

The Curry County 4-H Times:



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February is here! There is a lot of exciting opportunities coming up and we hope you will join in on all of the fun! Don't forget to enroll by March 1 to continue being an active 4-H member in Curry County.

Instructions for online enrollment are on page 4 of this newsletter. You can also come to the office for hard copies or email hprather@nmsu.edu to get the forms. If you enroll online, please make sure you get the liability forms done by March 1 as well.

Bring a friend and join us on February 11th to learn more about some of the projects and contests offered in 4-H at ten stations with hands-on activities. Members can add projects to their enrollment until July 1.

Dates for Home Ec School and Youth Get Away are on page 2. We are excited to be able to do these events in-person again! If you are interested in getting more information, please send Halee an email and she will email you as it comes out. Pay close attention to the NMSU Curry County 4-H Facebook Page as well.

A shooting sports safety meeting will be held at the extension office this month. This will be one of the last safety meetings offered, so please attend if you plan on participating.

As always, please feel free to email or call us if you have any questions of need anything.

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Announcements



Five Curry County 4-Her members traveled to Las Cruces to participate in Senior Leadership Retreat! It was so fun to be back in person with friends across the state. 4-Her's participated in numerous career and leadership workshops, got inspired by a great speaker, and danced the night away!

There are two more upcoming opportunities for state events! Mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more information!



Kyle Wood Curry County 4-H Council Reporter

The 4-H Curry County Council will have a meeting on February 21, 2022 at 6:00pm. It will be held at the Extension Office. Please make plans on attending as we will be talking about planning an event for all county clubs in March. Come let us know some of your ideas that you have for a fun social. We will also be discussing a theme for the 2022 County Awards banquet in June.

Project Minutes

"Project Minutes" is a 1-2 minute quick intro to a 4-H project with a simple activity that 4-Hers can do at home. Project Minutes will happen on Friday's at 9 AM on the NMSU Curry County 4-H Facebook page. Some of the recordings are live and some are pre-recorded. You can always go back and watch both versions at a later time. Explore the world of 4-H and learn about all of the projects we have to offer!

Livestock Ownership Deadlines

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

2022 Beef Jackpots

Feb 5th- Zia Champion (Artesia)
Feb 12th Sno Ball (Farmington)
Feb 19th- Three Crosses Classic (Las Cruces)
Feb 26th- The 505 (Stanley)
TBA- Steer Wars

For more information, please contact Halee or visit the NM Club Calf Association Facebook page.

Curry County Cooperative Extension Service

4-H Exploration Friday

When: Friday, February 11, 2022

9:00 AM- NOON

Where: Extension Building
(on the fairgrounds in Clovis)



The 4-H program is dedicated to providing opportunities for young people to develop leadership and management skills, positive self-esteem, effective communication skills, a solid sense of personal responsibility and the ability to make sound decisions. The life-skills learned in 4-H enable youth to become productive, well-informed, self-reliant responsible adults.

There are over 200 projects for youth to enroll in through the 4-H program and numerous other opportunities for youth to participate in! Come explore different 4-H projects and contests with us through hands-on activities! This event is open to any youth ages 5 to 18 years old. Kids will rotate between stations. It is come and go so youth will not have to stay for the entire 3 hours.

Projects/Contests:

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| • Welding | • Photography |
| • Baking | • Dog |
| • Goal Setting | • Quiz Bowl |
| • Quilting | • Babysitting |
| • Entomology | • Meats Judging |

Service Opportunity:

Bring thank you notes and goodies to put in gift bags for first responders. Items to bring include:

- Gum
- Mini candies
- Mints
- Protein Bars
- Small hand sanitizers

For additional information, please contact the Curry County Extension Office.

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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Halee Prather in advance at (575) 763-6505 or hprather@nmsu.edu.

