

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

Wow, March definitely blew by, and April is here with a rush! Things are busy here at the office and it is time for us to “dig in” to the many activities Curry County 4-H has coming up.

Our County Council activity this month will be at Hooks’ Bowling Alley here in Clovis, we would love to see all of you there! Be sure to read this newsletter carefully, as it contains several items pertaining to activities coming up this month, contest orientations, as well as fair entries and fairbook rule changes. **Remember, to participate in any of our 4-H activities and enter projects at the fair, you must attend four (4) meetings minimum! NO EXCEPTIONS will be given.**

We have several exciting events happening this month. We will be doing an orientation for the Favorite Foods and Public Speaking contests. We will also be holding a meeting for those who have signed up for the Horse Project areas. Curry County 4-H had 34 members sign up for YGA and we are excited to see what those members learn and bring back to their clubs! For those with Cloverbuds in the house, please be sure to sign them up for the Cloverbud Academy on April 29<sup>th</sup>!

I have included information for livestock validation dates and several different items of information for those who will be showing livestock. If you have steers or beef heifers, please call the office to schedule a time April 18-20<sup>th</sup> for us to come tag, all steers and heifers must be tagged during those three days. If you need any help with your livestock projects, please feel free to give me a call and I would be happy to help! I have included a QR code in this newsletter that will link you to information on many sales happening throughout the state. I will also be sharing jackpot information on Facebook in the coming weeks.

We will begin our judging contest practices in May. A practice schedule will be in next month’s newsletter.

Sincerely,

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The month of April provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the service of our youngest heroes, military children. Established by former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger in 1986, the designation of April as the Month of the Military Child acknowledges the significant role military youth play in our communities. They are resilient and take pride in their service to our Country. They deserve our appreciation and support. Wearing the color purple is a visible way to show support and thank military youth for their strength and sacrifices.

# 4-H County Council Report

CURRY COUNTY  
4-H COUNCIL

## BOWLING

NIGHT

APRIL 12TH 6-8PM



4-H COUNCIL  
PAYS FOR  
TWO GAMES  
PER MEMBER



MEMBER  
PAYS THEIR  
OWN SHOE  
RENTAL COST

HOOKS' ALLEY - CLOVIS, NM

Please bring items for our community service project for entry at the bowling alley. Items are for the Hope Children's Home. Currently, Hope Children's Home is needing the following items; diapers size 4, pull ups 2T and 3T, baby wipes, paper towels, and toilet paper. Gift cards are a great item for donation as well.

*Tessa Lee - Curry County Council Reporter*

## March 4-H Activities



In March, Tessa Lee, Talynn Wood and Presley Rush attended the FCS School for Real Life Skillz. They participated in the ceramic and sewing tracts.



Curry County was also represented at the Shooting Sports Leadership Summit by Ethan Dearth, Jessica Lamb, Lane Casey, Javon McCord, Mathew Edwards and William Cooke.



New Mexico  
Cattle Growers' Association  
Heritage Buckle Contest

Essays must be received by  
May 12, 2023!



SCAN CODE  
FOR INFO!

## Favorite Foods Orientation

Do you like to prepare food? How about setting a table with a fun theme? Join us on **April 13 @ 7:30 pm** on Zoom for an orientation on the Favorite Foods Contest. We will discuss what the contest requires and how you can make the most of your experience. Watch your email for the Zoom link. We will record this session to share later.

## Public Speaking Orientation

Ready to take your speaking skills up a notch, but not really sure how to start? Log-on for a Zoom overview of the speaking contests and find the right fit for you. We will cover contest requirements, choosing topics and guidelines for each age group. Catch the broadcast live on **April 27 @ 7:30 pm** or review the recording at a later date. Zoom links will be shared over email.

**CURRY COUNTY**  
**CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, April 29 - 9 am-11 am  
Home Arts Building  
(fairgrounds)  
(for 4-H ages 5 & in kinder - 8)  
Come have fun and do Cloverbud activities especially designed for you!  
Please call the Extension  
Office to sign up  
(757) 763-6505

## 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 "Forms and Publications." *They are due on May 1 to the State 4-H Office. Make sure you get them to your County Extension Office prior to May 1.* Please see the updated 4-H Horse Show rules for clarification. Horses get sold, traded, and/or leased and this is the purpose of doing 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.



## Horse Project Meeting

Calling all horse project members: We will have a horse project meeting on **Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30 pm.** You may attend in person at the Extension Office or via Zoom. We will be reviewing opportunities in the Horse project for both those with horses and those who do not have a horse. Come and learn all you can do with your project. This meeting is open to youth, parents and leaders. Watch your email for the Zoom link.

