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## Notes from the Extension Office

Who else finds it hard to believe that it is 2025 already? A new year means a new opportunity to enjoy all your 4-H projects, activities and opportunities! Set your goals to work on your projects regularly and complete each of the projects that you have enrolled by finishing a record book this year. If you have questions about any of the many projects available, please reach out to us at the office and we will get you information.

We would like to wish both congratulations and good luck to all our Curry County 4-H members participating in the national stock shows this month. Congratulations to our Curry County National Hippology Judging team and their accomplishments at Western National Roundup – Horse Classic! The Senior parli pro team has been working hard and will compete at Senior Leadership Retreat January 24. We would like to wish them good luck as well.

We are excited for the new year and and look forward to what 2025 will bring for Curry County 4-H!

| Kandy Hutchins | Mindy Turner | Diana Wood | Zandy Bunch | Cindy Boney |
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| 4-H Agent | FCS Agent<br>County Director | Program Asst. | ICAN Educator | Admin Asst. |

### Production Steer Tag-In & Weigh-In

January 18, 2025 - 8am-12am
Clovis Livestock Auction

**To be eligible, all steers MUST be tagged and weighed in at this time, no exceptions!!*

**Call Kandy if you have any questions.*
*575-763-6505*
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# 4-H County Council Report

If you are interested in attending FCS School please contact the office by February 19th to register. Cost of school and hotel will be the responsibility of the member attending. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

If you are interested or know someone that is interested in becoming a certified Shooting Sports Leader, please contact the office. The registration deadline for this training is January 24th.

5TH ANNUAL NM 4-H
ONLINE
HORSE BOWL TOURNAMENT

Tournament will be held

January 27 - January 31

7-10pm

*If you like horses, learning more about them, and you like to compete, then the HBT is your chance to shine. Prizes are awarded to the top 4 teams overall and to the top 10 individuals in each age division (Novice, Jr., Sr.). Matches are held over Zoom, so you can compete virtually with teams across the state.*

Please reach out to Kandy by January 16th if you are interested in playing. You must be enrolled to participate.

Congratulations to Lane Casey, Reece Robb, Denny Turner, and Ty Windham!! We are proud of these kids for their hardwork and mental toughness to prepare and get through a National Contest, especially one as difficult as Hippology!

**Curry County**
**Hippology Team results at National Western Horse Classic:**

Team: 5th High Team Overall
5th High Team Examinations
5th High Team Stations
10th High Team Judging
10th High Team Problems
Reece Robb: 9th High Individual Stations
Denny Turner: 7th High Individual Exam & 9th High Individual Overall

Thank you to everyone that helped us get here! We would like to personally thank Gina Fury, Kyla Jones and Dr. Jason Turner for their help in training and preparing the team for competition!

## 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, 1st, 2nd | 3rd, 4th, 5th | 6th, 7th | 8th & 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.

# 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 15th 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.

# Livestock News

Junior Livestock Sale checks are ready to be picked up! Please remember that you must have turned in your thank you cards to receive your check. Checks can only be picked up by the exhibitor or approved representative of the exhibitor (ie: parent/guardian). Please deposit your sale check as soon as possible to allow for the Sale Committee to reconcile their account. They have asked us to request that you please have checks deposited within 30 days of receiving your check. *If you have not yet turned in thank you notes, those were due December 1.*

# Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

| DATE | EVENT |
|---|---|
| January 15 | **Curry County 4-H RE-Enrollment Deadline** |
| January 18 | Production Steer Tag-in & Original Weigh-In |
| January 24 | State Portfolios DUE |
| January 24 | State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Las Cruces |
| January 24-26 | Senior Leadership Retreat – Las Cruces |
| Jan. 27-31 | NM 4-H Online Horse Bowl |
| **February 1** | **Rodeo Waiver Forms DUE** |
| February 4 | 4-H At the Roundhouse |
| February 7-9 | Shooting Sports Leader Training – Roswell |
| February 14 | Project Exploration Day 3-6pm |
| **March 1** | **Curry County 4-H NEW Member Deadline** |
| March 5-6 | Ag Xplorer Days |
| March 7-8 | Home Ec School – Albuquerque |
| March 14 | Project Academy (in Tucumcari) |
| April 11-13 | Youth Get Away – Glorieta |
| 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 |