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Your Source for 4-H News and Events

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County Council
Christmas Party!

Tue. Dec. 17th
6:30 pm



Please bring a new wrapped age appropriate book for the gift exchange

ANY 4-H member/guest is welcome to attend!

We will have some refreshments to enjoy

Officers meet @ 6 pm.

Dear 4-Her's, Parents, and Leaders,

As the year winds down, we are busy making plans for future activities! The County Council chose the theme for the upcoming 4-H year, **Rough Hands, Farmers Tans, Dirty Boots, Country Roots**. 4-H is an awesome program that has over 200 projects to keep you involved year round.

We are preparing for the upcoming 4-H Achievement Awards Program where we will honor those 4-H members who completed their 4-H year by submitting a record book. We will also honor those volunteer leaders, businesses, organizations and others who have made the Chaves County 4-H program successful! The "Friend of Chaves County 4-H" awards will be given to those persons or organizations nominated by each club who have helped the 4-H program in a variety of ways. Plan to attend, eat a bite, and bid on the yummy desserts made by the County Council officers to raise funds for Council activities. If you would like to sponsor an award give us a call at the Extension Office. Dinner will be served, so be sure to RSVP.

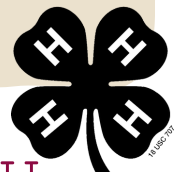
Speaking of activities, there are many state events that will be coming up including Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth Get Away, FCS School and more. Be sure to stay tuned in to catch all the save the dates and registration deadlines. County Council typically covers half the cost of state events so its a great way to get involved and explore more of what 4-H has to offer in NM.

Don't forget about the **4-H New Year's Dance** on Saturday, January 4th at the Farm & Livestock Bureau Building at the Eastern NM State Fair grounds from 8 - 11:00 pm. see page 5 for club work schedule.

We would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~Tamara & Katy

ROUGH HANDS FARMERS TANS
DIRTY BOOTS COUNTRY ROOTS...



2024 CHAVES COUNTY 4-H
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024

Time: 6 PM

Where: Farm & Livestock Bureau Building,
Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds



PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 6TH @ 4:30
WE ARE SERVING DINNER (TACO/NACHO) THIS YEAR!

WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING OUR ANNUAL DESERT AUCTION
PROVIDED BY OUR 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS.

Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS



**Club Christmas Activities
December 2024
(Participate in your clubs
December Christmas activity!)**

Project Meeting Months!

February
April
June
August
October
December



Questions?
Please call,
575-622-3210

**The Chaves County 4-H Cloverbuds allow 5-8 year olds to participate in their own projects!
We do activities associated with the 4-H Cloverbud projects & other fun learning activities!**

4-H Cloverbud Participation

PURPOSE OF THE CLOVERBUD PROGRAM:

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of kindergarten through 2nd graders by providing a unique educational opportunity. Children in these grades are a distinct audience for 4-H, with unique learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older children and youth served through 4-H membership. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and program policies focused on the kindergarten-2nd grade child.

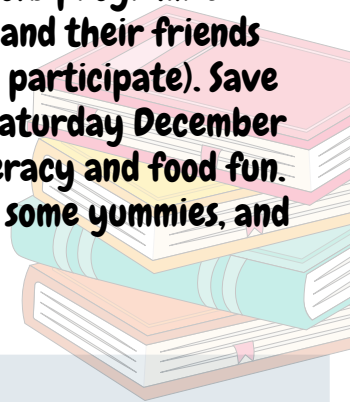
Reminder: Cloverbuds in Chaves County have their own age appropriate projects in which they are enrolled. Chaves County Cloverbuds meet every other month to develop life skills and complete their projects during county club meetings, where 4-H project workshops (sewing, leathercraft, dog, shooting sports, etc.) are scheduled for traditional members (those who are 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 to 18.) The Cloverbud program is a great opportunity and makes it easier for our Cloverbuds to transition into becoming a traditional 4-H member.

Little Books Little Cooks

The Little Books Little Cooks program is specifically for Cloverbuds and their friends (don't have to be enrolled to participate). Save the Date and plan to join us Saturday December 14th at 11:00 am for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummys, and craft.



RSVP 12/6



Cloverbuds...

Cloverbuds meet in conjunction with our regularly scheduled 4-H club meetings. Choose a club from the back of the newsletter, that works with your family's schedule and/or has friends/family, to attend once a month.

Attend meetings monthly or just during the even months when Cloverbuds breakout and have their own project meeting!

