

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

March is upon us, and spring brings many new things to look forward to! Enrollment closed as of March 1, so now is the time to evaluate the projects you have chosen and begin working on those projects! You can add or drop projects until July 1. As a reminder, there is a four (4) meeting requirement for members to participate in 4-H events, including the fair. If you have any questions on the number of meetings you have attended or would like to add or drop projects, call or come by the office.

We have several activities and programs coming up in March and April that we are excited about and hope to see many of you join us, look for details on each of those throughout this newsletter! We will be hosting Ag Days March 9-10th for all area 4th graders, if you are available on those days to help, we can always use more volunteers! Texico FFA will be hosting a judging contest on March 11th and have asked if any 4-H members or families are available, your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated there as well! If you are available for any of those days, please call us at the office and we will get you information.

Springtime brings new growth, opportunities and animals, as you begin looking for your next show animal projects, please know that I (Kandy) am available and would love to help you in the process of finding breeders, choosing your animals and helping guide you in your feed and work routines. If you need information or have any questions, please reach out and let me know, I will be happy to help! If you have steers, Mason and I will be tagging market steers April 18-20th, please call the office to schedule a day.

Sincerely,

Kandy Hutchins 4-H Agent	Mindy Turner FCS/4-H Agent	Mason Grau Ag Agent	Diana Wood Program Asst.	Cindy Boney Admin Asst.	Zandy Bunch ICAN Educator
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School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is excited to offer, for the month of March, a school enrichment program on wheat. Students will have the opportunity to learn the plant life cycle and history of wheat using English, Math and Science skills. Students will also have a hands-on lesson experiencing farm to table with making tortillas in a bag. If you would like this program in your classroom, please contact Diana Wood at woodd@nmsu.edu



Curry County Ag Days Field Trip

We are looking for Junior and Senior 4-H members and 4-H volunteers to help us with our Ag Days field trips. Ag Days is on March 9th and 10th for all 4th graders in participating schools. The primary role of volunteers will be group leaders. If you're available, please contact the Extension office. You can choose which days you volunteer. We will gladly provide a school excuse note, but it is up to you to make sure you can miss class.

4-H County Council Report

On February the 20th at 6:30pm, the Curry County Council Officers met at the Curry County Extension Office for our monthly meeting. During this meeting we stirred up many ideas for the Curry County 4-H annual theme. We decided that the theme for the 2023 year will be, '**Breaking New Ground with 4-H**'. We also discussed our community service project, **Hope Children's Home**. At this time Hope Children's Home is needing the following items; diapers size 4, pull ups 2T and 3T, baby wipes, paper towels, and toilet paper. Please bring these items to the next Curry County Council event. We are looking forward to our year of service! Please check the newsletter for updates on how we are breaking ground on an amazing year!

Tessa Lee - Curry County Council Reporter



CURRY COUNTY
CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 29 - 9 am-11 am
Home Arts Building
(fairgrounds)
(for 4-H ages 5 & in kinder - 8)
Come have fun and do Cloverbud activities especially designed for you!
Please call the Extension Office to sign up
(575) 763-6505

4-H Project Academy

March 24 9am-Noon at the Jake Lopez building on the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds. Members who need transportation to Portales will be able to meet at the Extension Office in Clovis and ride over with Extension staff.

Participants must register via email (curry@nmsu.edu), by phone (575-763-6505) or in the office (818 N Main). We cannot accommodate parents or younger siblings, please plan accordingly. Members may select one of the following:

Photography: Members will learn the basics of photography and explore ideas from the project manuals. Each member will have the opportunity to take photos and finish a photo entry for the fair. Members are asked to bring a device to take photos (tablet, camera, phone) and a cord/card reader to download photos onto a computer.

Interior Design: Member will learn about form, function and design for decorating their room or other personal space. Members will complete items from the project manual as well as other fun and functional decorative items. Members are asked to bring a clean, empty can (soup, vegetable, etc.).

*Youth will be enrolled in the appropriate project for their tract.

