

The Curry County 4-H Times

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Notes from the Extension Office

Thank you to everyone who helped sell peaches. We sold 600 boxes of peaches and 110 jars of honey. Funds raised will be used to support County Council activities like Family Fun night and our quarterly countywide events. Watch your newsletter for opportunities to participate.

Many of you are gearing up for NM State and Eastern NM Fairs. Refer to additional information in this newsletter for updates. If you need a tag replaced, or any help preparing, please let us know.

4-H enrollment for the new year begins October 1. We will be putting out more information on how to re-enroll and select projects in September. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions about getting started for the new year. Enrollment closes on March 1.

We will be hosting a dinner meeting for 4-H leaders on September 26 at 6 pm. Any one interested in serving as a leader is welcome to attend. See information on page 2. Adults who would like to learn more about all 4-H has to offer can attend the New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum in November. See info on page 2.

We have extended our search for a 4-H Agent. We will keep everyone posted as things progress.

Sincerely,

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4-H County Council Report

By: Kyle Wood, Reporter

The Curry County 4-H had a great turn out for Family Fun Night in July with 100 people attending. Curry County 4-H was able to collect 560 pounds of dog food for the Adopt a Pet Society. Thank you all so much for showing up to have a great time and give back to a good cause. Remember to be looking for upcoming county wide events throughout the year. The county council looks forward to ending this 4-H year out with record books and starting a new year with everyone.



4-H Council Meeting
Monday, September 19
6 PM

Extension Office

Join us for pizza and planning for the new 4-H year.

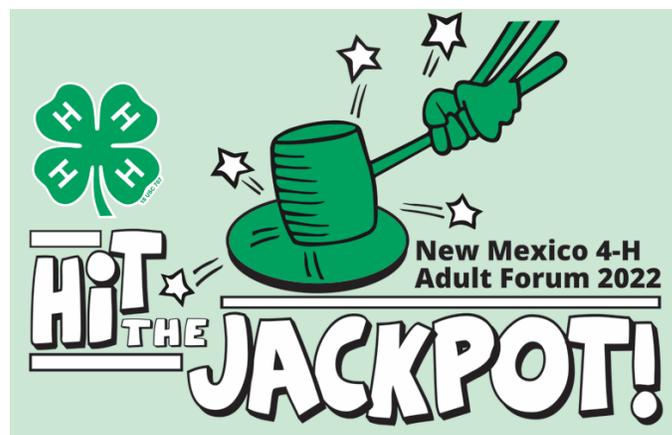
4-H Leader/Volunteer/Parent Opportunities

County Volunteer Meeting – September 26

We will be hosting a dinner for our 4-H volunteers and leaders on Monday, September 26 at 6 PM in the County Extension Office. After dinner, we will be reviewing:

- Working with Minors (this will count as your annual training)
- Enrollment and Project Selection
- Member and Leader Requirements
- Tips for Effective Meetings

This opportunity is open to all parents and volunteers who would like to learn more about how 4-H works and how to navigate that the program has to offer. Please RSVP to the Extension Office (575-763-6505 or curry@nmsu.edu) so we can be sure we have enough food and let us know if you have any special food needs. If you cannot join us for dinner, but would like to tune-in to the meeting via Zoom, let us know.



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 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-September)	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.



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.

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.

Tis the
SHOPPING
Season



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. 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.



Curry County Fair Results

See all the results for Junior Livestock Shows and 4-H Indoor Projects on our website: <https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html>

New Mexico State Fair – September 8-18, 2022

Find information on the Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the following link: <https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows>
If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Indoor Exhibits will be on display from September 9-19 in the Youth Hall. Items receiving 1st place at the Curry County Fair in 4-H Projects will be entered at the State Fair.

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>.

September School Enrichment Highlight



The month of September the Curry County Extension Office will be offering an exciting program in renewable and bio-degradable resources. Through a teacher packet, classroom kit and a video, students will gain knowledge in how important corn is to our environment and economy. Students will have the opportunity to make biodegradable plastic, adding a fun hands on science experiment to the classroom. If you are interested in having this program in your classroom please email Diana Wood at woodd@nmsu.edu.



If your school has an individual with disabilities who is in need of auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact me at least 2 weeks prior to the program.

Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
September 8-18	New Mexico State Fair - Albuquerque
September 19	County Council Meeting – 6 pm
September 26	County Adult Leader Meeting – 6 pm
October 2-8	National 4-H Week
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
November 1	County Record Books DUE
November 12	New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum - Farmington
December 3	Light Parade & Record Book Awards
January 20	State 4-H Record Books DUE
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	Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline
March 10-12	Home Ec School – Albuquerque
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 8-14	State 4-H Conference