Other opportunities with parent participation:

- 4-H Day at the Library
- County Council Christmas Party
- Awards Program
- Goat in the Rug



GENERAL INFORMATION



Chaves County 4-H Attendance

The Ext. Office is continuing to keep track of attendance based on club sign-in sheets.

In order for members to participate in the 4-H events (State Shoot, District Contest, State Conference, County Fair etc.) they will need to be active in their club meetings and activities.

Club leaders will be signing off on member eligibility to attend these events so make sure you attend your meetings.

If you have any questions please contact Katy at the Ext. Office (575-622-3210).

'24-'25 4-H Enrollment Begins!

IMPORTANT!

October 1st starts the new 4-H year.

You MUST be enrolled each year!

Please Read!

FIRST - According to State 4-H policy, a 4-H member shall attend at least 40% of all club meetings and activities. Clubs may have more stringent rules, according to their bylaws. This means that you must regularly attend 4-H club meetings and activities to reap the benefits of 4-H, such as exhibiting at the fairs. This rule is designed to encourage youth to actively participate in 4-H activities to gain more from the 4-H program! If a 4-H member does not meet this requirement, you will not be a member in good standing.

SECOND - The enrollment deadline is March 31, 2025. 4-H members must enroll by the deadline in order to participate in County, State, and Eastern Fairs. This deadline is designed to encourage youth to enroll earlier and have more time to participate in their club and county 4-H activities. Enrolling early will enable you to get your project information quicker.

We are very excited for our new 4-H year!

Please feel free to call Tamara or Katy if you have any questions.

4-H MEMBER AGES FOR 2024-2025 4-H YEAR

CLOVERBUDS: 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade
(Born in 2017 or 2018 or 2019 or 2020)

NOVICE: 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade.
(Born in 2014, 2015, 2016 OR born in 2017 AND in 3rd grade)

JUNIOR: 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade.
(Born in 2012, 2013 or born in 2014 AND in the 6th grade)

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade
(Born in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or born 2012 AND in 8th grade)

Youth who are 19 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year (2025) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 2006 or before, you are too old for the 2024-2025 4-H year. BUT, we would love to have you as a leader/volunteer!



Who's reading their newsletter?

Each month there will be a hidden clover with 2-C's, for Chaves County, in the middle.

Find the clover, call the Ext. Office and reveal your answer. The **first 5 people** to call the office with the correct answer will be put into a drawing for a special prize.



The November Clover was located on page 11

Congratulations to Nathaniel McIntire!
He spotted November's clover!

Laugh of the Month

What Do You Call A Sleeping Bull?
A Bull-Dozer!





EVENTS AND DEADLINES



PROJECT WORKSHOP DAYS..

Each month we will be offering several project workshops in conjunction with each other at the extension office. Youth may choose to participate in one or both. Please note youth don't have to arrive right at 4 (let us know if coming in later) or stay till 6 (let us know and we will get them wrapped up) Below are upcoming projects

MONDAY'S IN DECEMBER (2ND, 9TH, AND 16TH) 4-6PM

NEEDLEPOINT

Projects:

- Cross Stitch- Article using pre stamped design (office has some supplies or bring your own)
- Embroidery- Article for home (bring your own)
- Needle point- Design in half stitch (office has supplies or bring your own)

Contact Tamara in the office with Questions

NM EDUCATION

Projects:

- Piñatas - Supplies Provided
- Tin Article - Supplies provided for decorative cans. Bring any specific décor, ribbons, etc.
- Craft of your choice (must pertain to New Mexico) Come prepared with an idea or two, and any specific supplies you may want. General supplies provided. Or Participate in class activity

Pre-Quilting Meeting



December 13, 2024 @ 4 p.m.
at the extension kitchen



Please plan on attending the pre-quilting meeting to discuss patterns and materials needed for projects.

WEAVING GOAT IN THE RUG



December 3rd 4-5:30pm

Join us for a weaving workshop with Mrs Tamara
Please RSVP so we have enough supplies.

KID'S CAMP JANUARY 6

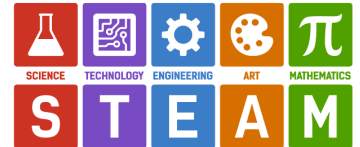
Novices & Juniors 9am - noon
Cloverbuds & Seniors: 1-4pm

Spend your day off from school with us to make some tasty treats, crafts, and learn about new 4-H projects.

If you have youth that are in separate time frames and would like them to come at the same time, please email Katy.
kkwright@nmsu.edu

STEAM WORKSHOPS JANUARY 9 & 16

Join us January 9th & 16th from 4-6pm to explore the exciting world of STEAM.



