

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

Wow... what a busy and fun month June was! Time flies when you are having fun! County Contest and District Contest were a great success for our Curry County kids! We are so proud of each member who participated and their accomplishments! We had many teams and individuals that placed very well, and we are excited to watch these kids grow each year! Fourteen Curry County 4-H Seniors will be attending State 4-H Conference July 10-14<sup>th</sup> and helping to celebrate New Mexico 4-H's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, we wish them luck in their contests and hope that they have a great time and make lots of memories!

County Fair is quickly approaching, and online entries are open. You can find the link here in the newsletter, on our NMSU Curry County 4-H Facebook page, it was also emailed out to our 4-H members and FFA Advisors. Please call the office if you have any questions or have any issues while completing entries. NM State Fair entries are also open and are required to be completed online, the link is also listed in this newsletter and can be found on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you all at the fair! If you need help with your projects, please give Kandy a call!

Our annual Peach & Honey Fundraiser is active, please stop by the office to pick up forms if you are interested in selling. We have many things happening this month, so please keep an eye out while you read the newsletter for dates and information for activities that you would like to be involved in or need to know about.

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**Curry County 4-H**  
is proud to offer  
**Cunningham Peaches**  
20 lb box of peaches = \$45  
14 oz honey = \$16  
Order for late August pick up in the Clovis area. Orders close August 18th. Payment must be received to guarantee your order. Cash or check only.  
Order from any County Council Officer, at the Extension Office (575)763-6505 or online at <https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/currypeaches/index>  
Make checks payable to Curry County 4-H

### **J.T. Mitchell Scholarship**

One scholarship in memory of J.T. Mitchell is available to 4-H and/or FFA members in Curry County that have been active for 4 or more years (Seniors only). The scholarship amount is \$500. If you would like an application, email [khutchin@nmsu.edu](mailto:khutchin@nmsu.edu). The applications need to be typed and mailed or hand delivered to the Curry County Extension Office. Application deadline is **July 28**. The scholarship will be awarded at the Curry County Fair Livestock Sale Meeting.

The Extension Office would like to make you aware of the communications we use. We do our best to continually share information that you need to make the most of your 4-H experience. That means that you are responsible for making sure you are receiving all these communications. If you are not – please contact our office. If you are not getting mail or email, it means we do not have the most up-to-date info for your family. Please be on the lookout for the following things....

- 4-H Newsletter – the 4-H newsletter comes in the mail every month. It includes upcoming events, dates and deadlines. This is your first go to for all things 4-H. We also post it on our website (we are in the process of switching over our site and will have it posted asap).
- 4-H Website – our website is [curryextension.nmsu.edu](http://curryextension.nmsu.edu) – click on the 4-H Youth Development tab on the right. This page has resources, forms, links to state 4-H information and county 4-H newsletters.
- 4-H Facebook Page – our Facebook page is NMSU Curry County 4-H (this is the official page and the only one we use – there is an old one out there, but current info is on NMSU Curry County 4-H). This is a public page – you do not have to have Facebook to use it – it works like a website. This is the quickest way for us to get out reminders and updates without flooding your email. We also share information from State 4-H and other groups that are relevant to the 4-H program.
- 4-H Emails – emails are sent with reminders and any updates we receive after the newsletter has been mailed. We also create emails specific to project areas and share links to resources as they become available. The email list is taken from the member email listed in ZSuites. If you are not receiving emails (several have gone out in the last two months), notify our office – please check junk, spam and promotional folders. Be sure the email you enrolled with is one you check.
- 4-H Postcards – we mail out postcards for club meetings and special events as requested. As with the newsletter, we have to have your current address, to a mailbox you check regularly for you to receive them.

Here is how you can communicate with us – we welcome questions and we are here to help you. With over 200 youth in the program, the only way we know you are facing challenges or not receiving the appropriate information is if you tell us. You can also reach out to your club leaders.

- Call us – the office number is 575-763-6505; we do have voicemail
- Email us – the office email is [curry@nmsu.edu](mailto:curry@nmsu.edu); Mindy – [midenny@nmsu.edu](mailto:midenny@nmsu.edu), Mason – [mgrau@nmsu.edu](mailto:mgrau@nmsu.edu) or Kandy – [khutchin@nmsu.edu](mailto:khutchin@nmsu.edu) (no 's')
- Come by – 818 N Main (we will not be in the new office space until after the fair) we are open 8 am – Noon and 1 pm-5 pm.
- Message us – you may send messages through the Facebook page as well - <https://www.facebook.com/NMSUCurryCounty4H>

Summer is already crazy busy! Please help us help you by making sure you are communicating with us and receiving all communications from our office.



## 4-H County Council Report

County Council Reporter, Tessa Lee here with your June Report. Oh, what a wonderful month we have had. This month we congratulated all of the members that judged and placed. Everyone did a phenomenal job. We had amazing food, and we just had a very good time while there. Congratulations to everyone who judged. Good Job! I would like to remind everyone about our community service project Hope Children's Home. At this time Hope Children's Home is needing the following items; diapers size 4, pull ups 2T and 3T, baby wipes, paper towels, and toilet paper. Please bring these items to the Extension office. We are looking forward to our year of service! Please check the newsletter for updates on how we are "Breaking Ground" on an amazing year of 4-H!

Tessa Lee -Curry County Council Reporter

**CURRY COUNTY  
4-H COUNCIL  
FAMILY  
FUN NIGHT**

**Monday July 24th @ 6:00pm**

**Ned Houk Park Pavilion 18B & Bandstand**

**Yard Games**      **Pizza**      **Dance**

Please call the office to let us know how many from your family will be attending so that we have enough pizza.

