Back to working with great volunteers and agents

By Frank Hodnett
Interim 4-H Department Head

I’m Baacck! I know some of you are saying, “I thought we got rid of him.” However, it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to come back and work with great volunteers and agents in New Mexico 4-H. I have missed getting to visit and work with you. Things are a little different in the academic world and I have missed the 4-H family.

First off, I would like to thank Rick for his service and commitment to the 4-H program in New Mexico. It is pretty rare that a person will spend their entire career working exclusively for the 4-H program. Rick bled green and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work with him.

During the time that I will be working with you, I will continue in my role in AXED. So I may be a little harder to get ahold of, but I will get back with you as quickly as possible. Being the new guy on the block again, I really do not have much more to talk about. But if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get with me. My door is always open.

Thank You 4-H Leaders!
National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 10-16, 2016

We thank you for all the work you do because you have gone above and beyond. We appreciate you more than you know. Thank you for your inspiration, and for giving back to our communities. Thank you for helping us strengthen the 4-H program, the clubs, and our youth. We value your commitment to the 4-H mission. Thank you for your time, energy, and passion to the organization.

Thank you for making a difference in the eyes and lives of 4-H youth.

You are the best! We can't succeed without you!
Notes from Craig

2016 State 4-H Shooting Sports “State Championship”

By Craig Painter
State 4-H Agent

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship is scheduled for May 6-8, 2016, at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. This event is our state qualifying event for senior age 4-H members to go to the National Contest in Nebraska in 2016. Registration is $50.00 per participant. All registration is handled through the County Extension Office. This year we will offer T-Shirts at a cost of $10.00. All registrations will be done online as well as the T-Shirt orders.

Check-in will be on Thursday, May 5th, from 3:00-6:00 pm, and on Friday from 8:30-10:00 am.

Horse Certificates

Horse Certificates need to be done every year or renewed every year with approval of the County Agent. The horse certificate is a form similar to a registration form. You can find it on the 4-H website under “Horse and Livestock Events.” They are due on May 1 to the County Extension Office (not the State 4-H Office).

Horses get sold, traded, and/or leased, and this is the purpose to do them each year. This is a unique aspect to the project. Horse Certificates are required for any sanctioned 4-H horse show. The only way that the agent can verify that the horse being used is the project horse, is for a 4-H member to document that they are the exhibitor, lessee, or owner of that particular horse.

Some counties also require those 4-H members in the rodeo project to submit horse certificates. It is strongly recommended that 4-H members submit a horse certificate for any horse that they may use as their project for the year.

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2016 NM State 4-H Horse School
The New Mexico State 4-H Horse School is scheduled for June 6-9, 2016, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at the Expo New Mexico Fairgrounds. The Cost for attending Horse School is $250.00. Registration will be done online and is due by May 1. For more information, go to our website at: http://nm4h.nmsu.edu click on “Horse and Livestock Events” link on the left side of the page.

By Craig Painter
State 4-H Agent

2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity and 3-Year-Old Versatility Nominations

4-H’ers with advanced skills in horsemanship are eligible to nominate a two-year-old horse for the Western Pleasure Futurity and Showmanship Classic held each year during the State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Nominations are due in the State 4-H Office by May 1 of the current year.

Horses eligible for the two-year-old Western Pleasure Futurity must be totally green, that is, having never received any riding by ANYONE other than the 4-H’er who nominates the horse to the Futurity. During the State 4-H Fair Horse Show, the horses will participate in three go-rounds of Western Pleasure.

The horses properly nominated as two-year-olds to the Futurity are eligible the following year to enter the three-year-old Versatility Class. Advice and counsel on training techniques may come from outside sources, however, the 4-H member must do all the riding and work on the Versatility Horse.

The Versatility Class is held during the State Fair 4-H Horse Show. Nominations for the Versatility Class are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1 of the current year. Nomination forms and complete rules are available on the 4-H website under “Horse and Livestock Events.” There is a $20.00 nomination fee.
Notes from Craig

Livestock Events

2016 Spring Kids, Kows, and More Dates
Several Kids & Kows & More Programs are scheduled for this spring. For more information, contact your County Extension Office.

