

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

Thank you to everyone who helped sell peaches. We sold 575 boxes of peaches, 122 jars of honey and 15 boxes of pears. Funds 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 of your hard work and accomplishments. The sale was a huge success. We are very fortunate to have a community that supports our youth! 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 us know.

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. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about getting started for the new year. Enrollment closes on March 1, please don't wait to complete your enrollment.

We will be hosting a dinner meeting for 4-H volunteers on September 25 at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in serving as a leader is welcome to attend. See information on page 2. Adults who would like to learn more about all 4-H has to offer can attend the New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum in November. See info on page 2.

The new office is almost complete, and we will be moving soon! Construction has also begun on the new Livestock Pavilion at the fairgrounds. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Livestock Pavilion on September 6<sup>th</sup> and a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Curry County Extension Building on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for announcements with details on each of those on our Facebook page. We would love to see many of our 4-H families and supporters in attendance!

Sincerely,

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# County Council Report

County Council Reporter, Tessa Lee here with your council report. The Curry County Fair has come and gone. It was great to see everyone's projects and animals. Congratulations to those who participated! Good luck to those members who have projects entered for the New Mexico State Fair and the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Our next County Council meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Extension Office on Main St, we will be planning our activities to celebrate National 4-H Week and the new 4-H year. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our community service project, we were able to gather many diapers, wipes and other items needed for the Hope House Children's Home. We are excited for the new building and Livestock Pavilion and look forward to seeing the good things ahead for Curry County 4-H!

*Tessa Lee - Curry County Council Reporter*

## 4-H Council Meeting

Monday, September 18

6:30 PM

Extension Office

Join us for pizza and planning for the new 4-H year.

4-H is a feeling. 



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

## 4-H Leader/Volunteer/Parent Opportunities

### County Volunteer Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

We will be hosting a dinner for our 4-H volunteers and leaders on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM 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](mailto: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 cannot join us for dinner but would like to tune-in to the meeting via Zoom, let us know.

### 2023 New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum

**When:** Saturday, November 11  
**Where:** New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Dripping Springs, Las Cruces, NM

**Theme:** Where is the World is Chris Clover?

**Register Now:** <https://ezregister.com/events/38981/>



## Stay Connected

Find us on Facebook: NMSU Curry County 4-H

Check your 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 passed newsletters and info at <https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/>

## 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open from October 1 – March 1.

The deadline to add projects is July 1.

## 4-H AGES for the 2022-2023 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, 2023 - the current 4-H Year (October-September)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	8 year olds in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 year olds in the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	13 year olds in the 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 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>.

## 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 1, 2023**. 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](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



**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 honeybees. 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**

## 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 11-12 for all 5th graders in participating schools. Farm Safety Day is October 18-19 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.

**4-H PROUD**



**what is an  
ADD-ON?**

Add-ons are a very affordable way to contribute to the livestock sale! You can increase the total sale price for a *specific youth* with an add-on. Your add-on amount will be directly credited to their sale amount. Another popular option is a species or a general sale add-on.

Any amount is accepted, and no bidding is required to participate. This is an easy way to help great kids out and is tax deductible!

**Add-Ons will be accepted until September 18<sup>th</sup>. We have Add-On forms available at the Extension Office. Those can be done for any livestock exhibitor, as well as to Ty Windham as a contribution to assist the family with his medical expenses.**

# 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 7-18 in the Youth Hall. Items receiving 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22, 2023**, 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. Please let her know if you would like her help.*

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our Curry County Shooting Sports program! If you are interested in becoming certified to be a leader in any of the Shooting Sports disciplines, please call the office and ask to speak with Kandy.



**For information and details on how to win a free trip – please come by or call the Extension Office!!**

Get your 4-H Recordbook Story in by November 1, 2023 and you could win one of the following trips:

- ★ Novice (ages 9-11) - FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- ★ Junior (ages 12-13) -FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Youth-Get-Away in April 2024!
- ★ Senior (ages 14-19)-FREE registration for YOU and a 4-H friend to 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat in January 2024!

• The registration fee will be covered if the event is virtual or face to face.



## Summer Program 2024 CWF

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. CWF provides opportunities for youth to broaden appreciation and practice respect for themselves and others in their world; increase individual commitment to citizen involvement; and understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. Time is provided for 4-H members to report accomplishments in 4-H to their representatives in the Washington, D.C., area as well as participate in sightseeing trips. Registration is due October 16, 2023. This trip is contingent on the number of Curry County members that are interested, for more information, please call the office and visit with Kandy or Mindy.

## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
September 7-17	New Mexico State Fair - Albuquerque
September 18	County Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
September 25	County Adult Volunteer Meeting – 6:30 pm
October 1-7	<b>National 4-H Week</b>
October 1-7	Eastern New Mexico State Fair – Roswell
October 11-12	Pumpkin Patch Days – Ag Science Center
October 18-19	Farm Safety Day – Events Center
October 28	Tis the Season Craft Fair - Extension Office
November 1	County Record Books <b>DUE</b>
November 11	New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum – Las Cruces
December 2	Light Parade & Record Book Awards
January 19	State 4-H Record Books <b>DUE</b>
January 19	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Las Cruces
January 19-21	Senior Leadership Retreat – Las Cruces
March 1	<b>Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline</b>
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>



*Tis the*  
SHOPPING  
*Season*



WINTER-SPRING-SUMMER-FALL

*Craft & Business Fair*  
*October 28, 2023*

CURRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EXTENSION BUILDING

10 AM - 6 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 table - deposit returned the day of event. If you are interested in booth space, please contact Mindy @ 575-763-6505 or [midenny@nmsu.edu](mailto:midenny@nmsu.edu) Booth space is first come first served with a deadline of October 15.

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