# 2023 Summer Workshop Schedule

## Welcome to 4-H Workshop

Friday, July 21 from 9-Noon at the Home & Arts Building on the fairgrounds. This workshop is open to Novice, Junior and Senior members. Members will complete items from the Welcome to NM 4-H Project. Register with the ExtensionOffice at 575-763-6505.

\*\*Please register by July 14<sup>th</sup> to allow us time to ensure time to purchase t-shirts.

## Cloverbud Workshop

We will have a workshop for Cloverbud members on Friday, July 28 from 9-11 am in the Home & Arts Building at the fairgrounds. Please contact the office to sign up so we can have plenty of supplies.

## Project Work Days

Do you have questions about your project or what you are making for the fair? Do you need a dedicated time to work on your projects? Join us for a project work day – get your questions answered or complete your projects. You can bring your own project to work on (please have all your supplies) or we will have a few basic projects you can work on. Please call to reserve your time slot so we can ensure plenty of space – you may sign up for multiple times. The work day will be held at the Extension Office (818 N Main).

**July 19**

- 8 am – 10 am – Poster Making Tips and Poster Work Time
- 10:15 am – 12:15 pm – General Questions and Project Work
- 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm – General Questions and Project Work

# 2023 County Fair 4-H Exhibits – Indoor Entries

All indoor entries must be turned in at the fairgrounds on August 12. Make sure your entries are completely finished and ready to be judged when you bring them. Indoor entries will be accepted from 1:00 pm to 4 p.m. in the Home & Arts building at the fairgrounds. All updates are included in the fair book that is online at [currycountyfair.com](http://currycountyfair.com). If you have any questions or would like a hardcopy of the book, please contact the extension office.



**\*\*August 12<sup>th</sup> Horse Show in Clovis will be a double judge show.**



**Save the Dates**  
ALL BREED HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION  
SANCTIONED NM 4-H HORSE SHOWS

JUNE 3, 2023  
DE BACA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, FORT SUMNER, NM

JUNE 24, 2023  
ROOSEVELT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, PORTALES NM

AUGUST 12, 2023  
MOUNTED PATROL ARENA, CURRY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CLOVIS NM

All shows will follow the 2023 New Mexico 4-H Horse Show rules with regards to 4-H classes and points will go toward the state series.

BRING YOUR HORSE AND SADDLE UP TO LEARN BASIC HORSE SHOW ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY. OPEN TO ENROLLED 4-H YOUTH IN CURRY COUNTY.

## CURRY COUNTY 4-H



## HORSE PROJECT MOUNTED MEETINGS

JUNE - TBD  
JULY - TBD

WATCH FACEBOOK AND YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.

MOUNTED PATROL ARENA  
(@ FAIRGROUNDS)



# Livestock News

## Livestock Ownership Deadlines

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

### \*\*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 Brindeiro  
Poultry & Rabbits: Teresa Desautell

## Mark Your Calendar Fair Dates

- County Fair:
- August 14-19
- NM State Fair:
- Sept. 8-15
- Eastern NM State Fair:
- Oct. 1-7

## 2023 County Fair Online Entries

All junior livestock entries must be submitted online by August 1. You will not be able to pay online – you may pay by cash or check at the Extension Office prior to the fair or upon check-in at the fair, you will not receive your passes until payment is received. You may purchase up to 4 armbands per youth at \$5 each. Armbands are good for entry to the fair all week.

*Indoor Exhibits may also be entered online – this allows us to have your tags created prior to bringing your items.*

Use the following link to enter:  
<https://currnm.fairwire.com>

Follow the directions on the screen. If you need help submitting your entries, please contact the Extension Office.

Seniors  
Class of 2023 & 2024



The Curry County Fair Board will be kicking off a Senior Recognition program! Seniors will have a personalized banner that they will hang at the show ring prior to their chosen show during the fair.

We need each senior (Class of 23-24) who will have entries (livestock, home arts, ag mech, or horse show) at the 2023 fair to scan the QR code and complete the information so that they will have a banner at the fair to present. Please reach out to Kandy Hutchins or Malia Blackburn if you have questions.

DUE : July 15th!!!



## Rabbit Tattoo Verification



Rabbit tattoos need to be verified this year. I will be contacting those who are enrolled in the rabbit project and scheduling a time to visit your home to verify ownership and tattoos. Please have any registration/breeder paperwork available when I visit.



## NM State Fair Online Entries

The NMSF online entries will close on August 1<sup>st</sup> with late entries due August 10<sup>th</sup>. Open sheep show entries are due August 20<sup>th</sup>. \*\*Make sure to purchase a Gate 6 parking pass! If you have questions about entries, please call the office.

<https://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows>

\*If you are choosing to stay in the dorms, we will have a sign-up sheet available at the 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 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 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 (exception: age for showmanship at the fair will be the age they are the day of show). 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 State Shoot, 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 September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
July 10-14	State 4-H Conference
July 15	<b><i>Ownership Deadline for Rabbits</i></b>
July 19	Project Work Day
July 21	Welcome to 4-H Workshop
July 24	Family Fun Night - Ned Houk Park
July 25	Curry County Youth Supporters Meeting (6:00pm)
July 28	Cloverbud Workshop
<b>August 1</b>	<b><i>Curry County Fair Entries DUE Online</i></b>
<b>August 1</b>	<b><i>New Mexico State Fair Entries DUE Online</i></b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b><i>Curry County 4-H Horse Show 4-H Indoor Exhibits Due</i></b>
August 14-19	Curry County Fair
September 8-18	NM State Fair
October 1	New 4-H Year Begins!
October 2-7	Eastern NM State Fair
November 1	County 4-H Record Books Due
**Please read the newsletter closely for specific details on the county and state events listed above.	

### 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.