2016 Spring Kids, Kows, and More scheduled dates:
Chaves County- April 4 & 5
Bernalillo County- April 12-13
Socorro County- April 18
Doña Ana County- April 27-29
Roosevelt County- May 3
Guadalupe County- May 4
Curry County- May 5

4-H Horse Shows
The 4-H Horse Committee has been meeting and will do a series of 4-H Horse Shows leading up to our State 4-H Horse Show in Tucumcari, NM. So far we have shows planned in Taos County, DeBaca County, and Doña Ana County. More information including our rules will be available soon. The State 4-H Horse Show will be on July 29-30 in Tucumcari, NM.

The State Fair 4-H Horse Show will remain open to all members enrolled in the horse project. They do not have to qualify to participate. This event will be on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

New Mexico Lamb Breeders Association Lamb School
Date is set for the 3rd Annual Lamb School for 4-H’ers at the Curry County Fairground in Clovis, NM. Date will be July 1-2 and will include a lamb jackpot to conclude the event. For more information, contact Gene Winn in Torrance County or Janelle Duffy in Curry County.

Regional Livestock Schools
The Small Farms Task Force, in conjunction with the State 4-H office, is planning a Junior Livestock School on June 17-18, 2016, at the Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds in Abiquiu, NM. Areas to be covered are: Swine, Lamb, & Goat (both dairy and market)

A southern Regional Livestock School is also being planned in Truth or Consequences, NM, at the Sierra County Fairgrounds. The date for this school is June 24-25. Areas to be covered are: Swine, Lamb, & Market Goat.

More information on these regional livestock schools will become available in the near future.

Stock Show University Steer School
Sullivan’s Supply will present a Beef Clinic on April 16-17 in Lovington, NM at the Lea County Fairgrounds. For more information contact Dan Sullivan at 1-800-588-7096 or go to their website: www.sullivansupply.com/ssu_clinic_schedule.html.

2016 Guide for Livestock Exhibitors
The requirements for showing Junior Livestock in New Mexico can be found on the New Mexico 4-H Website http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h or the New Mexico Livestock Board website www.nmlbonline.com. All inspections must be done by July 15, 2016.
The New Mexico State 4-H Dog Program is planning to host their 2nd annual Dog Gone Dog Jog 5K Run (or walk) on May 21, 2016 in Los Lunas to help raise funds to support their program. Runners (or walkers) may compete with or without their dog.

The NM State 4-H Dog Program works hard to provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers around the state that are in the dog project to learn as much as they can about their project and dogs. Each year, the Dog Program committee works hard to put on a State 4-H Dog School that is a three-day event. At this event 4-H youth learn to train their dogs in Agility, Rally-Obedience, Obedience and Showmanship.

The NM State 4-H Dog Program is a non-profit organization. In order to continue to put on this event the committee has to put on fundraisers. The Dog Gone Dog Jog 5K is a great, fun way for them to do this. It provides the financing for the committee and encourages the community to come out and have fun with (or without) their dogs.

The Dog Gone Dog Jog is a fun way for people to hang out with their dogs while we raise money to help 4-H youth,” said Jennifer Vickers committee member, “It also helps to promote the 4-H and the 4-H Dog Program.”

The Dog Gone Dog Jog 5K will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at the Los Lunas River Park off Highway 6 at 8:00 am.

**5K Cost:**
- Register on or before March 31, 2016 = $15.00
- from April 1, 2016 to May 20, 2016 = $20.00
- the day of race = $25.00
- Students 17 and under: $15.00 ($20.00 the day of race)
- 1K walk for youth 10 and under: $7.00

Entry includes a T-Shirt.

