

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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**National 4-H Week**  
 October 2-8, 2022

## Notes from the Extension Office

It is a brand new year! The **new 4-H year starts 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. Look for instructions in this newsletter.

**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 in November. If you are interested in running, please contact the Extension Office for more information.

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 before registration will be completed.

We still have several families who have not picked up their thank you lists from the fair. You will not be able to receive your sale money until all thank you notes are completed. The committee hopes to have checks for pick up by November 1.

Please let us know how we can help you get started on a successful 2022-2023 4-H Year!

Sincerely,

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## 4-H County Council Report

By: Kyle Wood, Reporter

The Curry County 4-H Council Officers presented to the Curry County Commissioners on September 27 to have October 2-8 declared National 4-H Week across the county. We encourage our clubs to look for ways to celebrate in your community. Members can be entered for a chance to win a gift card by submitting their 4-H Statement in writing or as a video to the Extension Office. Check out the Facebook page for more information. <https://www.facebook.com/NMSUCurryCounty4H>

## 4-H Countywide Tailgate Saturday, October 29, 2022 7-8 PM

Event Center Parking Lot  
Current 4-H members can check in and get an armband to go into the Haunted Fairgrounds Event. Games, vendors and haunted areas. It will not all be scary.



## 4-H Leader/Volunteer/Parent Opportunities

### Youth Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for Senior 4-H members to help us with our fall elementary field trips. The Pumpkin Patch Field Day is on October 12 & 13 for all 5th graders in participating schools. Farm Safety Day is October 20 & 21 for all 3rd 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 write a note to get you excused from school.



**NM 4-H Adult Forum – November 12**  
The NM 4-H Volunteer Leaders' Association Executive Board has been busy planning the 2022 NM 4-H Adult Forum for Saturday, November 12 in Farmington, NM at McGee Park. This is a fun day of workshops, networking, speakers and make and take. Please share this information with your 4-H volunteer leaders and parents. Registration completed by October 15 is only \$40 and includes a t-shirt. Registration October 16-31 is \$50 and does NOT include a t-shirt. For a complete list of workshops and registration info, contact the Extension Office.

## 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.

The deadline to add projects is July 1.

## 4-H AGES for the 2022-2023 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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 22/23 4-H year and complete enrollment. There will be a safety meeting at the extension office on Monday, November 7 at 6 pm. 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.



### 2022-2023 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 (or use 123456). 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-east-2.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.

## 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, 2022**. For members to officially complete a project, be eligible for awards and year pins, they are required to turn in their record book. The following videos are available to help you get your book together:

Record Book Overview

<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>

## 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 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!

## Fair Thank Yous

Here are some additional thank yous that fair participants should consider sending notes:

Sale Meal Sponsors: New Mexico Bank & Trust; Curry County Farm Bureau

Photo Sponsor: Ag New Mexico Farm Credit

Don't forget the Fair Board and Superintendents



WINTER-SPRING-SUMMER-FALL

*Craft & Business Fair*  
*October 29, 2022*

CURRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

10 AM - 6 PM

(BOOTH SET UP BEGINS AT 8:30AM)

Sales Booths welcome! Craft, local business, direct sales, community organizations. Please be willing to discuss your business and educate participants on opportunities in our area. \$20 deposit per table - deposit returned the day of event. If you are interested in booth space, please contact Mindy @ 575-763-6505 or [midenny@nmsu.edu](mailto:midenny@nmsu.edu). Booth space is first come first served with a deadline of October 15.

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If you or your club would like to have a table at the craft fair, please contact Mindy.

2021  
Pumpkin  
Winners



## **NMSF Fair Results**

See all the results for Junior Livestock Shows at the New Mexico State Fair @ <https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows>

## **Eastern New Mexico State Fair – October 3-8, 2022**

Find information on the Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the following link: <https://www.enmsf.com/> . If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office. They are also posting updates on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/enmsf>. Best of luck to our Curry County Youth exhibiting livestock and indoor exhibits.

## **4-H Scholarships**

### **Curry County Council Scholarship**

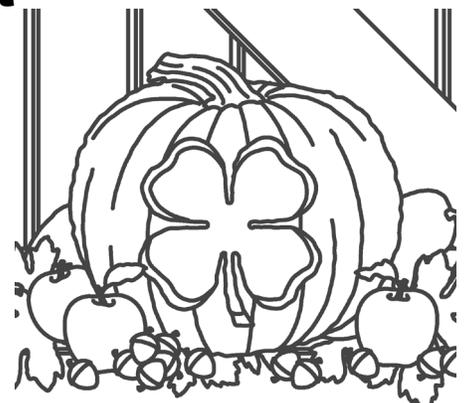
Two (2) \$200.00 scholarships will be awarded to graduating Seniors in 4-H. The requirement is a 500 word essay on the topic “My 4-H Experience.” Your essay, scholastic confirmation form, and record book must be turned into the Extension Office by **November 1** by 5:00 p.m. Entries will be judged on 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.

## **November School Enrichment Highlight**

Pumpkins, Pumpkins, Pumpkins! If you are an educator in Curry County and would like to receive pumpkins for use in classroom lessons and to send home with students, please contact Diana to get on the list.



## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
October 2-8	<b>National 4-H Week</b>
October 3-8	Eastern New Mexico State Fair – Roswell
October 12-13	Pumpkin Patch Days – Ag Science Center
October 20-21	Farm Safety Day – Events Center
October 29	Tis the Season Craft Fair - Pavilion
October 29	4-H Tailgate @ the Haunted Fairgrounds – Events Center
November 1	County Record Books <b>DUE</b>
November 7	Shooting Sports Safety Training – Extension Office
November 12	New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum - Farmington
December 3	Light Parade & Record Book Awards
January 20	State 4-H Record Books <b>DUE</b>
January 20	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – TBA
January 20-22	Senior Leadership Retreat – TBA
February 18-19	Shooting Sports Leader Certification - TBA
March 1	<b>Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline</b>
March 10-12	Home Ec School – Albuquerque
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>
July 8-14	State 4-H Conference