A poster for the 2023 4-H Project Academy. The background is light green with several four-leaf clovers scattered around. At the top left, it says "Registration closes March 17." in the center, "2023" is written in large green numbers. Below that, "4-H Project Academy" is written in a large, elegant script font. Underneath, "March 24, 2023" and "9 AM-Noon" are written in bold green text. A green four-leaf clover with the letters 'H' on each leaf is positioned to the left of the date. Below the time, it says "Open to Roosevelt and Curry County 4-H Members (Novice, Junior, Senior)" and "Pre-registration required. First come, first served on availability." At the bottom, it says "Members select one project track for the entire time and will leave with completed projects for the fair." The two project tracks, "Photography" and "Interior Design", are listed in large green font. At the bottom right, it says "For more information, contact your Extension Office or check the March newsletter."

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Curry County Fair 4-H Indoor Information

We have received updated project classes from the State 4-H Office. Updates are being made to the fairbook to reflect these changes – be sure you review the project guidelines and class list when planning for your indoor exhibits.

Curry County Fair 4-H Sweepstakes Award

The Sweepstakes Award is an achievement award available to 4-H members in recognition of participation in the 4-H Indoor Projects at the Curry County Fair. A member is eligible to win as a Novice, Junior or Senior member; however, they may only win once in their 4-H career. Sponsors provide award funding annually. All funds contributed to the Sweepstakes Award go to the winner (this will not be less than \$500, but could be more, depending on sponsorships). Any member wishing to compete for the Sweepstakes Award must declare his/her intent to the County Extension Office by **May 1**. Members who do not declare by the deadline, will not be eligible in that year. In order to be eligible, a member must enter at least 45 exhibits in the 4-H Division. Of these, at least 15 must be in the 4-H Project section (meaning they must be enrolled in the appropriate projects to exhibit). The remainder can be any combination of project and open 4-H exhibits. The winner will be determined by points (points will be awarded based on placings and shall be cumulative for all exhibits entered in the 4-H Division by the exhibitor). If you have questions, please contact Mindy.



4-H Contests

Contests offer youth the opportunity to learn new skills, engage with fellow members and have fun! Youth may choose to participate in competition and advance, or simply participate at the county level. We would like to determine what contests we need to offer for practices and county contest. Orientations and practices will begin in April. We have a survey that lists all available contests with a brief description. Please complete the survey for each youth who would be participating – you may get a hardcopy from the office or complete the survey online (link is available below or on the 4-H Facebook page). Cloverbuds are not eligible for contests. Novice and Junior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the Southeast District Contest to be held June 20-22 (schedule pending). Senior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the State 4-H Contests to be held July 10-13 (schedule pending). Contest Interest Survey: https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RWqU1svP6HKdGm

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Read your newsletter and post-cards!

Find past newsletters and info at <https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/>

For 4-H Volunteer Leaders and Parents

Please remember if you are helping at club/project meetings or would like to chaperone youth on a 4-H trip, you must complete the volunteer enrollment. This includes a background check, application and online training. Please contact your club leader or the Extension Office for more information.

4-H AGES for the 2022-2023 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 2 nd grade	8 year olds in the 3 rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5 th grade	11 year olds in the 6 th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 th grade	13 year olds in the 8 th 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 October 30th.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline
March 9-10	Ag Day Field Trips – 4 th graders
March 11-12	FCS School of Real Life Skillz – Albuquerque
March 24-26	Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit - Raton
March 24	County Project Academy
April 18-20	Market Steer Tag-In (we will come to your pens)
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
May 1	Deadline to Declare Sweepstakes Participation
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
June 15	Ownership Deadline for dairy, goats, sheep & swine DNA Deadline for NM State Fair
June 20-22	District 4-H Contests – Roosevelt County
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 8-14	State 4-H Conference
August 14-19	Curry County Fair
September 8-18	NM State Fair
October 2-7	Eastern NM State Fair

**If you are no longer affiliated with Curry County 4-H, but you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the Extension Office. We will be updating our mailing list this spring.

