlight - September – Come See for Yourself

There's no better way to picture your future than visiting campus! Join us for a tour to explore our facilities, meet current students, and see what life at NMSU is really like. Schedule your visit at admissions.nmsu.edu/visit.



County Council Report

We hope everyone is having a great start to the fall season! September is always a busy and exciting time in 4-H. We are excited to share that our annual peach and honey sales went very well this year. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped make them a success! Congratulations to all of our 4-H exhibitors who participated in the Curry County Fair. You represented your clubs, community, and county with great pride, and we are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments. Best of luck to those moving on to compete at the New Mexico State Fair and Eastern New Mexico State Fair. We know you will do great! Our next County Council meeting will be on Sunday, September 14th, at 7pm via Zoom to discuss our National 4-H Week activities. Please remember to stay in touch for upcoming news and opportunities. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office, they are always happy to help.

To help us be "Beyond Ready" to celebrate National 4-H week we will be asking members to tell us how their projects, activities and involvement in 4-H prepare them for the future. Pay attention in the coming weeks for more details!

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

BY: PRESLEY RUSH



The History of 4-H in New Mexico

4-H in New Mexico started in January of 1912 when the NMAC (New Mexico Agricultural College) and the Santa Fe Railroad ran an agricultural train through all parts of New Mexico. They had livestock and Farm exhibits; they gave educational talks by specialists from the agricultural college. They also held special meetings with young boys and girls in which club work was discussed. In 1913, the same general plan was followed by cooperation in the El Paso and Southwest Railway; as a result, several boys' and girls' clubs were organized. The Smith-Lever Act in 1914 and the permanent establishment of the Cooperative Extension in New Mexico concentrated more on club work.



4-H Leader/Volunteer/Parent Opportunities

County Volunteer Meeting – September 24th @ 6:00pm

We will be hosting a dinner for our 4-H volunteers and leaders on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00PM in the County Extension Office. After dinner, we will be reviewing:

- Working with Minors (this will count as your annual training)
- Enrollment and Project Selection
- Member and Leader Requirements
- Tips for Effective Meetings

This opportunity is open to all parents and volunteers who would like to learn more about how 4-H works and how to navigate that the program has to offer. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (575-763-6505 or curry@nmsu.edu) so we can be sure we have enough food and let us know if you have any special food needs.

If you are interested in being a 4-H volunteer in any capacity, please consider attending the meeting on September 24th and the Adult Retreat in November! ALL Volunteers MUST be certified and complete the Working With Minors Training annually!

Please see information on page 4 of this newsletter for information regarding the NM 4-H Adult Retreat (formerly Adult/Leader Forum).



County 4-H Record Books



Don't procrastinate, get started on your record books now! Members can schedule a time to come in and ask questions or work on their books with us. Please call the office to reserve a time spot. Record books are due **November 3, 2025**. For members to officially complete a project, be eligible for awards and year pins, they are required to turn in their record book. The following videos are available to help you get your book together:

Record Book Overview

https://youtu.be/VKb3o_DnUxs

County Report Form

<https://youtu.be/juHeQZx0MFg>

4-H Story

<https://youtu.be/a5o5QcmknUo>

4-H Photos

<https://youtu.be/fmHDwRKj3fE>

Project Record Forms

<https://youtu.be/0-SZXI0FEvg>

September School Enrichment Highlight



In the month of September, the Curry County Extension Office is offering a fun program on The Water Cycle! Students will have the opportunity to learn the cycle of water and create their own water cycle bracelet. Teachers will have a packet to expand on the curriculum with their students. If you are a teacher in Curry County and would like to have this in your classroom please contact Diana Wood.

