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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow, just like the crazy winds we have been having, the month of March flew by and April is here! Things are busy here at the office and it is about to be even busier with preparation for our summer activities beginning soon. Be sure to read this newsletter carefully, as it contains several items pertaining to activities in April and the coming months, contest orientations, as well as livestock information for the fair. ***Remember, to participate in any of our 4-H activities and enter projects at the fair, you must attend four (4) meetings minimum! NO EXCEPTIONS will be given.***

We have several exciting events happening this month. We will be hosting our "Contest Countdown" for all of our summer contests and will begin having a few contest practices. We will be hosting the "Contest Countdown", if you are interested in learning about the summer contest areas look for that information flyer in this newsletter.

Curry County will be hosting the Southeast District 4-H Contest this summer. We will need LOTS of help to ensure a quality district contest. If you are interested in volunteering to help with district, please reach out to the office and let us know.

Youth Get Away will be held April 11-13 in Glorieta. We have 35 members signed up for YGA and we are excited to see what those members learn and bring back to their clubs!

I have included information for livestock validation dates and several different items of information for those who will be showing livestock. If you have steers or beef heifers, please call the office to schedule a time on April 25-26th for us to come tag, all steers and heifers must be tagged during those two days. If you need any help with your livestock projects, please feel free to give me a call and I would be happy to help!

Sincerely,

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The month of April provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of our youngest heroes, military children. Established by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the designation of April as the Month of the Military Child acknowledges the significant role military youth play in our communities. They are resilient and take pride in their service to our Country. They deserve our appreciation and support. Wearing the color purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

Purple Up for Military Kids!



4-H County Council Report

March was a busy and productive month for our 4-H members! Several of us attended Senior Leadership Retreat in Glorieta, where we had a great time meeting other 4-Hers from across the state, building leadership skills, and participating in fun workshops. It was an inspiring weekend that helped us grow as leaders in our county and communities. At our recent County Council meeting, we discussed exciting plans for the upcoming county contests, including possible theme ideas to make the event even more fun and engaging. We also talked about district contest and started preparing for another great competition season. As we head into April, we encourage all members to attend the Contest Countdown hosted during their monthly meetings and to start practicing for their contests and getting involved in upcoming events. Stay tuned for more details on deadlines and opportunities!

Curry County Council Reporter – Haylee Sharp



Shooting Sports Safety Training

A yearly safety meeting is **REQUIRED** for all 4-H shooting sports members. Youth cannot participate in live fire (in any discipline) until they complete a safety meeting for the 23-24 4-H year and complete enrollment. **The last safety meeting will be held on April 9th at 6pm at the Extension Building.** If you are a senior who would like to participate in state shoot, you **MUST** attend this meeting.



April School Enrichment Highlight

SUGAR Shocker

Curry County Extension Office is excited to bring Sugar Shocker for the April Highlight. Students will have the opportunity to learn all about sugar and what it does to their bodies. They will see how much is in their food and drinks, along with learning what a healthy lifestyle should look like.

They will be challenge with Science, math and English skills through the packet and classroom kit. As a teacher let Diana Wood know if you would like this in your classroom.

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Producing Partners Program

Big R is proud to support and encourage our 4-H, FFA livestock exhibitors to join our Producing Partners Program. For more details on how to participate, stop by the Clovis Big R store in Clovis and ask for a Producing Partners application. **Deadline is April 15th** and 4-H or FFA membership will be verified by the County Agent or Ag Teacher prior to member receiving a gift card.

Senior Leadership Retreat

Seven Curry County 4-H seniors attend Senior Leadership Retreat "Dancing through 4-H" in March. Members attended workshops, learned leadership skills, gained new friendships and developed life skills. We were able to listen to Kyle Wood give his Ambassador speech, as well as several other guest speakers. We are proud of Denny, Kyle and Shaylee's work on the State Leadership Team and their work to help make SLR this year a great time!



4-H Contests

Please join us at any of the meetings listed below to learn more about the many contest areas 4-H offers to members.



Curry County 4-H CONTEST COUNTDOWN

It is time to learn about 4-H Contest Opportunities and how you can get involved.

Monday, April 7 @ 6 pm, Grady Cafeteria
(following Grady 4-H Meeting)

Tuesday, April 8 @ 6 pm, Texico Cafeteria
(following Texico 4-H Meeting)


Tuesday, April 8 @ 6:30 pm, Extension Office
(following Tumbleweeds 4-H Meeting)

Monday, April 14 @ 6:30 pm, Extension Office
(following Challengers 4-H Meeting)



You may attend any of the available dates, regardless of the club you are enrolled in. Youth will receive credit for one practice by signing in and completing the survey.