Go to this website for on-line registration:
https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/112306

Watch our Facebook page for more information – “New Mexico State 4-H Dog Program.”
Notes from Mindy

Save the Date:

2016 New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum
by Mindy Turner
Extension 4-H Youth Specialist, Home Economics

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2016
Who/What: Adult 4-H Leaders, 4-H Parents and Extension faculty/staff actively learning together through workshops, a community service project, special activities educational displays, a guest speaker, networking and more!
Location: Albuquerque
Theme: Strike a Match... Light Their Fire

Additional Items to Note:
• Workshop Proposal Forms are on the 4-H Website – go to the Adult Volunteer Leaders tab. They are also available from your County Extension Office. Share a skill/activity/method/project and consider team teaching with someone. Completed forms are due by June 15, 2016.
• Registration Scholarships will be available for 4-H Leaders – consider applying when they are available in August.

State Fair Youth Officials
Senior Age 4-H Members (14 & up) have the opportunity to serve as State Fair Youth Officials. Members can apply to come to State Fair early and assist with 4-H Indoor Exhibits. Youth officials stay in the dorms and help take in county entries, organize exhibits, assist judges, and complete exhibit displays for the State Fair. For more information on applying to be a State Fair Youth Official contact your County Extension Office.

NM State 4-H Portfolios
The State 4-H Portfolio will allow youth to better show growth and create a resume that may be used for other venues. Forms and formatting instructions are available on the general website under forms.

The State 4-H Portfolio is due June 15th each year. The portfolio must be in the State 4-H Office by that date.

Save the Date:
Western Regional Leaders’ Forum 2017
Alberta, Canada
March 16-18, 2017
Notes from Amy

Youth Get-Away 2016
By Amy Zemler
State 4-H Activities Specialist

Youth Get-Away (YGA) 2016 is around the corner so mark your calendars! During the weekend, participants will have a chance to learn about a variety of projects and recreation. Workshops and descriptions are on the Website. Also, youth will participate in community service projects. YGA is scheduled for April 22-24, 2016, at Cook Canyon Camp and Conference Center in Ruidoso Downs, NM.

Information is now available on Facebook and the 4-H Website. Youth will be divided into age groups, Novices with Novices and Juniors with Juniors. There is a limited amount of space for this event. PLEASE REMEMBER, REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS. The registration fee is $135 for participants and chaperones. Check with your county for the registration deadline and details. The officers look forward to spending the weekend away with youth at YGA!

April 22-24, 2016
Cook Canyon Camp and Conference Center
Check with your County Extension Office for registration deadline and details.

Community Service Scholarship Applications
New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship Applications are due April 15th for:
• Community Service Scholarship for an Officer Position
• Community Service Scholarship for State 4-H Conference

For more information and application form, go to http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships.html and scroll toward the bottom. Applications are due to the State 4-H Office on April 15. Also, you can contact Amy Zemler at 575-646-5204 with questions.
Citizenship Washington Focus is a leadership program for high school youth from across the country. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Center, near Washington, D.C. to participate in this weeklong program. CWF is a program which provides opportunities for youth to broaden appreciation and practice respect for themselves and others in their world; increase individual commitment to citizen involvement; and understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. Time is provided for 4-H members to report accomplishments in 4-H to their representatives in the Washington, D.C. area as well as participate in sightseeing trips.

Contact your County Extension Office at http://aces.nmsu.edu/county for more information about CWF.

Registration for CWF 2017 is due October 17, 2016

The 2015 winning 4-H essays are posted online. Congratulations to Ryleigh Lamb of Lincoln County, Novice essay winner; Michael Richardson of Valencia County, Junior essay winner; and Chali Simpson of Cibola County, Senior essay winner. Chali Simpson and a 4-H friend won a free registration/trip to Senior Leadership Retreat 2016. Ryleigh Lamb and Michael Richardson, each with a 4-H friend won free registrations/trips to Youth Get-Away 2016. Congratulations to all of you!

To read their essays go to http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/state-national-events.html#anchor_128522. Here are some excerpts (quotes) from their essays:

**My 4-H Story**

**By Chali Simpson**

**Cibola County 4-H**

**2015 Senior Essay Winner**

“...I have been studying and researching more about range management and soil health, and I actually set up a Science Fair project that took me all the way to the International contest in Pittsburg, PA, last year. I have learned a great deal about how important the soil is beneath our feet, and what it means to people and to the world population depending on food production. It’s hard to believe that the very substance we casually call dirt, literally provides our very existence, and that we know more about the universe than we know about what we are walking on. It intrigues me so much that I plan to make my career into being a soil microbiologist specializing in rangeland...”

