

The Curry County 4-H Times:



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We are excited to continue being "On the Fast Track with 4-H" here in Curry County! Things in the 4-H world are getting busier and we are looking forward to all of the summer activities.

If you need any help with your livestock projects, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will help anybody who needs it, all you have to do is ask! I have information on upcoming sales. Be sure to take note of the dates for the Curry County Fair. Page 3 also has information for the 4-H Sweepstakes and Fairbook changes. Four (4) meetings will be required to show. There are only four months left before the fair... NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

This month, we have several exciting events. We will be doing an orientation for the favorite foods and public speaking contests. We also have a horse project meeting and cloverbud workshop. More information for those events is on page 2.

We are also excited that 25 Curry County 4-Hers will be attending Youth Getaway this month!

I know several of you are curious about judging this summer. We will not start practices until May. A practice schedule will be in next month's newsletter.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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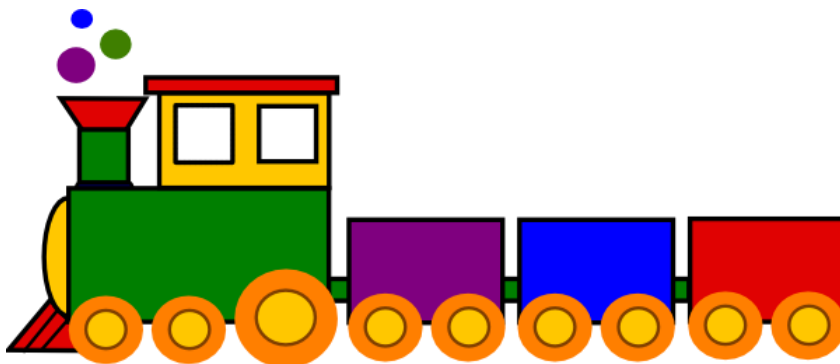
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Favorite Foods Contest Orientation

Do you like to prepare food? How about setting a table with a fun theme? Join us on April 7 @ 6 pm on a Zoom orientation for 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 Contest 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 21 @ 6 pm or review the recording at a later date. Zoom links will be shared over email.

Horse Project Meeting

Calling all horse project members: We will have a horse project meeting on Thursday, April 14 at 6 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 you email for the Zoom link.

Cloverbud Workshop

Calling all Cloverbuds! Please join us at the extension building on the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 30th for a Cloverbud workshop from 9 AM to 11 AM.



Home Economics School

We had three outstanding youth attend the NM 4-H Home Ec School. Kaylynn Belew was a junior instructor in sewing. Talynn Wood participated in the sewing tract and John Turner participated in the outdoor cooking tract. Great job representing Curry County!

Kyle Wood Curry County 4-H Council Reporter

The Curry County Council would like to thank you for coming and joining us at Roller World. We all enjoyed a night of skating and being with friends. We look forward to having more county gatherings in the future. The council will have their next meeting on April 18th at 6:00pm held at the Extension Office. Everyone is invited to join us. As I have reported, the council has voted to have a Train theme called On The Fast Track With 4-H this year for our County Awards and other things. We will use this theme to represent each club in Curry County.

Curry County 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.

Fairbook Rule Changes

Weigh-in:

Swine weigh-in time is from 6 AM to 11 AM. Poultry and rabbit weigh-in is from 11 AM to NOON.

ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS BY 11 AM on MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022.

Sale:

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.

Any additional rule changes will be included in future newsletters.

Last years fairbook with Indoor Rules and Livestock Rules can be found at:
<https://www.curryeventscenter.com/fair>

An updated version will be posted in June.



Announcements

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Jackpots

The Curry County Fair is scheduled for **August 15-20, 2022**.

REMINDER: All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings. Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.

May 28-29 (Artesia)- Pig, Sheep, Goat, Dairy Heifer

June 11-12 (Farmington)- Swine, Sheep, Goat

June 30- July 3 (T or C)- Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine

Judges

Swine: Brad Bevel
Lambs/Goats: Sam Spradlin
Dairy: James Duffey
Beef: Kody Lucerk
Poultry/Rabbit: Kevin Branum

Livestock Schools

June 9-10- Northern Region
(Farmington, NM)

June 30- July 3- Southern Region (T or C, NM)

Livestock Ownership Deadlines

Beef- **May 1, 2022**
Swine, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Heifers-
June 15, 2022
Poultry- **June 27, 2022**
Rabbits- **July 15, 2022**

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.

Beef Validations

The extension office will be validating beef on **April 9**. If you're showing beef this year, please email or call Halee and let her know. Please include how many steers/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.