We will explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through various hands-on activities. Supplies provided, but please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty. More information to come soon. Keep an eye on your newsletters & email.

Quilting Workshops

Join us for Quilting Workshops

Members will need to bring their own fabric, batting and thread. All meetings will be in the Ext. Auditorium. If you missed the pre meeting please get with Tamara for patterns before attending your first workshop.

Mondays

January 13th 4:00 - 6:00
February 10th & 17th 4:00 - 6:00

Wednesday

January 22nd and 29th 2:30 to 5:00
February 5th & 26th 2:30 to 5:00

Attending workshops is a great way to learn new skills, meet new friends, get leadership experiences and so much more.



Note: be sure to take note of what workshops you attend throughout the year and what you do at the workshops to add to your record sheets.



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



We are looking for sponsors for the 4-H Achievement Awards Program!



Youth receive a completion pin for the year and for each project completed, youth receive a project pin.

If you would like to sponsor a project area, give us a call here at the Ext. Office, 622-3210.

Cost is only \$25!

We have many project areas to choose from.



Come Learn About the Arts & Crafts Project:

Roswell: Wednesday, Dec. 11th @ 3pm

Hagerman: Wednesday, Dec. 18th @ 3:30pm

Supplies will be provided

Open youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends!

Upcoming 4-H Day at the Library topics:

January - Origami

February- Housing & Interior Design

March - Beekeeping

April - Clowning

May - Leathercraft



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 2025



Elected As A New 2024-2025 Club Officer?

Join us to learn, prepare for the year ahead and have some fun!

1PM-5PM EXT AUDITORIUM

Council Officer Planning/Training

December 30th

1-4pm; Ext. Auditorium



SWEETHEART DANCE

When: February 15 8 -11 p.m.

Where: Farm Bureau Building



Contest Round Robin

Interested in Judging for the 2024-2025 year?

Come join us for contest round robin. We will have multiple contests set up with a short learning about the contests and time to practice.

Contests are available to youth at the county, district (Novice and Juniors), State (Seniors), and National levels. Contest are a great expansion of what youth are learning in their projects.

Join Us the First Monday of each Month

Jan. 6th 4:30 - 7

(come and go as needed)

FCS Bowl

FCS Skill-A-Thon

Horticulture

Wildlife



Chaves County 4-H New Year's Dance

When: Saturday, January 4, 2025 8 -11 p.m.

Where: ENMSF Farm Bureau Building

WORK SCHEDULE:

TIME	REFRESHMENTS
8-9PM	DIAMOND H
9-10PM	BERRENDO
10-11PM	VALLEY RASCALS
CLEAN UP	RUSTIC ARROWS
	DOOR/CHAPERONES
8-9PM	SHEPHERD'S FLOCK
9-10PM	BARN BUDDIES
10-11PM	LB/OC
CLEAN UP	KOUNTRY KIDS





4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



ATTENTION ALL EXHIBITORS!

Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair inside/general exhibit and barn premium checks are available at the Extension Office. You should have received a list with your exhibits and received an email with those receiving barn premiums.



Please bring your THANK YOU notes addressed, sealed, and stamped to the Extension Office in order to receive your check(s). Please have thank you letters completed BEFORE December 30th. All remaining checks after the 1st of the year will be returned to the fair board.

Horse/Rodeo Safety Meeting

Thursday, January 30th

6 pm Ext. Auditorium

Reminder:

You MUST attend one Rodeo Safety Meeting EVERY year to participate in any COUNTY or STATE 4-H Rodeo!!!!



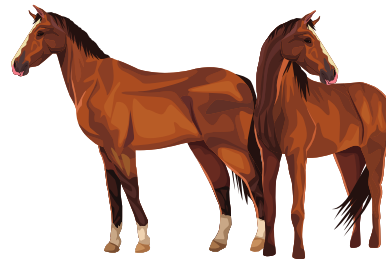
Rodeo Assumption of Risk Forms are due February 1st

This month includes vet science, basic first aid, and horse knowledge and care. If you are not rodeoing but wanting to learn more about horses you can join in too.

Online Horse Bowl Tournament:

NM 4-H Online Horse Bowl Tournament at 7 and 10 pm MST, Monday through Friday, between January 27 to 31, 2025.

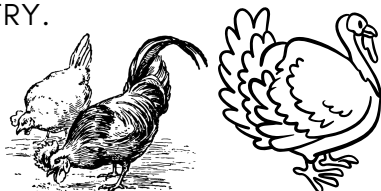
Email Katy if you are interested in participating: kkwright@nmsu.edu



TexMex Judging Clinic to be held on February 8, 2025 - Portales, NM

Congratulations to our new livestock ambassador!

