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# CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events



## September 2016

### Welcome Robin!

Robin Montgomery Kennedy is the new educational assistant at the Rio Arriba Cooperative Extension in Abiquiu. She lives in Medanales. A resident of New Mexico for the past 7 years, Robin was born, raised and lived most of her life in Iowa. She worked as the Lucas County horticulturist for Iowa State Extension before moving to New Mexico. Robin is a writer, teacher, yoga instructor and loves to garden and hike. She taught writing, speaking and literature at the college level, holds a Master's degree from Iowa State University. Robin has 4 grown children and 2 grandchildren.



### Record Book Finishing Touches Workshop

Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Abiquiu CES Office

Bring items you need to work on:

- ❖ Record Book Cover (order online @ 4-hmall.org)
- ❖ Standard Report Form
- ❖ Receipts
- ❖ Photos
- ❖ News Clippings
- ❖ Certificates
- ❖ Letters from agent and leaders



All are welcome to stop by to **Meet and Greet** Robin Kennedy RAC Educational Assistant

### County 4-H Council Elections

Are you looking for an opportunity to show your leadership skills? Here is your chance. The 2016-17 Rio Arriba County 4-H Council Officer Elections will take place **October 2, 2016** in Abiquiu. Officer guidelines included in this newsletter. Contact Marcella if you have any questions.



### REMINDER

Baking entries that qualified for State Fair; a new, freshly-baked item needs to be dropped off at the Extension office by **9:00 am on September 6th**. Exhibitor must label each entry with name, class number, and a description of the baked item.



### IMPORTANT DATE

The following items are due in the Extension office by:

**September 30th**

Club Financial Books, Club Secretary Book, 4-H Record Books and Updated Club By-laws.

*(If your club has not updated your by-laws in the last year, please re-submit this year).*



### Save the date!

Annual 4-H Awards Program & Family Dance  
Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup>  
ALL WELCOME!

## 4-H Enrollment Begins October 1

The 2016-2017 4-H program year is just around the corner!

It's not too early to start thinking about what projects you would like to enroll in and what events you are interested in attending. *Enrollment will take place at your club meeting.*

*Remember to bring your 4-H flash drive to your enrollment meeting.*

Contact your Organizational Leader for more information.

County Re-enrollment deadline:

First Monday of January

County New Member Enrollment deadline:

First Monday of March

4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership, citizenship** and **life skills**.

**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.



## BLACK BEARS 4-H CLUB NEWS

The last couple of months were very fun and busy for the Black Bears 4-H Club. Our club cleaned a mile of highway in Ojo Caliente that we adopted. We also had a demonstration at our last meeting from Nico Lovato who demonstrated on welding and Nathaniel Lucero who demonstrated on egg hatching. We are also very proud of all our club members who competed at County Fair. Good job everyone.

*Submitted by: Nico Lovato, Club Reporter*



### Dear Fellow 4Hers,

I just want to take a moment to congratulate all the 2016 county fair winners and participants. It has been a great experience participating in Rio Arriba County 4-H. I was an active participant in 4-H since the age of 5. It was honor to serve my final year as the county council president and while I wish that I could have done so much more, I am thankful that I was able to work with so many great youths in Rio Arriba County. I want to wish the newcomers the best of luck, 4-H can teach you so many lessons, many of them you learn by doing. It is because of 4H that I am a more polished public speaker and refined leader. Thank you to everyone that was instrumental in my 4-H life.

As a final news message I would like to share my favorite 4H poem:

**The IMPORTANT things are not Ribbons**

*(Submitted by a Parent in Lyon County)*

There once was a boy won ribbons, mostly blue came home from the fair with a big trophy too.

With a voice glad and proud He said to his dad "tis the very best year that I've ever had"

Said the very wise Dad, "Son, I'd like to hear, why you think that this was such a very fine year." "Why Dad, you well know all the prizes I've won, how I've come out on top in most things I've done.

"Just look at the ribbons that hang on my wall, and think of the money I've made since last fall. From premium checks and a big auction price you can't help but think cash and ribbons are nice."

"Patience you've learned in your projects too, as well as your skills that will always help you." "You've learned the fine felling it gives you to lend a glad helping hand to a stranger or friend "You've learned to cooperate with majority rule, to give in with grace and not be a fool, who must always have his very own way, be in club work in school or play."

But the man said, "My son you're not thinking right, Blue ribbons, 'tis true are better than white; But ribbons will fade and trophies grow old, money's soon spent and fame soon grows cold."

