

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

This past year has flown by with so many great things happening for Curry County 4-H! Let us celebrate all that has happened this past year, reflect on the blessings and struggles that we have had and prepare for a new year ahead. We are thankful for all our 4-H families, members, volunteers and supporters!

We will be celebrating the accomplishments of those who submitted a record book on December 6th at 2pm during our Record Book Awards Ceremony. Please join us to help celebrate those members and individuals. The Christmas Light Parade will follow the awards that evening. We invite the record book award recipients to join the Curry County Council officers to walk with the float in the parade.

Our 4-H Service Project will be December 10-12th! This year we will be helping "It Takes A Village". Please look for details in this newsletter if you are interested in helping serve.

The National qualifying Hippology and Meats team have been working hard to prepare for their contests at Western National Roundup in Denver next month. We are extremely proud of this group of members and thankful for the hours that their coaches (Gina Fury, Trenton and Kyla Jones) have put in to help prepare them. Good luck to Truitt Sallee, Kyle Wood, Keaton Sumrall, Kyren Cortez (Meats), Gavin Stielow, Haylee Sharp, Hunter Casey and Jebediah Martin (Hippology)!

As a reminder, the enrollment deadline has changed for current or previously enrolled members! Please get your enrollment completed before January 15th! If you have any questions on the enrollment process, please contact the Curry County Extension Office.

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We would like to welcome Morgan Latimore is the new Curry County Ag Agent who is thrilled to focus on supporting the producers and families of Curry County. At Eastern New Mexico University, she completed research for her master's degree on reproductive hormone levels in ewes during different periods before and at the start of the estrous cycle using spent coffee grounds as a feed supplement. She is known for her kind and curious mind to help anyone with any questions or curiosities. In her spare time, she enjoys watching stock shows, rodeo, and completing puzzles with her husband.

4-H County Council Report

December is full of excitement and accomplishments for our 4-H members! In our last council meeting, we elected a new county council for the upcoming 4-H year. Congratulations to those who were elected as new council officers! This month is going to be a busy month for our 4-H members. Our County Council will have a float in the Christmas Light Parade! Please come out to the parade to support us! Giving back to the community is at the heart of 4-H. This month we will be working on our service project on December 10-12th and helping the "It Takes a Village" program. The Curry County 4-H Council is excited for the 2025-2026 4-H year!

Kyren Cortez - Curry County Council Reporter

4-H Service Project

This year Curry County 4-H will be joining forces with "It Takes a Village" to help provide Christmas gifts and stockings for families in need. They are needing members to help collect, sort and wrap gifts that have been donated. They are asking any 4-H members that are available to come to the Curry County Extension Office **December 10th & 11th from 9-5** to wrap and sort gifts and fill stockings or **December 12th from 9-2** to help hand out packages to families.



Notes from the NMSU Campus

December – Families Matter Too

Your support system is a big part of your college success. NMSU offers resources to help families stay informed and involved throughout your journey. Share families.nmsu.edu with your loved ones to help them stay connected.



School Enrichment Highlight December



For the month of December, the Curry County Extension Office has put together a great program on recycling. Students will have the opportunity to learn about recycling, ways to recycle in their own home, and get to make a Christmas ornament out of recycled paper! If you are a teacher in Curry County and would like to offer this in your classroom please contact Diana Wood! Email: wooddd@nmsu.edu



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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- September)	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.

2025-2026 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 currently enrolled members is January 15 and new members deadline in 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. 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-east2.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.

Livestock News

****Junior Livestock Sale checks are ready to be picked up! Please remember that you must have turned in your thank you cards to receive your check. Checks can only be picked up by the exhibitor or approved representative of the exhibitor (ie: parent/guardian). *Please have thank you cards turned in by December 15th!***

****Production Steer tag-in will take place January 31st 7-11am at the Clovis Livestock Auction.**

Shooting Sports News

The 2025 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held February 20-22, in Truth or Consequences, NM. *If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please contact the Curry County Extension Office. Registration for the training is due by February 6th!*



Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
December 6	Light Parade & Record Book Awards - Extension Office 2pm
December 10-12	It Takes A Village Service Project – details in the newsletter on pg. 2
December 12	Fundraiser Henry Golden Boy Raffle Drawing via Facebook
January 7-11	Western National Roundup – Meats & Hippology teams compete
January 15	MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – ALL CURRENT MEMBERS
January 23	State 4-H Record Book Portfolios DUE
January 23	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Las Cruces
January 23-25	Senior Leadership Retreat – Las Cruces
January 31	Production Steer Tag-in
February TBA	4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February TBA	Project Exploration Day
February 20-22	Shooting Sports Leader Training – T or C, NM
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline – New members only
March 13-15	FCS School – Albuquerque
April 17-19	Youth Get Away - Glorieta
April 30-May 3	State Shooting Sports Championships
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 14-17	State 4-H Conference
September 10-20	NM State Fair
October 5-10	Eastern NM State Fair

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CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY *New Year*