**4-H Story**

**By Michael Richardson**

**Valencia County 4-H**

**2015 Junior Essay Winner**

“...Being in 4-H and raising animals has made me a very responsible person. I know that my animals

(See ‘Essays’ continued on page 10)
Meet the State 4-H Team

Sean Owensby
Union County
Treasurer

The reason I wanted to be an officer came to me when I was serving as a Diplomat. I got to experience some of the best opportunities of my life and not to mention I served with two very good officer teams. Seeing how excited they were to help other 4-H’ers inspired me and I made up my mind to run for office. 4-H has opened so many doors for me and I couldn’t be more thankful for everyone involved who has pushed me to become who I am today.

Kaly Cone
Roosevelt County
Reporter

Kaly Cone is the 17-year-old daughter of Mike and Karen Cone. She started 4-H as a booster member at age five and has been a member since age nine. She has shown animals, judged, done public speaking activities, and completed record books, and through these, has learned many skills that will be useful throughout her life. Being a state officer was something that just seemed natural to Kaly.
because it was a family tradition. Her dad was a state officer and so was her big
brother.

Her family’s hobbies center around raising and showing cattle, and her family
members are all involved in production agriculture and in promoting American
agriculture. More importantly, she wanted to take her 4-H experiences to the next
level and be more involved. She wanted to be one of those helping others, putting
on workshops, teaching, leading, doing the behind the scenes dirty work, and
making 4-H a better experience for as many as she could. Kaly has enjoyed her
officer experiences so far, and can’t wait for the rest of her term which includes
leading YGA and State Conference.

Joshua Knight
Bernalillo County
Parliamentarian
I always thought leadership roles, especially at the state level, seemed to be
something unattainable. You see, state officers are some of the most inspirational
people you can find. But, as I helped around my club and county I realized that I
wanted to give my love for 4-H to everyone! Running for a state position seemed
like the best way to share my passion. I was awarded with a state position, and
now I get to spread inspiration, passion, and a love for 4-H with everyone!

Katelin Spradley
San Juan County
Song & Recreation Leader
Here’s why I wanted to be a State 4-H Officer.

“I decided I wanted to become a State 4-H Officer at my very first State 4-H
Conference. It was a childish dream at first but this dream quickly morphed
into a major goal. I remember telling my best friend about my goal while we
ate dinner during county night out and everyone at my table asking me with
a confused look, “Why do you want to do that?” I had always felt an awe at
the type of leaders the State 4-H Officers were and I knew that was the kind of
leader I wanted to be. Although I had my doubts about whether or not I could
really accomplish my goal of becoming a State 4-H Officer, I am so thankful
that I decided to give it a shot anyway!”

My 4-H Story
By Ryleigh Lamb
Lincoln County
2015 Novice Essay Winner
“... 4-H is a tremendous life skill-
building program. I never knew about
leadership before I went to 4-H. After
I joined, I eventually found out that
without a leader we all would be
doomed. So without a 4-H leader,
council or club officers, there would
not be 4-H. That is why leadership is
so important.

Last year I was elected treasurer
in the Capitan 4-H Club at my first
meeting as treasurer. I didn’t have the
proper materials to create a treasurer’s
report. I felt so embarrassed and from
then on, I’ve always wanted to be
prepared. I also learned that you can’t
do everything all by yourself and that
it’s nice to have someone helping you.
That’s why 4-H officers work together
to run the club.

