

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow, 2025 came and went in a hurry it feels like! We welcome 2026 and hope it brings an opportunity for everyone to enjoy new 4-H projects, activities and learning! Set your goals to work on your projects regularly and complete each of the projects that you have enrolled by finishing a record book this year. If you have questions about any of the many projects available, please reach out to us at the office and we will get you information.

We would like to congratulate our Curry County 4-H Hippology and Meats teams who competed at the Western National Roundup January 6-11th. Please look for their results on page 3 of this newsletter. The Senior Parli Pro team has also been working hard and will compete at Senior Leadership Retreat January 23rd, we would like to wish them good luck as well.

We are excited for the new year and look forward to what 2026 will bring for Curry County 4-H! As a reminder, the re-enrollment deadline of January 15th is quickly approaching, please get your enrollment submitted!

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4-H County Council Report

We hope everyone is having a great start to the new year! We would like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped with our Polar Express themed Christmas float that ended up getting 3rd place in the Large Trailer division for the Clovis Main Street Christmas parade! It was such a fun night, and we appreciate everyone who supported us. Congratulations to all our members and winners who participated in our Curry County 4-H Spirit week, way to keep the holiday spirit alive! We finished up our service project of "It Takes a Village" this month and it was a great success! We helped provide over 550 Christmas gifts to kids through out Clovis, Portales, and Cannon AFB. Thank you also to everyone who helped raise money through our gun raffle for our Meats and Hippology team's trip to nationals in Colorado. Congratulations to Brad Martin for winning the raffle as well. Congratulations to both teams for their accomplishments at the Western National Roundup! The Curry County 4-H council is excited to jump into this new year and all the memories that will come with it! Please join us at our next meeting on January 19th.

Kyren Cortez - Curry County Council Reporter



School Enrichment Highlight January

Cool Beans!

The Curry County Extension Office is offering Gardening in a Glove with Beans. Students will learn different varieties of beans and germinate them in a glove. They will form hypothesis on which bean will

germinate first and what environment is best.

Teachers will receive a packet along with a classroom kit to

complete the experiment. If you are interested in

receiving this program in your classroom please contact Diana Wood. woodd@nmsu.edu



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.



Congratulations to our Hippology and Meats team for their accomplishments at the 2026 Western National Roundup! We are proud of these kids for their hard work and dedication to preparing for their contest areas!

Curry County Results:

Hippology

Individual Awards:

Written Exam and Slides

Haylee Sharp - 9th High Point Individual

Horse Judging

Haylee Sharp - 9th High Point Individual

Team Awards:

Exam & Slides

6th Overall Team

Team Problem

7th Overall Team

6th Place Overall Team

Meats

Individual Awards:

Truiitt Sallee - 4th High Individual - Placing Classes

Team Awards:

4th High Team- Retail ID

5th High Point Team Overall



Thank you to everyone that helped us get here! We would like to personally thank Gina Fury, Kyla Jones (Hippology) and Trenton Jones (Meats) for their help in training and preparing both teams for competition!

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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.

Volunteer News

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) is a skills-based training program that teaches adults (like parents, teachers, 4-H leaders) how to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health or substance use challenges in young people (ages 12-18). It provides a practical 5-step action plan to offer initial support, guide them towards professional help, and reduce stigma, similar to how physical first aid helps with physical injuries. This is a one-day training. We will offer one January 20 and one March 4. If you are interested, please contact Mindy.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

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 to the State 4-H Office, please reach out to our office by February 2nd to let us know you are interested in attending!*

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
January 7-11	Western National Roundup – Meats & Hippology teams compete
January 15	MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – ALL CURRENT MEMBERS
January 19	County Council Meeting – 6pm @ Extension Office
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 9	4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February 20	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 6	Project Academy
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
August 10-15	Curry County Fair
September 10-20	NM State Fair
October 5-10	Eastern NM State Fair



**Curry County 4-H
Enrollment Deadlines:**
Previously Enrolled Members
 – **JANUARY 15th**
New Members
 – **March 1st**

