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Notes from the Extension Office

2025 is off to a fast start! January was incredibly busy for Curry County 4-H. We are very proud of the Hippology team for their successes at Western National Round-Up and of the two Parliamentary Procedure teams for their third and fifth place finishes at the state contest!

February will be a busy one as well! Our County Council officers will be participating in 4-H Day at the Roundhouse on February 4th. We will host two Mounted Meetings and Project Exploration. Please look for information about those events throughout the newsletter. Looking ahead to March activities, we will have; Ag Xplorer Days, FCS School in Albuquerque, Project Academy in Tucumcari, and YGA registration will be due March 10th. Senior Leadership Retreat was rescheduled due to facility issues and weather, we will communicate details when that has officially been rescheduled. March 1st also brings the NEW member enrollment deadline. If you are interested in volunteering during the Ag Xplorer Days, please contact the office.

We are excited to announce that we will also be welcoming our new Ag Agent, Lindsay Keller. Her first day will be February 17th, please stop by and help us give her a warm welcome! Spring is always a busy time, please reach out if you need any information about activities, new member enrollment or projects. We hope each of you have an amazing month filled much joy and many blessings!

Sincerely,

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4-H County Council Report

January was busy and exciting month for out 4-H members! Our County Council will be taking a trip to the Round House February 4th, where they will have the opportunity to learn more about our state government and the legislative process in action. It will be a great experience for everyone involved. We also discussed ordering new county shirts for the County Council, which will help us represent our 4-H program proudly at upcoming events. A huge congratulations to our National Hippology team for their 5th place finish at Nationals and out Parliamentary Procedure teams for their outstanding efforts at the state contest! Team 1 placed 3rd with Denny Turner, Greeley Goodson, Truitt Sallee, Kyle Wood and Haylee Sharp. Team 2 placed 6th with Shaylee Priest, Reece Robb, Jessica Lamb, Ty Windham, and Nekoda Kia. These kids showcased their hard work, teamwork, and knowledge of parliamentary law. We are proud of their dedication and success! As we move into February, we're looking forward to more great opportunities in 4-H. Stay in touch for upcoming events and activities!

Curry County Council Reporter – Haylee Sharp

If you are interested in attending FCS School, please ***contact the office by February 19th to register***. Cost of school and hotel will be the responsibility of the member attending. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

Western National Roundup Horse Classic – Hippology & State 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Contest Results

Congratulations to Lane Casey, Reece Robb, Denny Turner, and Ty Windham!! We are proud of these kids for their hard work and mental toughness to prepare and get through a National Contest, especially one as difficult as Hippology!

Curry County
Hippology Team results at National Western Horse Classic:

Team: 5th High Team Overall
5th High Team Examinations
5th High Team Stations
10th High Team Judging
10th High Team Problems
Reece Robb: 9th High Individual Stations
Denny Turner: 7th High Individual Exam & 9th High Individual Overall

Thank you to everyone that helped us get here! We would like to personally thank Gina Fury, Kyla Jones and Dr. Jason Turner for their help in training and preparing the team for competition!

Curry County had two senior 4-H Parliamentary Procedure teams compete on January 21 in Alamogordo. Team 1 consisted of Denny Turner, Greeley Goodson, Truitt Sallee, Haylee Sharp, and Kyle Wood. Team 2 members included Shaylee Priest, Reece Robb, Ty Windham, Jessica Lamb, and Nekoda Kia.

Team 1 earned a 3rd place finish and Team 2 was 5th overall. We are very proud of these two teams and the hard work and effort that was put in to prepare!

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, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th & 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.

2024-2025 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. Projects may be added or dropped until July 1.

The deadline for currently enrolled members has passed, new members deadline is March 1. Families that are interested in enrolling, please contact the Curry County Extension Office for information, guidelines and requirements.

REMINDER: **All members are REQUIRED to attend a minimum number of 4 club meetings to participate in county and state 4-H activities, this includes entering or showing projects at the county fair. Reach out to your club leader if you have questions. To attend SLR, FCS School and YGA; members must have attended 3 club meetings.**

February 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

4-H Horse Project – Mounted Meetings

- **February 14 1-3pm**
- **February 28 1-3pm**

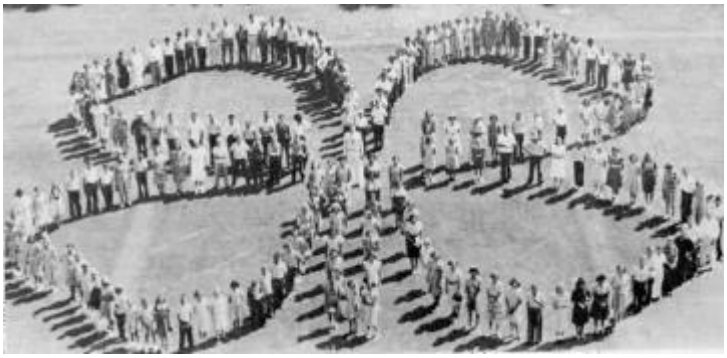
Bring your horse and saddle up to learn basic horse show etiquette and safety.

Open to 4-H youth enrolled in Curry County. Mounted Patrol Arena at the Fairgrounds

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – BY PRESLEY RUSH

THE HISTORY OF THE 4-H CLOVER

The 4-H emblem is a green flour-leaf clover with a white H on each of its petals representing head, heart, hand, and health. A little fact about the 4-H clover is the stem is always to the right. In 1907 to 1908 the clover was designed by O.H. Benson, Superintendent of the Wright County Schools in Iowa. It is said that one sunny June morning in 1906 in a one room school near Clarion, Iowa there were 11 students spending their recess picking clovers when a visitor drove up. The teachers suggested that they surrender their clovers to the Superintendent. The students did as they were told, and the Superintendent told them that he had been looking for an emblem for the agriculture clubs for the schools in their county and he chose the clover. Superintendent Benson also said that the four-leaf clover will help explain the message of the four-square education, which is what 4-H was originally known as. You can find more information about 4-H history at https://4-hhistorypreservation.com.



Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
February 7-9	Shooting Sports Leader Training – Roswell
February 14	Mounted Meeting 1-3pm
February 19	FCS School Registration due
February 28	Mounted Meeting 1-3pm
February 28	Project Exploration 3-6pm
March 1	**Curry County 4-H NEW Member Deadline**
March 5-6	Ag Xplorer Days
March 7-8	FCS School – Albuquerque
March 10	YGA Registration due
March 14	Project Academy (in Tucumcari – leave from Clovis)
April 11-13	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
May 1-4	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
June TBA	Eastern District Contest – Curry County hosting
July 1	**Last Day to Add Projects**
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference
August 11-16	Curry County Fair