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FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HONEY BEES, INC.

4-H ESSAY CONTEST

EACH YEAR, THE FOUNDATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF HONEY BEES CHALLENGES 4-H MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO SUBMIT AN ESSAY ON A TOPIC RELATED TO HONEY BEES. EACH STATE CHOOSES ITS FINALIST AND SUBMITS HIS OR HER ESSAY TO THE FOUNDATION FOR JUDGING.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CURRY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
@ 575-763-6505.

2025 ESSAY TOPIC:
THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH IN BEEKEEPING:
HOW 4-H MEMBERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

DEADLINE: APRIL 23, 2025

Horse Certificates, Horse Show and Rodeo Tentative Dates

Horse Certificates need to be done every year or renewed every year with approval of the County Agent. The Horse Certificate is a form similar to a registration form. You can find it on the 4-H website under "Forms and Publications.", we also have copies available here at the office. They are due on May 1 to the State 4-H Office, please have these submitted to the county office by Monday, April 28th! Please see the updated 4-H Horse Show rules for clarification. Horses get sold, traded, and/or leased and this is the purpose of doing them each year. This is a unique aspect to the project. Horse Certificates are required for any sanctioned 4-H horse show. The only way that the agent can verify that the horse being used is the project horse, is for a 4-H member to document that they are the exhibitor, lessee, or owner of that particular horse.

Tentative 4-H Rodeo Schedule 2025

Farmington - July 12-13
Tucumcari - July 25-26
TorC - Aug. 16-17
Pecos - Aug. 30-31
Farmington - State Finals Sept. 19-21



Rodeo paperwork was required to be submitted in February. If you need to complete entries or need your contestant number, please email Kandy at khutchin@nmsu.edu.

TENTATIVE NM HORSE SHOW DATES

- o **June 28th** – Roosevelt County, at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
- o **August 9th** – Curry County, at the Curry County Fairgrounds
- o **September 6th** – NM State 4-H Horse Show, at the NM State Fairgrounds



Validation Dates

Validation dates have been scheduled with the FFA advisors. You are **REQUIRED** to attend one of the validation dates to get your animals tagged and DNA pulled. Brand inspectors will be at each validation, so don't forget to bring your bills-of-sale and health certificates (out of state animals only). You can attend any of these dates, you don't have to attend the one in your community. Just pick the one that works best for your schedule. There will be no cost for tags this year. **Locations and dates have adjusted slightly from previous years, so please plan accordingly.**

June 2 nd (MONDAY)	June 6 th (FRIDAY)	June 7 th (SATURDAY)
Clovis Ag Farm (7-10am) Melrose Ag Farm (6-8pm)	Texico Ag Farm (7-10am) Grady Schools (6-8pm)	Clovis Fairgrounds (7-10am)

Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Beef– May 1, 2025

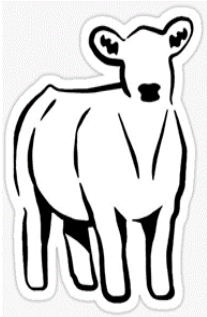
Swine, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Heifers– June 15, 2025

Poultry– TBA

Rabbits– TBA



****DUE TO AGENT SCHEDULES, NO ANIMALS WILL BE TAGGED FOR COUNTY OR NM STATE FAIR AFTER JUNE 7th PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY****



Steer & Heifer Tag-In May 1st & 2nd

Call the office to schedule a time for us to come and tag your steers and heifers. If you have a production steer that you plan on showing at the NM State Fair, we will need to pull DNA.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Curry County Fair is scheduled for
August 11-67, 2025.

REMINDER:

All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings. Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

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.

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.
- Previous/Current Members Enrollment Deadline – January 15
 - Have been a member of 4-H in 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 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, 2024 - 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
April 7, 8, & 14	Contest Countdown – please check flyer in newsletter for information
April 9	FINAL Shooting Sports Safety Meeting
April 11-13	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
April 15	NM 4-H State Shoot Registration Deadline
April 25	NM 4-H Bee Essay Contest Deadline
May 1-2	Steer & Heifer Tag-In (call the office to schedule)
May 1-4	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
May 17-18	Small Animal School – Bernalillo County (call office for info)
June 2, 6, 7	Livestock Validation/Tag-In Dates – info listed in the newsletter
June 4-6	Southern Region Livestock School – Lincoln County Registration open April 16-April 30 (call office for info)
June 17-19	Eastern District Contest – Curry County hosting
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference – Las Cruces
August 11-16	Curry County Fair
Sep. 6-14	NM State Fair - Albuquerque
Sep. 29-Oct. 4	Eastern NM State Fair – Roswell



I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

