

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

We are excited to be moving into the new year, but we still have December to go! Check out the great 4-H activities going on this month.

We have opportunities for service, fellowship and FUN coming up. Be sure you check out the information about our parade float and plan to join us on Main Street. We would also love to have you make ornaments with us.

This is a great time of year for taking pictures – enter a few of yours in our New Year Photo Contest. Sonic gift cards are up for grabs!

If you have not picked up your sale check, please do so as soon as you can. Our office will close for the holidays on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and reopen on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, please plan accordingly.

Beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a new 4-H Agent! We are pleased to welcome Kandy Hutchins to the Extension Office in her new role. Many of you know Kandy as the Grady 4-H Club leader. She also has many years of experience teaching and serving as an FFA advisor. We look forward to Kandy’s leadership for the 4-H Program in Curry County.

Warm holiday wishes to you and yours! Please contact our office if you need any other assistance.

Sincerely,

Mindy Turner  
FCS/4-H Agent

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Ag Agent

Diana Wood  
Program Asst.

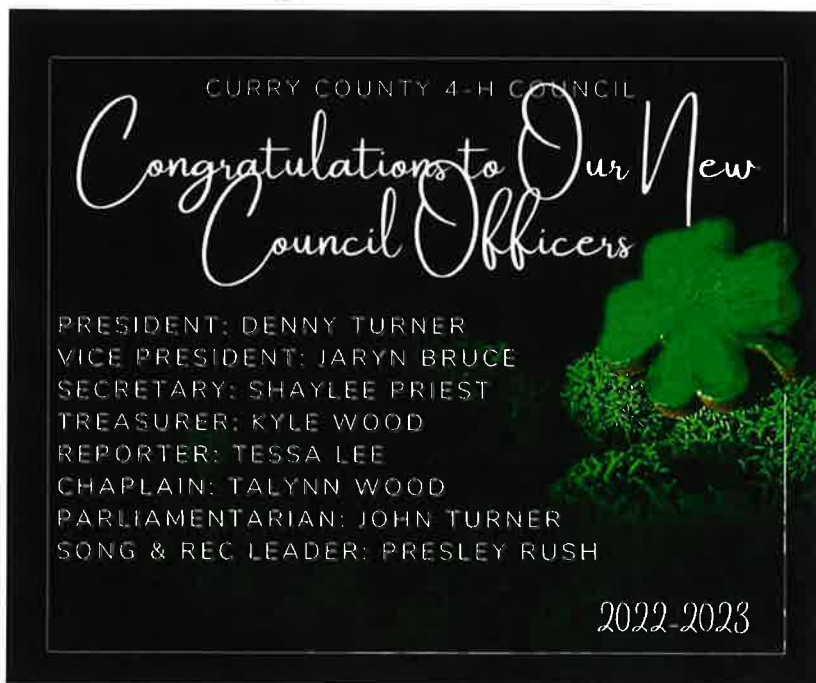
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## 4-H County Council Report



### School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is reoffering all the monthly programs we have done over the last year. Please let Diana Wood know if you would like to have any of the programs listed below. (woodd@nmsu.edu) Each one will come with a teacher packet that offers many opportunities of learning in the subject area. They will also come with a hands-on activity for the students to engage in the lesson and have a deeper understanding.

Apples– Apple Chain

Gardening in a Glove-Beans

Uniquely New Mexico– Cornhusk Dolls

Nutrition– Sugar

Pollination– Bees

Weather– Rain Gauge

Leadership– Team Building

Corn– Corn to Plastic



## 4-H Ornament Workshop and Service Project

Friday, December 9, 2022

2-6 PM

Extension Building  
(on the fairgrounds)

Members will have the opportunity to make a variety of ornaments to donate to our local senior centers this Christmas. This is come and go – members do not need to stay the entire time.

\*Bring a project minute idea and film it on the spot at our demonstration station!



## 4-H Christmas Dance Friday, December 9, 2022

7-10 PM

Extension Building  
(on the fairgrounds)

Admission is one ornament – can be made at the workshop, made at home or purchased. Bring a friend and come dance with us!.



## Parli Pro Practice

We will have a parliamentary procedure practice on Wednesday, December 7 @ 6:30 PM in the Extension Office. The focus will be on preparing senior members for the state contest, however, interested novices and juniors are welcome to attend.

## 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-  
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[https://curry  
extension.n  
msu.edu/](https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/)

## **4-H ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is open from October 1 – March 1.  
The deadline to add projects is July 1.