## 4-H Contests

Contests offer youth the opportunity to learn new skills, engage with fellow members and have fun! Youth may choose to participate in competition and advance, or simply participate at the county level. Orientations and practices will begin in April, and continue through May and June, watch the Facebook page for announcements and links. Novice and Junior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the Southeast District Contest to be held June 20-22 (schedule pending). Senior members participate in county practices and contests to qualify for the State 4-H Contests to be held July 10-13 (schedule pending).

## 4-H Rodeo

All contestants must have personal accident insurance and a signed and completed "Consent and Assumption of Risk" form in the extension office by **May 1, 2023.** This is REQUIRED to compete in Sanctioned 4-H Rodeos.

### 4-H rodeo dates are:

*Torrance County Rodeo – April 29-30*

*Valencia County Rodeo – May 20-21*

*Santa Fe County Rodeo – June 3-4*

*San Juan County Rodeo – July 8-9*

*Quay County Rodeo – July 28-29*

*Dona County Rodeo – August 12-13*

*State 4-H Finals – Sept. 22-24*

*(tentative location – Curry County Events Center)*

If you want more information on rodeo events available to 4-H members, please email Kandy at [khutchin@nmsu.edu](mailto:khutchin@nmsu.edu).

## Curry County Fair 4-H Sweepstakes Award

The Sweepstakes Award is an achievement award available to 4-H members in recognition of participation in the 4-H Indoor Projects at the Curry County Fair. A member is eligible to win as a Novice, Junior or Senior member; however, they may only win once in their 4-H career. Sponsors provide award funding annually. All funds contributed to the Sweepstakes Award go to the winner (this will not be less than \$500, but could be more, depending on sponsorships). Any member wishing to compete for the Sweepstakes Award must declare his/her intent to the County Extension Office by **May 1.** Members who do not declare by the deadline, will not be eligible in that year. In order to be eligible, a member must enter at least 45 exhibits in the 4-H Division. Of these, at least 15 must be in the 4-H Project section (meaning they must be enrolled in the appropriate projects to exhibit). The remainder can be any combination of project and open 4-H exhibits. The winner will be determined by points (points will be awarded based on placings and shall be cumulative for all exhibits entered in the 4-H Division by the exhibitor). If you have questions, please contact Mindy.



## Beef Validations

The extension office will be validating beef **April 18-20**. If you're showing beef this year, please email or call Kandy and let her know. Please include how many steers and/or heifers and the address we need to go to. We will be doing home visits, so we will make a schedule and let you know an approximate time we will be there. Exhibitors are responsible for scheduling an appointment with the brand inspectors to get their papers. If you need a brand, the 4-H brand is available to use.

\*\*\* Tags will cost \$5.00 each \*\*\*

## Validation Dates

Validation dates have been scheduled with the FFA advisors. You are **REQUIRED** to attend one of the validation dates to get your animals tagged and DNA pulled. Brand inspectors will be at each validation, so don't forget to bring your bills-of-sale and health certificates (out of state animals only). You can attend any of these dates, you don't have to attend the one in your community. Just pick the one that works best for your schedule.

\*\*\* Tags will cost \$5.00 each \*\*\*

June 6 <sup>th</sup>	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Texico Ag Farm (7-10am) Melrose Ag Farm (6-8pm)	Clovis Ag Farm (7-9am) Grady Schools (6-8pm)	Clovis Fairgrounds (7-10am)

## Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Beef- **May 1, 2023**  
 Swine, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Heifers- **June 15, 2023**  
 Poultry- **June 26, 2023**  
 Rabbits- **July 15, 2023**



## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Curry County Fair is scheduled for **August 14-19, 2023**.

### **REMINDER:**

**All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings.**

**Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.**



## 2023 Curry County Fair Judges

Swine: Danny Davis  
 Goats: Cameron Anderson  
 Sheep: Dustin Warren  
 Beef: Kody Lucherk  
 Dairy: Mark Brinderio  
 Poultry & Rabbits - TBD

## 2023 NM State Fair Judges

Swine: Ryan Sites  
 Goats: John Romero  
 Sheep: Mark Hoge  
 Beef: Amanda Schnoor

Dairy, Poultry & Rabbits - TBD

**For information on stock show sales guides and flyers, click here!**



**Watch for information on jackpots and Livestock Schools SOON!**

# Curry County Fairbook Rule Changes

## Junior Livestock Sale

### President

Eric Denton

### Secretary

Jacque Williams

## Members of the Board

Chris Flanagan, Dusty Johnson, Kyle Cain, Lance Sumrall, Luther Dunlap, Michelle Denton, Ryan Willoughby and Walon Jones

1. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held at the Curry County Events Center, Friday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m.