"The important things, son, are not ribbons or pins, and sometimes it's really the loser who wins, now here are the things most important, it's true your 4-H experience has accomplished for you"

"You've seen how a business meeting is run this knowledge will help you in years to come. You've conquered the fear of addressing a crowd, You've learned how to stand up and tall; nice and loud"

"You've learned how to lose without making a beef, you know the judge judges to his best belief. You've learned how to win without boasting too loud, a kid can lose friends if he's too proud"

"These are the things most important to you, you'll remember and use them all your life through. They'll help you become a mighty fine man. They'll do more for you than a prize ever can."

Head, Heart, Hands and Health

*Submitted by: Jonathan Salazar, 2015-2016 Rio Arriba County Council President*

Appreciation Strategy Humility  
Commitment Responsibility Listening  
**Leadership**  
Integrity Honest Communication  
Values Purpose Determination  
Passion Principles



# County 4-H Council Officer Elections

It's time for 4-H members to be thinking about running for a County Council officer position. Below is information taken from the Council Constitution and By Laws. Call or email Marcella if you have any questions or would like more information. [marctala@nmsu.edu](mailto:marctala@nmsu.edu) 505-685-4523 or 575-588-7423.

## **Constitution Article IV – Officers**

The elected officers known as the executive committee of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council shall consist of:

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| 1. President      | 5. Reporter          |
| 2. Vice President | 6. Recreation Leader |
| 3. Secretary      | 7. Historian         |
| 4. Treasurer      | 8. Parliamentarian   |

## **By Laws Article I – Election of Officers**

- Officers shall be elected at the October meeting and installed at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
- Term of office shall be one year.
- Officers are not eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.
- If officers miss two (2) regular meetings or other council planned activities, they will be reviewed by the council and may be automatically removed from office. The council will vote in replacement officers from qualified council delegates.
- Voting will be by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a coin will be tossed.
- Candidates should be present at the election meeting.

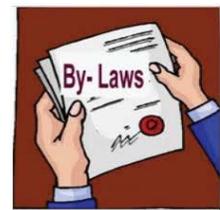
## **Article IV – Qualifications of Officers**

- The office of President should be held by a senior 4-H member who has held an office in his/her local club.
- The President and Vice President should not both be seniors in High School.
- The offices of President and Secretary should be held by members who have been in 4-H for at least two (2) years.
- The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter, Recreation Leader, Historian and Parliamentarian should be held by members who have been in 4-H at least one (1) year.
- The officer candidates should be aware of the importance of community (i.e., may have taken 4-H junior leadership projects and know duties of offices).

## **By Laws Article V – Duties of Officers**

General duties of all officers of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council are:

- Attend officer training (usually held in January or February).
  - Keep log of duties performed and submit report at end of the year.
  - Attend officer meetings as called to handle immediate matters of the council.
  - Provide reports prior to regular meetings, and a letter of explanation for missed meetings.
  - Train officers in each county club as requested.
- (Note: Council officer handbooks will be provided by the County Extension staff annually).



**President:**

- Preside over all regular and special meetings.
- Represent the 4-H Council at all meetings requiring such representation (i.e., Fair Board, Advisory committee, community gatherings, etc.).
- Appoint committees.
- Be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

**Vice President:**

- Act in the absence of the President.
- Assist with committees as designated by the President.



**Secretary:**

- Keeps an accurate record of procedures of all meetings, regular and special.
- Submit minutes to the County Extension Office no more than two weeks following a meeting.
- At each meeting, stand and read the minutes of the last meeting. Make corrections listed by council members.
- Read correspondence. Reply as indicated by council.

**Treasurer:**

- Receive, hold and distribute funds belonging to the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council.
- Give a financial report when called for by the President and at every meeting.
- Produce and audit the books annually.
- Shall be one of two signatories (Treasurer and Council Advisor) on all checks.
- Treasurer will submit a written treasurer's report to the County Extension staff at each county council meeting.



**Reporter:**

- See that sufficient publicity is given to the activities of the council utilizing newspaper, radio, and other media. Each council activity should be reported to the newspaper the week of the event.
- Will be in contact with the secretary after each meeting to write newspaper articles.
- Have a copy of news articles available for the Historian.



**Recreation Leader:**

- Plan and take charge of recreation activities at council meetings and other events.
- Responsible for seeing that refreshments are provided at council meetings and other activities.

**Historian:**

- Maintain a scrapbook and photo file of all 4-H council activities. Scrapbook must contain minutes, treasurer reports and news articles of council activities.
- Encourage participation from Club Reporters and Historians to contribute to the scrapbook.
- Bring scrapbook to each council meeting and set up for display.