CAITLIN IS A SENIOR 4-H MEMBER WHO WILL SERVE THIS YEAR AS THE CHAVES COUNTY 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES IN MULTIPLE LEADERSHIP ROLES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. CAITLIN PARTICIPATES IN DAIRY, POULTRY, SHOOTING SPORTS, AND MANY INDOOR PROJECTS. THIS YEAR SHE WILL HELP TEACH OTHER MEMBERS ABOUT THE POULTRY PROJECT AND SHARE HER LOVE FOR BOTH 4-H AND THE AG INDUSTRY.



Caitlin Campbell

2024 - 2025 CHAVES COUNTY 4-H POULTRY AMBASSADOR



Chaves County Sharp Shooters

Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

4th & 18th 5:00 pm

@ ENMSF - Southside

Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122
Kennon Swinney 575-973-0959

Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Ext Auditorium

See you next season
pending interest

Drew Garnett 575-840-2302
Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

Shotgun Practice

@ Chaparral Trap Club

Stay Tuned

@ Chaparral Skeet Club

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

Stay Tuned

Justin Campbell 575-626-0725
Jamie Higgins 575-420-7388

.22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

See you in January

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

See you in January

Shawn Brink 575-420-7005
Melissa Brink 575-910-6693

Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Stay Tuned for New
Season Schedule

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

.22 & Air Pistol Practice

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

.22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/
Chisum Cowboys

See you next season!

Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors

See you next season!

Ray Melton 505-660-9852
Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

WE NEED YOU



COACHES

DISCIPLINES

- Small Bore Rifle
- Small Bore Pistol
- Air Rifle
- Air Pistol
- Archery
- Muzzleloader
- Hunting
- Shotgun

SAVE THE DATE!

February 7-9, 2025
Roswell, NM

Contact the extension
office if you or
someone you know
would like to attend.

2024 - 2025 SAFETY MEETINGS

December 7th 9am

January 10th 6pm

February 22nd 9am

March 24th 6pm



NM Game & Fish Hunter Education Course



Plan ahead! If you haven't taken a hunter safety class and would like to participate in Shooting Sports for the 2023-2024 4-H year, check out the options below!

Under 10 years old - Hunter Education Class

Check on the NM Game & Fish website

10 years old and up -

Complete online training!

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/course-schedule/>



Shooting Sports Project Descriptions

There are many questions about the Shooting Sports Projects. Below is some basic information that will help 4-H members decide which project they may be interested in.

- 4-H members enrolled in any of the Shooting Sports Projects **MUST** complete the following **BEFORE** attending practices
 - **complete 4-H enrollment for the new year in its entirety**
 - **attend 1 Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting each year**
 - **pay dues before shooting at a 4-H event.**
 - **successfully complete a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Hunter Education Course before shooting at a 4-H event.**
 - **Sign and Turn in liability waivers for specific disciplines**
- Participants are required to have attended a minimum of **FOUR** practices in their discipline in order to compete at District or State Competition.
- Cloverbud 4-H members may not enroll in any shooting sports projects or shoot at any 4-H event.

Archery – The archery project allows 4-H members to learn the proper equipment selection and care, shooting techniques, safety, and good sportsmanship. Any novice, junior, or senior 4-H member may enroll and participate. There is a district archery contest for novice and junior members and a state contest for senior members.

Hunting - The hunting discipline combines knowledge and understanding of hunting skills, wildlife ID and management, and orienteering which may include .22 rifle, muzzleloading, shotgun, or archery. Senior 4-H members may participate as long as they enroll in the Wildlife and shooting discipline projects. There is a state competition for senior 4-H members.

Muzzleloading – This project teaches the 4-H members the fundamentals of firing a muzzleloader, safety, gun care, black powder history, and more. Any novice, junior, and senior 4-H member may enroll in Muzzleloading, but there is no shooting contest at the district level for novice and junior 4-H members. There is a state competition for senior 4-H'ers.

Pistol – The pistol project teaches 4-H members the fundamentals of shooting a pistol, safety, and good sportsmanship. The project may include shooting .22 pistol outdoors and air pistol indoors. In Chaves County, this project is open only to senior 4-H members. There is a state competition in both .22 pistol and air pistol.

