

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

Congratulations to those who participated with indoor entries and livestock projects at the New Mexico State Fair and Eastern NM State Fair, Curry County was well represented! We are very proud of each member's accomplishments with their projects! We hope to see many of you complete your record books, which are due November 1.

It is a brand new 4-H year! The new 4-H year began October 1. That means it is time to get your enrollment in. All families can update their information online and submit the signed Medical/Liability Form. Enrollment deadline for previous/current members is January 15<sup>th</sup>, this is a change from year's past. New member enrollment is due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Denny Turner, Shaylee Priest and Kyle Wood were invited, as State 4-H Leadership team members to represent the Curry County 4-H Council, to the Curry County Commission recently to help announce the proclamation for National 4-H Week, which is being celebrated October 6-12<sup>th</sup>, look for more information on our NMSU Curry County 4-H Facebook page on ways to help celebrate! The County Council works 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 in November. If you are interested in running, please contact the Extension Office for more information and to request an application.

We are hoping to have a senior team for Parliamentary Procedure in January. Be on the lookout for practice times and updates. All youth who want to compete or attend Senior Leadership Retreat must be enrolled and have attended two club meetings to be eligible to attend. We will also be hosting several different events this month that we need some volunteers to help with, please look for details throughout the newsletter if you are able to volunteer.

Please let us know how we can help you get started on a successful 24-25 4-H Year!

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## Beyond Ready



# 4-H County Council Report

The Curry County 4-H Council Officers represented by our three State 4-H Leadership team members, Denny, Kyle and Shaylee presented to the Curry County Commissioners on September 6th-12th declared National 4-H Week across the county. We encourage our clubs to look for ways to celebrate in your community. Watch the Curry County 4-H Facebook page for opportunities for 4-H members to win fun prizes during National 4-H Week! Check out the Facebook page for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/NMSUCurryCounty4H>

We are looking for Senior 4-H members to help us with our fall elementary field trips. Farm Safety Day is October 16 & 17 for all 3rd graders in participating schools. The Pumpkin Patch Field Day is on October 23rd-24th for all 5th graders in participating schools. The 4-H youth are needed to serve as group leaders. If you're available, please contact the extension office. You can choose which days you volunteer! We will provide a letter to present to your school to request excusal.



## County 4-H Record Books

Don't procrastinate, get started on your record books now! Members can schedule a time to come in and ask questions or work on their books with us. Please call the office to reserve a time spot. Record books are due **November 1, 2024**. For members to officially complete a project, be eligible for awards and year pins, they are required to turn in their record book.



**Complete instructions and forms are available on the County Website:**

<https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html>

The following videos are available to help you get your book together:

### **Record Book Overview**

[https://youtu.be/VKb3o\\_DnUxs](https://youtu.be/VKb3o_DnUxs)

*County Report Form*

<https://youtu.be/juHeQZx0MFg>

*4-H Story*

<https://youtu.be/a5o5QcmknUo>

*4-H Photos*

<https://youtu.be/fmHDwRKj3fE>

*Project Record Forms*

<https://youtu.be/0-SZXIOFEvg>

# 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 previously enrolled members in January 15. Enrollment for new members 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 (or use 12345). 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. If you are not sure what email address you used to sign up, call us –please do not create a new account!

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. Click on NM 4-H Projects and Curriculum Kits Shortlist.

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-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/LoginHelp/AddingZSuitetoyourMobileDevice.html>

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.

## 4-H Leader/Volunteer/Parent Opportunities

### 2024 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

**When:** Saturday, November 9 (8:30am-4:30pm)

**Where:** Albuquerque, NM

**Registration & Fees:** Online registration available! Pay with credit card, or by mailing your check! Lunch is provided with registration.

• **Early Registration:** \$40 (Now - Oct. 15)

• **Late Registration:** \$50 (Oct. 16 - 31)

• **T-Shirt Purchase:** \$20 (Now - Oct. 15)

- **NOTE:** T-Shirts are unisex, so please select accordingly.

**Deadline to register:** Oct. 31



\*Please reach out the Curry County Extension Office if you are interested in attending!

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>
  - 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 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> & 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 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Scholarships

### Curry County Council Scholarship

Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Seniors in 4-H. The requirement is a 500 word essay on the topic “My 4-H Experience.” Your essay, scholastic confirmation form, and record book must be turned into the Extension Office by **November 1** by 5:00 p.m. Entries will be judged on 50% record book and 50% essay. The scholastic confirmation form can be picked up at the extension office.

\*\*\* this scholarship will not be paid out until the extension office has a copy of a college class schedule.

### Tell Northcutt Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Tell Northcutt to a high school 4-H senior. There is a special application to be filled out. If you are interested in applying, come by the Extension Office and pick up an application. Application deadline is **November 1** by 5 pm.

## 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Decorate a pumpkin with a 4-H Theme and be entered for a chance to win a prize! Photos of you with your completed pumpkin may be submitted via email ([curry@nmsu.edu](mailto:curry@nmsu.edu)) or on the Curry 4-H Facebook page by Monday Oct 21. Carve, paint, hot-glue – whatever it takes. The only rule is you have to start with a real pumpkin. Open to all ages – team entries welcome!



## Beyond Ready

We equip youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Through 4-H, we offer opportunities and experiences that shape youth into their full, authentic selves, enabling them to shine both now and in the future.

*Building a ready generation in a world of change.*

## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
October 6-12	<b>National 4-H Week</b>
October 16-17	Farm Safety Days – Events Center
October 23-24	Pumpkin Patch Field Trip – Ag Science Center
October 26	‘Tis the Season Craft Fair - Extension Office
November 1	County Record Books <b>DUE</b>
November 9	New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat – Abq.
December 7	Light Parade & Record Book Awards
January 7-11	Western National Roundup Horse Classic – Hippology Team
January 15	<b>Curry County Current Member Re-Enrollment Deadline</b>
January 24	Tentative: State 4-H Record Books <b>DUE</b>
January 24-26	Senior Leadership Retreat – TBD *(Must have at least two meetings to attend)
March 1	<b>Curry County New Member 4-H Enrollment Deadline</b>
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>

### 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
 my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
 my **HANDS** to larger service,  
 and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
 for my club, my community,  
 my country, and my world.

