

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Wow! October was crazy! Congratulations to those who participated in the Eastern New Mexico State Fair. Thank you to everyone who helped with Farm Safety Field Day, Pumpkin Patch Field Day, the Pumpkin Carving Contest and the Haunted Fairgrounds.

County Council Officers work with the Extension Office to plan countywide events, conduct service projects and plan fundraisers. All clubs are part of the County Council, and any 4-H member is welcome to attend the meetings. We will be electing a new slate of officers at our next County Council meeting, which will be held on November 20th. If you are interested in running, please contact the Extension Office for more information. Every club is allowed two votes, so please send your elected council delegates from your club to vote.

Parliamentary Procedure practices are coming up and registration for Senior Leadership Retreat will be due soon, please check out the newsletter for more information on that!

We are currently in the process of moving to our new office building located at 600 Woods St. at the fairgrounds. We do not have an exact date that we will officially be moved completely, so please give us a call before coming by the office to verify our location.

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4-H County Council Report

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Haunted Fairgrounds! We hope you had fun. Please join us for our regular Council Meeting on Monday, November 20 at 6:30 pm. We will be electing officers. Any 4-H member who has been enrolled for at least one year can run for office. Come see what council is all about and cast your vote for our next leadership team.

Tessa Lee –Curry County Council Reporter



School Enrichment Highlight November

We have fun kits going out to schools across Curry County this month with New Mexico culture being featured! Students will have the opportunity to make their own corn husk doll while learning about New Mexico history, the Zia symbol and nutrition. Each teacher will receive a packet with great sources to use in your classroom. If you are an educator and would like to have this in your classroom please contact Diana! woodd@nmsu.edu 575-763-6505



4-H Ornament Workshop & Service Project

Friday, December 8, 2023 / 2-6 PM

@New Extension Building
(on the fairgrounds)

Members will have the opportunity to make a variety of ornaments to donate to our local senior centers this Christmas.



4-H Christmas Dance

Friday, December 8, 2023 / 7-10 PM

@ New Extension Building
(on the fairgrounds)

Admission is one ornament – can be made at the workshop, made at home or purchased. Bring a friend and come dance with us!



Parliamentary Procedure Zoom

If you are interested in learning more about Parliamentary Procedure and participating in the contest, join us on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. This will help us determine if we will have a team and set practices.

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/4422594592>
Passcode: curry4h

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4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open from October 1 – March 1.

The deadline to add projects is July 1.

4-H AGES for the 2023-2024 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, 2023 - 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-October). 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 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.

County 4-H 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. There will be a safety meeting on **Tuesday November 28th at 6 pm** at the new Extension Building. Youth must attend with an adult. If you are an adult interested in becoming certified to coach 4-H shooting sports, please contact the Extension Office.

Curry County 4-H Ride Nights



Our County Horse Leader will be hosting ride nights at the Mounted Patrol Arena (Outdoor Arena on the Fairgrounds) on **November 17 @ 3 pm & December 1 @ 2:30pm**. Members must be currently enrolled in Curry County 4-H and a 4-H Horse Project. Additional siblings and adults are ride at your own risk (youth must be accompanied by an adult). Any rider deemed unsafe will be removed from the arena. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

2023-2024 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 youth enrollment is 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.

Record Book Awards and Light Parade



Join us on **Saturday, December 2 at 4 pm** in the Extension Office to recognize our 4-H Record Book winners. All youth who completed record books will receive an award. Following awards we will assemble our 4-H Float for the light parade. The Council will provide pizza. Any 4-H youth is welcome to help and ride/walk with the float in the parade down Main Street. Watch for more parade details to come. If you have Christmas lights you would be willing to lend, we always need more!

Junior Livestock Sale Info

We are collecting the final bills for the sale and hope to have checks ready soon. We will send out an email and post on Facebook when checks are ready. You **cannot** pick up your check until your thank you notes have been turned in. We have several who have not picked up their list for thank you's. Only the designated parent or the exhibitor them self will be allowed to pick up the check. If you need someone else to pick up your check, please notify the office. Checks will not be released with out permission.



SLR is open to Senior-age 4-H members. (13 and in 8th grade or 14 and up). We are working on determining expenses and how that will be covered please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

Members must have their enrollment complete prior to registering for this event.

Registration is DUE in the County Extension Office by **December 13th**. Please contact the office for registration information.

Contact our office for a registration form and workshop descriptions. Adults wishing to attend as chaperones will need to have their volunteer enrollment complete, including a current background check, in order to register. We will cover the cost of one chaperone for every 8 youth (at least one chaperone of each gender).



Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
November 1	County Record Books DUE
November 11	New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum – Las Cruces
November 16	Parliamentary Procedure Zoom Meeting
November 20	County 4-H Council Meeting – Extension Office
November 28	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – Extension Office
December 2	Light Parade & Record Book Awards – Extension Office
December 8	4-H Ornament Workshop - Extension Office
December 8	4-H Christmas Dance – Extension Office
January 19	State 4-H Record Books DUE
January 19	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Las Cruces
January 19-21	Senior Leadership Retreat – Las Cruces
January 30	4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February TBA	Project Exploration Day
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline
March TBA	Home Ec School – Albuquerque
March TBA	County Project Academy
April TBA	Youth Get Away – Glorietta
May TBA	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July TBA	State 4-H Conference
August TBA	Curry County Fair