Rifle – The rifle project teaches 4-H members the fundamentals of shooting a rifle, safety, and good sportsmanship. The project includes shooting both .22 rifle outdoors and air rifle indoors. Any novice, junior, or senior 4-H member may enroll and participate. There is a district rifle contest in both .22 and air rifle for novice and junior members and a state contest in both .22 rifle and air rifle for senior members.

Shotgun – The shotgun project allows 4-H members to learn the fundamentals of shooting a shotgun, along with safety and good sportsmanship. 4-H members learn about and shoot the various types of shotguns. Any novice, junior, and senior 4-H member may enroll in shotgun. There is a district shotgun contest for novice & junior 4-H members and a state competition for senior 4-H'ers.

REPORTER'S CORNER



Rustic Arrows

Reporter: Jonathan Forrest

The Rustic Arrows 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Sierra Volunteer Fire Department. Our new club officers ran the meeting. We had a couple new people show up to our meeting. After our business part of the meeting we played musical chairs which all members participated.

Berrendo

Reporter: Morgan Hobson

The Berrendo 4-H Meeting was held on Thursday November 14th at the Chaves County Extension office at 7:00pm. Along with conducting our regular business meeting, members participated in a Fall 4-H trivia and a potluck. The club also discussed the upcoming Christmas party. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5th at Cheap Skates from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, members will also participate in a white elephant gift exchange.

Diamond H

Reporter: Ethan Manemann

Diamond H 4-H club called to order on November 6th at 7:05 pm. We had an election for a historian and a parliamentarian and the club voted for. Skyler Ervin: Historian Jace William: Parliamentarian. After that, we discussed our Christmas party for Decembers club meeting. We ended the meeting with a fun game called "Electricity." And the meeting was adjourned.



Spurring to Success

Reporter: Sara Knight

Spurring to Success called our meeting to order at 6:30 pm on November 12th. We discussed our community involvement and decided to gather essentials to gift to Mission Arch residents. Those bags will include socks, gloves, soap, shampoo, deodorant, laundry soap etc. We discussed what activities members are interested in participating in for next year and that registration should be completed online. We voted in our new officers. Katie Gallagher, President James Adams, Vice President, Emily Winkler, Secretary, Sara Knight, Treasurer, and Reporter, Faye Adams, Recreation Leader, Abby Bierwirth and Cannon West, Pledge Leaders. James Adams gave a presentation on how to make an origami ball. Recreation was led by Cannon West and the meeting was concluded.



The County Wide Bowling Party served as the November County Council Meeting. Thank you to all those who joined in the fun!



SLR: "Dancing Through 4-H"

Who: Senior 4-H Members

When: January 24-26, 2025

Where: Glorieta Adventure Camp



Event Cost - \$200 (Room, Program Expenses, T-shirt, Guest Speaker, Five Meals)

Youth will be chaperoned and transported by Agents and volunteers.

Take 10 with 4-H



What:
Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom
An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.

When:
1st Thursday of the month on the dates below during the lunch hour.

December 5, 2024
Green tops (12:30pm)



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Miniature Animals!

<https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/miniature-animals!>

Your favorite farm animals just got fun-sized!



Miniature Horse

Miniature horses are one of the most common miniature animals. These fun animals don't exceed 34 inches in height. This horse is proportional considering its size. Miniature horses can live on smaller pastures. One acre can support three miniature horses. Like normal-sized horses, mini horses are easy to train. Miniature horses can have different moods. Some are calm and some are more energetic.



Miniature Donkey

These furry little donkeys are considered herd animals, which means that they do not like to be alone. They originate from the Mediterranean area of North Africa. Many people in this area raise donkeys as pack animals. Pack animals carry supplies and people. Miniature donkeys can't carry heavy loads, but they sure are cute! Like miniature horses, miniature donkeys are no taller than 34 inches. At the age of maturity, they weigh only 200 to 250 pounds. Maturity is when you have finished growing. When miniature donkeys are born, they only weigh 20 to 30 pounds. Miniature donkeys can be grey, brown, black, or white spotted.



Miniature Herefords

Yes, cattle can be miniature too! Miniature Herefords are a breed of cattle. They are roughly half of the size of normal-sized cattle. Because these fun animals are smaller, they need half as much feed as normal-sized cattle. Miniature Herefords are no taller than 43 inches. These animals are red with a white face, legs and tail. They are gentle and easy to handle. Miniature Herefords can be traced back to their ancestors in England. Many breeds of cattle were originally raised in England.



Access the Chaves County 4-H
Full Year calendar
by going online OR download the app
& enter the link below!

<https://teamup.com/ksmicdqxb4wxbyhsjc>

Keep up with the dates on all
4-H events & activities!

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