Thanks to 4-H I have come from
being a shy, silly, and scared person to
a more confident outgoing person...”
# New Mexico State 4-H Calendar of Events - 2016

## March 2016
- **11** Registrations for Youth Get-Away are due

### April 2016
- **4-5** Kids, Kows, and More (Chaves County)
- **10-16** NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK
- **12-13** Kids, Kows, and More (Bernalillo County)
- **15** Community Service Scholarship applications for Officer positions are due to the State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **15** Community Service Scholarship applications for State 4-H Conference are due to the State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **16-17** Stock Show University Steer School (Sullivan’s Supply presents a Beef Clinic) (Lea County Fairgrounds)-Dan Sullivan, 1-800-588-7096 or go to www.sullivansupply.com/ssu_clinic_schedule.html
- **18** Kids, Kows, and More (Socorro County)
- **22-24** Youth Get-Away 2016 (Cook Canyon Camp, Ruidoso Downs, NM)-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **27-29** Kids, Kows, and More (Doña Ana County)

## May 2016
- **1** Horse Certificates are due to the County Extension Office
- **1** Registrations for State 4-H Horse School are done online through the County Office
- **1** Nominations for 2-Year-Old Western Pleasure Futurity and 3-Year-Old Versatility are due in the State 4-H Office-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472
- **1** Applications for New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp are due-Jack Blandford, 575-546-8006
- **3** Kids, Kows, and More (Roosevelt County)
- **4** Kids, Kows, and More (Guadalupe County)
- **5** Kids, Kows, and More (Curry County)
- **TBD** Final payment due for Citizenship Washington Focus 2016-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **15** State 4-H Officer applications are due to the State 4-H Office-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **15** Workshop Proposals for New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum are due-Mindy Turner, 575-646-1166
- **15** New Mexico State 4-H Portfolios are due in State 4-H Office-Mindy Turner, 575-646-1166
- **16-17** Registrations for State 4-H Conference 2016 are due
- **17-18** Junior Livestock School with Small Farms Task Force and the State 4-H Office (Rio Arriba County Fairgrounds, Abiquiu, NM)-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472
- **24-25** Southern Regional Livestock School (Sierra County Fairgrounds or C, NM)-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472

## June 2016
- **5-10** New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp (location TBD)-Jack Blandford, 575-546-8006
- **6-9** State 4-H Horse School (Albuquerque, NM)-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472
- **10-12** New Mexico State 4-H Dog School 2016 (Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Posse Grounds, Albuquerque, NM)-Linda Herrera, (505) 264-5412
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## July 2016
- **1-2** 3rd Annual Lamb School (Curry County Fairground, Clovis, NM)-Gene Winn, 505-544-4334 or Janelle Duffy, 575-763-6505
- **11-14** State 4-H Conference (Las Cruces, NM)-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204
- **15** Inspection requirements for showing Junior Livestock in New Mexico-contact your County Agent and go to http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h and www.nmlbonline.com for more information
- **29-30** State 4-H Horse Show (Tucumcari, NM)-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472

## September 2016
- **11** State Fair 4-H Horse Show-Craig Painter, 575-646-5472

## October 2016
- **17** Registrations for Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) 2017 are due-Amy Zemler, 575-646-5204 or contact your County Extension Office at http://aces.nmsu.edu/county

## November 2016
- **12** New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum (Albuquerque, NM)-Mindy Turner, 575-646-1166

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**4-H Mission**

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

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**Contact your County Extension Office for deadline**
Note from Jack Blandford

NMYRM Camp to host 2016 event

By Jack Blandford
County Program Director
Luna County Extension Office

New Mexico State University’s Cooperative Extension Service hopes to build on the success of its New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp when it hosts the event June 5-10, 2016. The location is to be determined.

The camp, designed for 15 to 19 year-old New Mexico youth, is an effort to reverse the aging trend in ranching. Nationally, the average age in the ranching community continues to increase as more young people are opting to leave the ranch for careers outside production agriculture.

The youth selected to attend the camp will receive training in all aspects of ranch management, including reproduction and marketing of beef cattle, wildlife management, and range management.

Visit the camp’s website at http://aces.nmsu.edu/nmranchcamp/index.html for information and to submit an online application.

Deadline for applications are May 1, 2016. A panel of industry leaders will review the applications and select the participants.

Successful applicants must submit a $300 camp fee prior to camp. Local organizations like the Soil and Water Conservation District, Farm Bureaus, or Rotary may be willing to sponsor the camper fee.

If you have any questions, contact Jack Blandford at 575-546-8006, or jbland@nmsu.edu.