

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Our office will close for the holidays on December 22nd and reopen on January 3rd, please plan accordingly. Agents will be available by email between Christmas and New Year's.

Don't forget, beginning January 3rd, we will have a new 4-H Agent! We are pleased to welcome Kandy Hutchins to the Extension Office in her new role. Kandy's first task will be helping finalize enrollment, so be sure you get your stuff in! There are many activities coming up and you will need to be enrolled in order to take part.

Check out our project minutes each Friday at 9 am on Facebook. You can learn about lots of cool 4-H opportunities. If you would like to make one, please contact the Extension Office.

We still have a few people who have not completed their thank you notes and picked up their sale checks. Please do so asap.

Happy New Year! Please contact our office if you need any other assistance.

Sincerely,

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| Kandy Hutchins 4-H Agent | Mindy Turner FCS/4-H Agent | Mason Grau Ag Agent | Diana Wood Program Asst. | Cindy Boney Admin Asst. | Zandy Bunch ICAN Educator |
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4-H County Council Report

Thank you to everyone who participated in the light parade. We received 3rd place in the large float division.

We were able to put up four trees at senior centers around the county with ornaments made or donated by our members. Great job on this service project.

Be on the lookout for upcoming meetings and activities. Every club has two seats on the council – ask your leader about being the club representative and help us plan our 4-H year!



Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Dates for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Central New Mexico is set for February 25-26, 2023 to try to catch everyone up and to allow for two certifications in a year. We will continue to use the online modules participants will need to complete prior to attending. Leaders can go to: www.4-hshootingsportscollege.com to complete this portion, **if they have already completed the online module this year they are good to go.** The online portion will cover items including history, introduction to 4-H shooting sports, creating high quality programs, and risk management and is now available online through Zing-books at a cost of \$20.00 to access that portion of the training. The training will begin Saturday at 8:00 am, February 25th, and conclude on Sunday February 26th. Cost for the hands-on portion will be \$60.00 and for any questions and information about registration contact the State 4-H Department.

School Enrichment Highlight

January School Enrichment Highlight

Curry County Extension office is offering a great program involving nutrition, science and history. Join the fun in learning all about Butter. Students will have the opportunity to dive in deeper with a great science experiment making butter. If you are a teacher in Curry County and would like this curriculum for your class please reach out to Diana Wood. woodd@nmsu.edu



Join the New Mexico 4-H STEAM Innovators Online STEM Challenge Workshop

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DIVE INTO THE ABYSS

4-H STEM CHALLENGE

January 28, 2023 at 10:00AM

Register by January 13, 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/NMSTEMchallenge>

*Kit included with registration and must be picked up from County Extension Office January 23-January 26

If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact Phillip Alden at palden@nmsu.edu by January 13, 2023.

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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 |
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| Grade* | K, 1 st , 2 nd | 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th | 6 th , 7 th | 8 th & Up |
| Age as of January 1, 2023 - 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-October). 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 1st through October 30th.

2023 County Fair Production Steer Class

We will again be offering the production steer class at the Curry County Fair. This specialized contest offers added money and awards. There is not a sale slot for the production steer, however, steers may be cross entered in a market class.

Rules are available at the following link:

<https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/documents/production-steer-.pdf>

Initial weigh-in happens in January. If you are planning to exhibit a production steer or need more information, please contact Mason at the Extension Office prior to January 1st.

2022-2023 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 youth enrollment is 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 (or use 12345). 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.

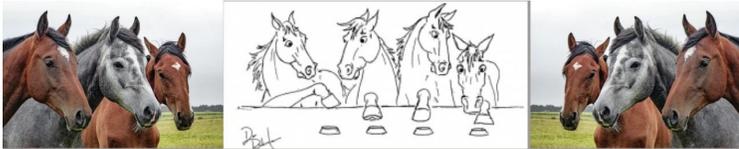
If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. They do not have an app, but they have a great way to quickly add this to your phone. You can find instructions on adding to your mobile device here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../AddingZSuit...>

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.

For 4-H Volunteer Leaders and Parents

Please remember if you are helping at club/project meetings or would like to chaperone youth on a 4-H trip, you must complete the volunteer enrollment. This includes a background check, application and online training . Please contact your club leader or the Extension Office for more information.

2023 Virtual Horse Bowl Tournament



3rd Annual Virtual Horse Bowl Tournament

Do you like horses, learning about horses, and are competitive?

If so, this is the perfect competition for you!

You can represent your county from the comfort of your own home and have fun during an online virtual competition!

When: January 30th-February 3rd, 2023
(Bracket Style Competition)

Time: 7pm-10pm MST

We will begin Zoom practices in January. If you would like to play, please contact the Extension Office so we can begin making teams. We have to know by **January 20th** if you plan to play. We will not know our playing times until after January 24th.



New Year 4-H Photo Challenge

Explore the 4-H photography project this month and win stuff! Even if you are not currently in the photography project, you can participate. Entries are due on **January 3, 2023** and may be emailed (curry@nmsu.edu), PM'ed (to the 4-H Facebook Page) or dropped off (at the Extension Office). 1st – 3rd place awarded in each category: theme, people, places, bonus (see descriptions below).



1st Place Hometown Photo 2022
Lillith Carrol

Theme: The 2022-2023 theme is “My 4-H”. Show what is special about 4-H. Examples: people, projects, emblem, etc.

People: Photos that showcase people from all walks of life. All individuals in the photo must provide consent as a subject.

Places: Photos of buildings, landscapes, your room, etc. Show us your favorite places spaces.

***Bonus*:** Me, Myself and I – show us your best selfie.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

| DATE | EVENT |
|----------------|---|
| January 3 | Welcome Kandy! |
| January 3 | New Year Photo Contest Entries DUE |
| January 20 | State 4-H Record Books DUE |
| January 20 | State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Albuquerque |
| January 20-22 | Senior Leadership Retreat – Albuquerque |
| February 25-26 | Shooting Sports Leader Certification - TBA |
| February TBA | Project Exploration Day |
| March 1 | Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline |
| March 11-12 | FCS School of Real Life Skillz – Albuquerque |
| March 24-26 | Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit - Raton |
| March TBA | County Project Academy |
| April 21-23 | Youth Get Away – Glorietta |
| May 4-7 | NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton |
| July 1 | Last Day to Add Projects |
| July 8-14 | State 4-H Conference |
| August 14-19 | Curry County Fair |



**If you are no longer affiliated with Curry County 4-H, but you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the Extension Office. We will be updating our mailing list in January.