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator.
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Instructions for Online Enrollment

Enrollment closes March 1! New Mexico 4-H has changed to a brand new enrollment system called ZSuites that will offer online enrollment. This means that each family will log on and create an account, and complete enrollments online. Adult volunteers, you have already used ZSuites to complete the annual working with minors training. Therefore, you do not need to create a new account; you can work off of your existing account- you will log in with your email, and if you can't remember your password, just reset it. Members can re-enroll through a paper copy also. Leaders, we will need hard copies of the liabilities and the Disclosure and Consent Forms. Please get enrolled ASAP so we have time to fix it if there are any difficulties.

To enroll:

1. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/> - you can use any browser, but I have found the google chrome works the best
2. If you have never used zsuites before, start by creating a new account. If you have an existing zsuite account, log in with your username and password.
 - a. Detailed instruction on creating a new account can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../Creatingane...>

****Zsuites works off of "households," which means you will only create one account for your entire family****

3. Add household members for each of your youth needing to be enrolled as well as any adults in your household who will be enrolling as volunteers or club leaders (i.e., your spouse)
 - a. Detailed instructions on adding household members can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../CreateClubM...>
4. Enroll each youth and adult volunteer
 - a. Detailed instructions for enrolling can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../Enrollment...>

Make sure to download the medical form, fill it out, and then re-upload it to each household member's accounts. You will not be approved on the county level until those forms are attached to your enrollment.

****Adults enrolling will need to enroll as volunteers, NOT as the club leader, unless you are the primary club leader for that particular club**

5. Once you have completed enrollments, you will be approved by us on our end

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/projects/index.html> Please remember to double-check that all your projects are for the correct age category for the member.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you have questions, concerns, or any trouble with anything. We are all learning this together.

***** These instructions are pinned to the top of the NMSU Curry County 4-H Facebook page with active links for the websites.**

Congratulations Jaryn & Rilee!



After several years of hard work on their record books, these two submitted a State 4-H Record Book Portfolio. Portfolio is another word for a record book that covers a members entire career in 4-H, as opposed to only one year. Members gain valuable skills and a comprehensive record of their 4-H activities by submitting a portfolio. Jaryn and Rilee have won a sponsored trip to Atlanta, Georgia in November!

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.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Dates for the spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Tucumcari is set for February 19-20, 2022, for Archery, Shotgun, and Rifle.

Registration deadline is February 11th. Please contact Halee ASAP if you are interested so she can get you enrolled as a volunteer.

Shooting Sports Safety

Training

A yearly safety meeting is REQUIRED for all 4-H shooting sports members. Youth cannot participate in live fire until they complete a safety meeting for the new 4-H year. There will be a safety meeting at the extension office at 6 PM on February 24.

Volunteers for Ag Days

We are looking for Junior and Senior 4-H members and 4-H volunteers to help us with our Ag Days field trips. Ag Days is on March 10th and 11th for all 4th graders in participating schools. The primary role of volunteers will be group leaders. If you're available, please contact the extension office so we can put you on a list. You can choose which days you volunteer! We will write a note to get you excused from school.

February Highlight Busy Bees

This month the Curry County Extension office is offering a program teaching students all about bees. The students will have the opportunity to learn different types, parts and pollination of honey bees. The teacher packets will offer many activities that can be used together in English, Math, and Science. If you would like this program in your classroom please email Diana Wood to get scheduled.

woodd@nmsu.edu

Announcements

Reminder

Enrollment is open
October 1 through
March 1

The deadline to add or
change projects will
be July 1



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.

Curry County 4-H

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. Not 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 cannot miss over seven (7) regular Council Meetings and retain that office.



Curry County 4-H Dates To Remember

February 11	4-H Exploration Friday (Clovis)
February 19-20	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training (Tucumcari)
February 24	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting (Clovis)
March 1	Deadline to enroll
March 25	Project Academy (Clovis)
March 26-27	Home Ec School (Albuquerque, NM)
April 22-24	Youth Get-Away (Glorieta, NM)
May 5-8	State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships (Raton, NM)
June 22-24	District 4-H Contests (Alamogordo, NM)
July 1	Deadline to add projects
August 15-20	Curry County Fair