

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow... June FLEW by! The Southeast District Contest was a success for all of our members that participated! We are proud of their accomplishments and want to express our congratulations and gratitude for their hard work! Curry County was represented well and came home with many ribbons and awards. We have several awards here at the office for members who were not able to attend County Contest or District Awards, please call or stop by to see if you have any items that need picked up.

We have lots of project information within this newsletter, please read it carefully to make sure you don't miss any deadlines or information.

We invite everyone to join us for Family Fun Night that will be held at Roller World on July 28th 5:00-7:30pm. Join us for some skating fun and games! There will be no cost for enrolled 4-H members, we ask that family members who attend (skaters and non-skaters) there will be a \$5.00/person charge.

As the fair quickly approaches be on the lookout for emails, and Facebook posts for information about entries and deadlines. Fairbooks are available, please contact the office to request a copy or if you have any questions regarding the rules for your species and projects. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the rules. If you need any help with your animal projects, please do not hesitate to contact Kandy if you need help, have questions or would like advice on feed and work routines! I would love to help! I encourage everyone to seek out opportunities to improve your showmanship and knowledge. **If you have an animal that needs a tag replaced, please call the office as soon as possible to let Kandy know.**

The peach order deadline is approaching quickly on July 16th. If you haven't placed your orders yet, please do so soon!

Sincerely,

*Kandy
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NMSU AGGIE CORNER

July – It's Time to Apply!

Planning to be an Aggie in Fall 2026? You can apply now—and it's free! The earlier you apply, the more access you'll have to scholarships, housing options, and orientation dates. Ready to take the first step? Head to admissions.nmsu.edu/apply.



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4-H County Council Report

2025 Summer Workshops

Greetings Curry county we have finally made it to July and a lot is going on. First let's talk about last month. We would like to give a big congratulations to all our juniors and novices who competed in District Contest at Tucumcari! Congratulations to each member on their accomplishments! This month the seniors will head to Las Cruces for the State 4-H Conference. We wish them all a good luck! Lastly, we would like to invite everyone to our Family Fun Night on July 28th at Roller World from 5-7:30pm. We hope to see all of you there! Have a great rest of your month. Curry County 4-H is great!

*Curry County Council Reporter –
Kyren Cortez*



CURRY COUNTY 4-H

THURSDAY, JULY 23

 **4-H PROJECT DAY**

9-NOON & 1:30-4:30
WORK DAY - WORK ON PROJECT ENTRIES FOR THE FAIR (BRING YOUR OWN SUPPLIES)

9-11 AM
CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CLOVERBUDS (SUPPLIES PROVIDED)

1:30-4:00 PM
WELCOME TO NM 4-H WORKSHOP (BRING A SOLID COLORED T-SHIRT)

COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

CALL TO SIGN UP (575)763-6505

2026 County Fair 4-H Exhibits

Indoor Entries

All indoor entries must be turned in at the fairgrounds on August 8. Make sure your entries are completely finished and ready to be judged when you bring them. Indoor entries will be accepted from 1:00 pm to 4 p.m. in the Home & Arts building at the fairgrounds. Fair books are available at the Curry County Extension Office.

All updates are included in the fair book that is online curryextension.nmsu.edu. If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy of the book, please contact the extension office.



Livestock News

2026 Curry County Fair Judges

Poultry: David Frazier
Rabbit: Charlie Snider
Swine: Jake Dawson
Goats: Conner Brew
Sheep: Steve Sturtz
Beef: Wade Franklin
Dairy: Garrett Boer
County Bred Swine & Sheep:
David Frazier

2026 NMSF Judges

Jr. Market Beef: Jerrod Arthur
Mr. Market Sheep: Matt Kennedy
Jr. Market Swine: Mike Fischer
Jr. Market Goat: Caleb Boardman
Jr. Breeding Heifer: Jerrod Arthur
All others - TBA

