

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 Day Field Trip, 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 18th*. If you are interested in running, please contact the Extension Office for more information and an officer application. *Every club is allowed two votes, so please send your elected council delegates from your club to vote.*

Senior Parliamentary Procedure practices will begin soon, please call the office if you are interested in competing. and registration for Senior Leadership Retreat will be due November 26th, please check out the newsletter for more information on that! Record Book Awards and the Christmas Light Parade will be Saturday December 7th, we look forward to seeing many of you there!

As we move into this busy holiday season, we would like to remind everyone to stop and take time to spend with family, make memories and enjoy the small moments that bring big blessings.

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We are asking all Curry County 4-H members (current and previous) to complete a survey related to their leadership experience. Everything from serving on a committee, bringing refreshments to serving as an officer. Please have each youth complete the survey by **November 15**. We appreciate your help in showing the great things 4-H does!

Leadership Survey:
https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8iAQGLEqdVQrtSc



Curry County 4-H Youth Leadership Survey

4-H County Council Report

Thank you to everyone that submitted a picture of your pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest, congratulations to those who won! We hope you had fun! Please join us for our regular Council Meeting on Monday, November 18th 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.



School Enrichment Highlight November



The month of November the Curry County Extension Office will be offering an exciting program in

renewable and bio-degradable resources. Students will gain knowledge in how important corn is to our environment and economy. If you are interested in having this

program in your classroom please email Diana Wood at woodd@nmsu.edu.

4-H Service Workshop Friday, December 13, 2024 4-6 PM

Extension Building
(on the fairgrounds)

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



4-H Christmas Dance Friday, December 13, 2024 7-10 PM

Extension Building
(on the fairgrounds)

Admission is one box of facial tissue (Kleenex) or one bottle of lotion to be given to residents at Wheatfields Care Facility. 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 25th at 7:30 pm on Zoom. This will help us determine if we will have a team and set practices. Please call the office to let us know if you would like the link to attend the zoom, or reach out to Kandy.

Stay Connected

Find us on Facebook: NMSU Curry County 4-H

Check your email: 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 newsletter and post-cards!

Find passed newsletters and info at <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 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 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, 2024 - 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-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 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.

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, which are due December 2nd. 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.



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 22 1:00-3:00pm**. To participate, members must be currently enrolled in Curry County 4-H and enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project (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.

2024-2025 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.

Record Book Awards and Light Parade

Join us on **Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm** in the Extension Office to recognize our 4-H Record Book winners with an ice cream sundae bar and award ceremony. 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 for float builders. 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!



Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Record Book Award recipients.

Registration Deadline – November 26, 2024
Registration Cost - \$100 due with registration



SLR is open to Senior-age 4-H members. (13 and in 8th grade or 14 and up). SLR will be held in Glorieta this year. Members must have their enrollment complete prior to registering for this event and have attended a minimum of two meetings.

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 15	Leadership Survey due – see QR code on page 1
November 18	County 4-H Council Meeting – Extension Office 6:30pm
November 22	Ride Night – Mounted Patrol Arena 1-3pm
November 25	Senior Parli Pro Zoom Meeting – 7:30pm
November 26	SLR Registration Due
December 7	Light Parade & Record Book Awards - Extension Office 2pm
December 13	4-H Ornament Workshop - Extension Office 4-6pm
December 13	4-H Christmas Dance – Extension Office 4-6
January 7-12	Western National Roundup – Hippology team competes
January 15	MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – ALL CURRENT MEMBERS
January 24	State 4-H Record Books DUE
January 24	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Glorieta
January 24-26	Senior Leadership Retreat – Glorieta
February 4	4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February TBA	Project Exploration Day
March 1	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline – New members only
March 7-9	Home Ec School – Albuquerque
March TBA	County Project Academy
April TBA	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
June 16-20 TBA	Southeast District Contest – hosted by Curry County
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July TBA	State 4-H Conference