## **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>.



## 2023 County Fair Production Steer Class

We will again be offering the production steer class at the Curry County Fair. This specialized contest offers added money and awards. There is not a sale slot for the production steer, however, steers may be cross entered in a market class.

Rules are available at the following link:

<https://curryextension.nmsu.edu/documents/production-steer-.pdf>

Initial weigh-in happens in January. If you are planning to exhibit a production steer or need more information, please contact Mason at the Extension Office prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 2022-2023 Enrollment

If you were a member of Curry County 4-H last year, you have a ZSuites account. It is under the primary email you used to enroll. Each family is created under a Household, so you can update all youth and volunteers in one account. Deadline for youth enrollment is March 1, however if youth want to attend events/workshops, they will need to complete enrollment asap. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

You will log in with your email and select reset password (or use 12345). Verify that contact information is correct, update clubs and projects, then submit enrollment for each individual. Provide a signed copy of the liability and medical release form to the Extension Office to complete enrollment. Enrollment will be pending until all documentation is received in the Extension Office.

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/> Please remember to double-check that all your projects are for the correct age category for the member. Deadline for adding projects is July 1.

If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. They do not have an app, but they have a great way to quickly add this to your phone. You can find instructions on adding to your mobile device here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/.../AddingZSuit...>

If you do not have internet or phone access, you are welcome to come into the office to complete an online or paper enrollment form. Please contact us if you have questions.

## Record Book Awards and Light Parade

Join us on **Saturday, December 3 at 4 pm** in the Extension Office to recognize our 4-H Record Book winners. All youth who completed record books will receive an award. Following awards we will assemble our 4-H Float for the light parade. The Council will provide pizza. Any 4-H youth is welcome to help and ride/walk with the float in the parade down Main Street. We will move the float into place at 5:15. If you would like to participate, please be at the Extension Office by 5. Youth are asked to wear elf hats, Christmas sweaters, etc. Bring layers – it can be very cold during the parade. If you have Christmas lights you would be willing to lend, we always need more!



## New Year 4-H Photo Challenge

Explore the 4-H photography project this month and win stuff! Even if you are not currently in the photography project, you can participate. Entries are due on **January 3, 2023** and may be emailed ([curry@nmsu.edu](mailto:curry@nmsu.edu)), PM'ed (to the 4-H Facebook Page) or dropped off (at the Extension Office). 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place awarded in each category: theme, people, places, bonus (see descriptions below).



1<sup>st</sup> Place Hometown Photo 2022  
Lillith Carrol

Theme: The 2022-2023 theme is “My 4-H”. Show what is special about 4-H. Examples: people, projects, emblem, etc.

People: Photos that showcase people from all walks of life. All individuals in the photo must provide consent as a subject.

Places: Photos of buildings, landscapes, your room, etc. Show us your favorite places spaces.

**\*Bonus\***: Me, Myself and I – show us your best selfie.



This event is open to Senior-age 4-H members. (13 and in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or 14 and up). The Curry County Youth Supporters will cover the registration fee and transportation will be provided.

Members must have their enrollment complete prior to registering for this event.

Registration is DUE in the County Extension Office by **December 13.**

Contact our office for a registration form and workshop descriptions. Adults wishing to attend as chaperones will need to have their volunteer enrollment complete, including a current background check, in order to register. We will cover the cost of one chaperone for every 8 youth (at least one chaperone of each gender).

### Dance Themes

Neon Friday

NFR Saturday Night

### Community Service

Donations for Animal Shelter and Making Dog Toys



## Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
December 3	Light Parade & Record Book Awards – Extension Office
December 9	4-H Ornament Workshop & Service - Fairgrounds
December 9	4-H Christmas Dance – Fairgrounds
December 13	Senior Leadership Retreat Registration <b>DUE</b>
January 3	Welcome Kandy!
January 3	New Year Photo Contest Entries <b>DUE</b>
January 20	State 4-H Record Books <b>DUE</b>
January 20	State 4-H Parli Pro Contest – Albuquerque
January 20-22	Senior Leadership Retreat – Albuquerque
February 18-19	Shooting Sports Leader Certification - TBA
February TBA	Project Exploration Day
March 1	<b>Curry County 4-H Enrollment Deadline</b>
March 10-12	Home Ec School – Albuquerque
March TBA	County Project Academy
April 21-23	Youth Get Away – Glorietta
May 4-7	NM Shooting Sports Championship - Raton
July 1	<b>Last Day to Add Projects</b>
July 8-14	State 4-H Conference
August 14-19	Curry County Fair

\*\*If you are no longer affiliated with Curry County 4-H, but you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please contact the Extension Office. We will be updating our mailing list in January.