June 7- Texico Ag Farm (8-11 AM)
Melrose Ag Farm (6-8 PM)

June 10- Clovis Ag Farm (7-9 AM)
Grady Ag Farm (6-8 PM)

June 11- Clovis Fairgrounds (7-10 AM)



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

Required Volunteer Training

All 4-H volunteers are required to complete a "Working With Minors" training for the new 4-H year. You are not a certified volunteer until this training is completed annually.

Please complete the training ASAP online. The training is now available on ZSuite. Go to 4h.zsuite.org to complete the training. Once logged in...

1. Click on Clover Academy on left menu bar
2. Launch Clover Academy
3. Open NM Working with Minors (even though it says completed)
4. Under 'You have earned a
5. certificate' is a button that says [Reset All Course Progress for New Year (Cannot be undone.)]
6. Click on the blue 'Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)'
7. Start Course
7. Complete course and a certificate will be available with the completion date. Halee will be able to see completion on her administrator page.

School Enrichment Highlight

During the month of April, the Curry County Extension Office is offering a great curriculum on Weather. The students will have a fun hands-on opportunity to create their own rain gauge. Teachers will be given a curriculum packet that engages students in learning all about weather while developing English, Math, and Science skills. Please contact Diana Wood if you would like to have this in your classroom. woodd@nmsu.edu



4-H Horse Certificates

Members who want to compete in 4-H Horse Shows and/or 4-H Rodeos are required to have a Horse Certificate. The horse certificate is a form similar to a registration form. This form can be found at aces.nmsu.edu/4h/ under "Forms and Publications." The deadline for all 4-H Horse Certificates to be turned into the extension office is **May 2, 2022.**

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, 2022. This is REQUIRED to compete in Sanctioned 4-H Rodeos. 4-H rodeo dates are:

April 23-24- Torrance
July 9-10- San Juan
July 29-30- Quay
August 13-15- Santa Fe

If you want more information on rodeo events available to 4-H members, please email Halee at hprather@nmsu.edu.

Project Books

The club leaders have the project books that you signed up for. Please attend your meetings to pick up your books. If you are missing materials or have any questions, please call the extension office.

Announcements

Reminder

The deadline to add or change projects will be July 1

Beef Validations MUST be done this month



4-H Member Ages for the 2021/22 4-H Year

Novice: Age 9-11. A 4-H Member must have passed his/her 9th birthday or be 8 years old or in the 3rd grade, but not have passed his/her 12th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Junior: Ages 12-13. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 12th birthday or be 11 years old and in the 6th grade, but not have passed his/her 14th birthday party prior to January 1 of the current 4-h year.

Senior: Ages 14-19. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 14th birthday or be 13 years old and in the 8th grade but not have passed his/her 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.

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Membership Requirements

4-H is open to ages 9-19. A youth must have passed their 9th birthday, but not their 19th birthday prior to January 1st of the current 4-H year to be considered eligible for 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 attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 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. The intent of this rule is not to punish inactive members, but rather to reward active members. Therefore, every effort should be made to provide opportunities for members to obtain an "active" status. 4-H Council officers are allowed one excused absence from Council meetings during their terms. The extension office has the right to oversee the offices and remove an officers if he/she is not active-ly par-



Curry County 4-H Dates To Remember

April 7	Favorite Foods Contest Orientation
April 9	Beef Validations
April 14	Horse Project Meeting (Clovis)
April 18	Council Meeting
April 21	Public Speaking Contest Orientation
April 22-24	Youth Get-Away (Glorieta, NM)
April 30	Cloverbud Workshop (Clovis)
May 1	Ownership deadline for beef
May 1	Declaration deadline for 4-H Sweepstakes
May 2	Horse Certificates Due
May 5-8	State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships (Raton, NM)
May 6	NM Youth Ranch Management Camp Application Deadline
June 1	State 4-H Leadership Team Applications Due
June 6-9	4-H Horse School
June 7	Validation Day (Texico Ag Farm & Melrose Ag Farm)
June 9-10	Northern Region Livestock School (Farmington, NM)
June 10	Validation Day (Clovis Ag Farm & Grady Ag Farm)
June 11	Validation Day (Clovis Fairgrounds)
June 12-17	NM Youth Ranch Management Camp
June 15	Ownership deadline for dairy, goats, sheep, swine
June 22-24	District 4-H Contests (Alamogordo, NM)
June 27	Ownership deadline for Poultry
June 26-July 1	National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
June 30-July 2	Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School (T or C, NM)
July 1	Deadline to add projects
July 11-14	State 4-H Conference (Las Cruces, NM)
July 15	Ownership deadline for Rabbits
August 1	NM State Fair Entry Deadline
August 15-20	Curry County Fair
September 8-18	NM State Fair