Curry County Fair Book Livestock Rule Changes

- Time change for the County Bred Swine Show:
 - Swine Show will be Tuesday at 4:00pm
- Special Age Division Rule: Any boy or girl that is 7 years old as of October 1 of the current year is eligible to show in the beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, poultry and rabbit junior livestock market shows at the Curry County Fair (market is defined as animals that are eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale ie: Market Heifer, Poultry & Rabbit meat pen etc.). These exhibitors are held accountable by the Curry County Fair Board/Junior Livestock Committee and must attend four 4-H or FFA meetings or other Curry County 4-H and FFA community activities or events and provide a verification form at the time of entry. Animals must be validated during the county fair tag-in process, (verified attendance of the child at tag-in counts as a meeting). Entries will be subject to approval by the Curry County Fair Board.
- Only animals not eligible for the Junior Livestock Sale will be paid premiums. Premiums in the Rabbit, and Poultry barn have been increased.
- Swine Show: Cross classes will no be split by Light and Dark Crosses.
- Addition of County Bred Dairy Show
- Herdsman Award renamed to Casey Hollaway Memorial Herdsman Award

****Fairbooks are available at the Curry County Extension Office and online at the addresses listed below. Please contact the office to request a copy of the fairbook, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to know the rules!**

<https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/>

<https://www.currycountyfair.com/>



Rabbit and Poultry Validation

Rabbit and Poultry validation will be done in person this year at the Curry County Extension Office on

July 21 from 1:30-6:30pm.

This includes meat pens and fancies! Please bring all rabbits and poultry in cages that are easily accessible and animals that can be handled without issue. Rabbits must have a tattoo in place at the time of validation.

****If you have more than 10 meat animals, please call Kandy at the office.**

All entries for County Fair and NM State Fair are due August 1. Please make sure you have your 840 RFID tag #'s and animal info available when you do your entries.

<http://currycountyfair.fairentry.com/>

<https://nmsf.fairwire.com/>

TENATIVE NM HORSE SHOW DATES

August 9th – San Juan County
NMSF State Horse Show – TBD

****Curry County 4-H will host our own county 4-H horse show in conjunction with the Curry County Fair, which will not be part of the State 4-H Horse Show Series.**



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County 4-H**

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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
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and post-
cards!**

**Find past
newsletters
and info at
[https://curry
extension.n
msu.edu/](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 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, 2026 - 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

July 28, 2026

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

@Roller World

**Curry County 4-H will pay
for enrolled members**

**\$3 for family members, friends
and adults**

****There will be a waiver for everyone that must be filled out****

Snack Bar will be open



*This will only count for
a meeting with the
prior approval of your
4-H Club Leader!*



ROLL INTO THE FUN



Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
July 1	<i>Last Day to Add Projects</i>
July 14-17	State 4-H Conference
July 16	Peach Orders Due
July 21	Rabbit and Poultry Validation 1:30-6:30pm Curry County Extension Office
July 23	Project Workday & Cloverbud Workshop – info coming soon
July 28	Family Fun Night – Roller World 5-7:30pm
August 1	Entry Deadline – Curry County Fair Entry Deadline – NM State Fair
August 8	Indoor Entries accepted 1-4 pm – Curry County Fairgrounds Curry County 4-H Horse Show
August 10-15	Curry County Fair
September 10-20	NM State Fair
October 5-10	Eastern NM State Fair
December 5	Christmas Light Parade – Curry County 4-H Council will not be participating with a float in the parade this year. We encourage everyone to attend the parade and support the community.



J.T. Mitchell Scholarship

One scholarship in memory of J.T. Mitchell is available to 4-H and/or FFA members in Curry County that have been active for 4 or more years (2026 or 2027 graduates only). The scholarship amount is \$500. If you would like an application, email khutchin@nmsu.edu. The applications need to be typed and mailed or hand delivered to the Curry County Extension Office.

Application deadline is July 31. The scholarship will be awarded at the Curry County Fair Livestock Sale Meeting.