**Parliamentarian:**

- Be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order. Help President in maintaining order during meetings and settling parliamentary disputes.
- Assist in arranging for a meeting place and set up.



## New Mexico 4-H Leaders' Association

Applications for the Executive Board positions are *due by October 15*.

Three-year positions are open in each of the four 4-H districts.

### Duties include:

- Plan the annual New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum.
- Communicate with County 4-H Leader Associations in their district for the expansion improvement, and promotion of 4-H youth and leader educational programs.
- Advise the State 4-H Program Leader on matters of program policy and future directions.
- Transact necessary business of the Association.

Application forms are available on the Website, from your County Extension Office or Mindy Turner at 575-646-1166.

Applications are *due in the State 4-H Office by October 15, 2016*.

## 4-H Adult Forum – Strike a Match...Light Their Fire

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, November 12th is the annual statewide educational and fun event designed for adults working with the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program, in Albuquerque at the Workforce Training Center, located off Alameda Blvd. All 4-H Leaders and 4-H Parents welcome!

## Ambassador/ Diplomat Applications

Applications for the 2017 Ambassador/ Diplomat Positions are currently available on the general 4-H website. The applications are due in the State 4-H Office on November 15, 2016. Team fees are increasing to \$550 for the 2017 term.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE?** Any mature, devoted New Mexico senior 4-H'er who will remain an eligible 4-H member during the year of service, January 2017 through January 2018.

The 4-H member must be a New Mexico resident during the year of service.

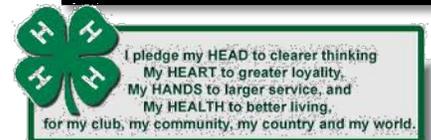
The candidate must be an active 4-H member in good standing with his or her club and council. Contact Marcella for more information.

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SHOWING CATTLE NEXT YEAR?

Join us for the 4-H Club  
Calf Farm Tour  
September 25, 2016  
San Juan County  
Extension Office  
12 noon

We will visit & view  
prospect show calves  
Please RSVP to the  
Extension Office by  
September 20, 2016  
505-334-9496

## Ride for the 4-H Clover & Equine Expo



## Kountry Kidz 4-H Club News

As we complete a successful 2016 County Fair, I want to congratulate all of us Kountry Kidz for an AWESOME JOB! We are planning our end of year fun activity. Some of us are beginning to think and research which projects we will sign up for this upcoming 4H year. Good Luck to our club members who play fall sports – CJ, Lucas, Sam, Santiago and Joseph in Football. Dylan in Cross Country. Emilee in Volleyball. Lindsey and Mireya in the High School Rodeo.



*Submitted by: Marcos Romero, Club Reporter*

### 4-H Organizational Leader REMINDER

Don't forget to schedule 4-H Enrollment for your October meeting! Contact Marcella at [marctala@nmsu.edu](mailto:marctala@nmsu.edu) 505-685-4523 or 575-588-7423.

### 2016-2017 4-H Member Ages

- **CLOVERBUDS:** 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (Born 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011)
- **NOVICE:** 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade. (Born in 2005, 2006, 2007 or born in 2008 AND in 3rd grade)
- **JUNIOR:** 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade. (Born in 2003, 2004 or born in 2004 AND in the 6th grade)
- **SENIOR:** 14 to 18 years old OR 13 years old AND in 8th grade (Born 1998, 1999, 2001, 2000, 2002 or born 2003 AND in 8th grade)

Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2016) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 1997 or before, you are too old for the 2016-2017 4-H year. Your next 4-H role would be a leader/or event volunteer!

### September 4-H Member Birthdays

Andres, Ashton, Brandie, David, Gabriel, Ilana, Isabelle, Jayden, Jesus, Makeely, Maryssa, Megan, Miguel, Olivia and Peyton.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### NM 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Dates

Mark your calendar, next training will be held in Carlsbad, New Mexico on February 17-19, 2017. The policy for maintaining certification, according to our policies and procedures, is as follows:

5. Maintaining State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification
  - a. To maintain certification an instructor/leader must be active two out of three consecutive years. If inactive for two consecutive years, re-certification is required.



### Dates to Remember

- September 5      Holiday – Offices Closed
- September 6      State Fair Baked Goods due by 9 am
- September 8 -18 NM State Fair
- September 13     Fair Association meeting
- September 20     Pick up exhibits at the Abiquiu Office
- September 23     Record Book Workshop
- September 25     San Juan County – Club Calf Tour
- September 30     4-H Records DUE
- October 1          New 4-H Year begins
- October 2          4-H Council Elections



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