2. Each exhibitor who has an animal qualified for the Junior Livestock Sale must notify their intentions to the department superintendent at a meeting Friday, August 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Curry County Events Center.

**\*\*\* All exhibitors are REQUIRED to turn in a W-9 prior to the Junior Livestock Sale. W-9s will be included in the packet at check-in.**

3. The number of animals to sell from each species (Swine, Sheep, Goats, Beef Cattle and Dairy Heifers) will be determined on a percentage basis of exhibitors (70%) capped at 102 sale slots total. The meat rabbit and broiler pen will be sold through the Junior Livestock Sale and will be allotted 1 sale slot each. There must be a minimum of (7) 4-H/FFA Meat Pens in order to guarantee one sale slot and there must be a minimum of (7) 4-H/FFA Broiler Pens in order to guarantee one sale slot. All Sale slot will be rounded to the nearest whole number rounding down if the number is between a zero and 0.4 and rounding the whole number up if it is between 0.5 and 0.9. Each exhibitor may sell only one animal if more than one is eligible for the sale.

Any question please email [curryjrlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:curryjrlivestock@gmail.com)

## Specific Species Rule Changes:

### Dairy:

Dairy Classes will be updated to reflect the following ages:

Class 1	Spring Heifer	Born March 1, 2023-May 31, 2023
Class 2	Winter Heifer	Born December 1, 2022 – February 28, 2023
Class 3	Fall Heifer	Born September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022
Class 4	Summer Yearling Heifer	Born June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022
Class 5	Spring Yearling Heifer	Born March 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022
Class 6*	Winter Yearling Heifer	Born December 2, 2021 – February 28, 2022
Class 7*	Fall Yearling Heifer	Born September 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021

\*Class 6 & 7 - Required to be confirmed pregnant and teeth will be checked for age verification

\*Jersey class will be added

### Production Steers:

\*Open to all steers exhibited by Curry County 4-H and FFA members *and must meet all general Curry County Fair Livestock Entry requirements.*

\**Videos and guides* will be distributed to exhibitors prior to County Fair.

### Market Heifer:

\*Open to heifers that have a certificate of Veterinary Inspection certifying the heifer is open within 30 days of exhibition. A heifer cannot be shown in both the Market Heifer and Breeding Heifer Divisions.

### Poultry & Rabbit:

\*We will no longer offer a public open show for these species

### Breeding Ewe and Breeding Doe Exhibition Classes:

\*Breeding ewes and Breeding Does will not be eligible to sell in the Jr. Market Livestock Sale. Ewes and Does shown in the market show will not be eligible to show in the breeding show. Breeding show will be held after the Curry County Bred Lamb Show. More details to be announced later.

# Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
April 12	County Council Activity – Bowling 6-8pm Hooks' Alley Clovis, NM
April 13	Favorite Foods Orientation Zoom
April 17	State 4-H Shooting Sports Registration Deadline
April 18	Horse Project Meeting Zoom
April 18-20	Market Steer Tag-In (we will come to your pens)
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorieta
April 25	Curry County Youth Supporters Meeting (all parents encouraged to attend) @ Extension Office 6:00pm
April 27	Public Speaking Orientation Zoom
May 1	Deadline to Declare Sweepstakes Participation Deadline for Horse Certificates to be submitted Deadline for Rodeo Forms to be completed and submitted
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
June 6-10	Validation Dates for Livestock
June 15	Ownership Deadline for dairy, goats, sheep & swine DNA Deadline for NM State Fair
June 20-22	District 4-H Contests – Roosevelt County
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>
July 10-14	State 4-H Conference
August 14-19	Curry County Fair
September 8-18	NM State Fair
October 2-7	Eastern NM State Fair



## 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 past newsletters and info at <https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/>

## For 4-H Volunteer Leaders and Parents

Please remember if you are helping at club/project meetings or would like to chaperone youth on a 4-H trip, **you must complete the volunteer enrollment. This includes a background check, application and online training** . Please contact your club leader or the Extension Office for more information.

### 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	8 year olds in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	11 year olds in the 6 <sup>th</sup> grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	13 year olds in the 8 <sup>th</sup> 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>.