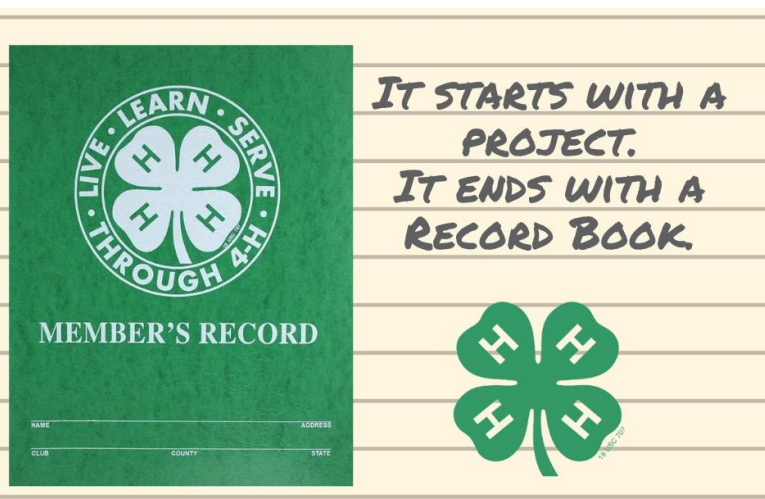
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Youth Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for Senior 4-H members to help us with our fall elementary field trips. The Pumpkin Patch Field Day is on October 8 & 9 for all 5th graders in participating schools and Farm Safety Day is October 15 & 16 for all 3rd graders in participating schools.. The 4-H youth are needed to serve as group leaders. If you're available, please contact the Extension Office. You can choose which days you volunteer! We will write a note to get you excused from school.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



NM State Fair & Eastern NM State Fair Information

Find Premium Books and information on the NM State Fair Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the following link:

<https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows>

If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Indoor Exhibits will be on display from September 4th-14th in the Youth Hall. Items receiving 1st place at the Curry County Fair in 4-H Projects will be entered at the State Fair.

Find information Eastern NM State Fair Junior Livestock Shows and Sale at the following link:

<https://www.enmsf.com/>. If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office. They are also posting updates on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/enmsf>.

Entries for ENMSF are due online by SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, please watch for an update to let you know when the entry link is open.

***Kandy will be available at both fairs to help families with their projects (washing, clipping, feeding etc.). Please let her know if you would like her help.*



2025 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

When: Saturday, November 8 (8:30am-4:30pm)

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Registration & Fees: Online registration available! Pay with credit card, or by mailing your check! Lunch is provided with registration. *Scholarships available!

•**Early Registration:** \$40 (Now - Oct. 15)

•**Late Registration:** \$50 (Oct. 16 - 31)

•**T-Shirt Purchase:** \$20

•**NOTE:** T-Shirts are unisex, so please select accordingly.

Deadline to register: Oct. 31

*Please reach out the Curry County Extension Office if you are interested in attending!



WINTER-SPRING-SUMMER-FALL

Craft & Business Fair
November 1, 2025

CURRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EXTENSION BUILDING

10 AM - 4 PM

(BOOTH SET UP BEGINS AT 8:30AM)

Sales Booths welcome! Craft, local business, direct sales, community organizations. Please be willing to discuss your business and educate participants on opportunities in our area. \$20 deposit per space - deposit returned the day of event. If you are interested in booth space, please contact Mindy @ 575-763-6505 or midenny@nmsu.edu. Booth space is first come first served with a deadline of October 24.

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If you or your club would like to have a table
at the craft fair, 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
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Office.**

**Read your
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cards!**

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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- 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 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
September 4-14	New Mexico State Fair - Albuquerque
September 14	County Council Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm
September 24	County Adult Volunteer Meeting – 6:00 pm
Sept. 28 –Oct. 4	Eastern New Mexico State Fair – Roswell
October 1	4-H Enrollment opens
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 8-9	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip – Research Center
October 15-16	Farm Safety Days – Curry County Events Center
November 1	Tis the Season Craft Fair - Extension Office
November 3	County Record Books DUE
November 8	New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat – Abq.
December 6	Light Parade & Record Book Awards
January 15	Curry County Current Member Re-Enrollment Deadline
March 1	Curry County New Member 4-H Enrollment Deadline
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects



**Beyond
Ready**

Curry County 4-H is...
Ready to Serve
Ready to Lead
Ready to Grow
What are you ready for?

Enrollment begins October 1st. Reach out to the Curry County Extension Office for more information.

