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CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events

July 2025

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County Wide
Swim Party

Tuesday
July 15th

6:00- 9:00 pm

All members, parents, and
volunteers welcome!

@ Linda Vista Pool

Dear 4-Her's, Parents, and Leaders, Wow! We are in full swing for summer. We just finished up with the Southeast 4-H District Contest in June and will soon be on our way to State 4-H Conference. First, we would like to congratulate all of the Novice and Junior members who participated in the SE 4-H District Contests held in Clovis. We had a blast and our 20 4-H members walked away with several ribbons, metals, and many memories. We are so proud of how hard you all worked! Thank you to the parents for letting your child participate and bringing them to practice. Your hard work paid off!

Chaves County 4-H and FFA Fair is just around the corner so with that here are a few reminders for this month.

- **Saturday, July 12th** - Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day - 7 am. We need everyone to come participate in this annual community service project. We will clean the inside exhibit area to the rabbit and chicken barn to the big barns as well as the perimeter fence. Bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows, etc. With everyone's help we can make the fairgrounds spectacular for our County Fair!
- **Tuesday, July 15th** - Come join us for the County-wide Pool Party at the Linda Vista Pool. Every 4-Her and their family are invited, as well as all leaders and volunteers. Please look inside the newsletter on page 3 for details on how to sign up to bring goodies. Council will furnish the hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks! Oh, and don't forget your towel & a folding chair!
- **Friday, July 18th** - Inside Exhibit Entry Day. From 7:30 am to 11:00 am, entries are accepted at Hobson Hall. We also need workers (adults and Junior/Senior Youth) to help receive and display entries for this fun, action packed day. Please let Tamara know so she can get you on the list.

Scales are available, so if you need your animals weighed please let us know.

Take time to enjoy your summer. As always, if you have any questions, please let us know.

~ Katy and Tamara

2025 Chaves County 4-H and FFA Fair July 21st - 25th



Inside Exhibit Entry Day
We need your help! Friday July 18th
7:30am to ~5:00pm

Please contact Tamara or Arlene to see which
departments are still in need of assistance.

Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS



Enjoy your 4-H Club meeting
July 2025



Questions?
Please call,
575-622-3210

Project Meeting Months!

February
April
June
August
October
December

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 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 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.



No Little Books Little Cooks program this month.

We still start again in August!

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:

- Enter indoor exhibits at the fair
- Participate in showmanship at the fair
- See you at the Council Swim Party



GENERAL INFORMATION



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 (**You must 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 June Clover was located on page 1. Can you find this month's?

Congratulations to our June clover winner, Casen Eoff

Scholarship Notebook

Check out the Scholarship Notebook located in the reception area.

The Scholarship Notebook contains information on a variety of scholarships for high school seniors involved in Chaves County 4-H and FFA. Now is the time to start filling out applications.

Chaves County 4-H

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6pm - 9pm

Open to all 4-H Members, Leaders & Parents

Linda Vista Pool - 406 Linda Vista Blvd

Use the Sign Up Genius below to sign up for what you are bringing:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844A5A62AA3FBC70-57006863-july#/>

Council is providing burgers, hotdogs, and drinks!

No glass jars allowed!



Laugh of the Month
Why is it important for bananas to wear sunscreen?
So they don't peel!

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).

RECORD BOOKS: ITS OKAY TO START NOW

Although Record Books are not due until this fall, it's never too early to start working on them. Each month we will give a few tips to get you started and look for workshops coming this fall. All forms are available on the county website.

Step/Tip: 3

The Table of Contents and Divider Pages is worth 7 points-Table of Contents, use a single sheet of paper, type or print the name of each section of your record book. Page numbers are not necessary

Note: in order to qualify for completion pins at the end of the year awards ceremony, you must turn in a record book

RECORD BOOKS WORKSHOPS

Monday, August 4th: 4pm-6pm

Thursday, August 14th: 4pm-6pm

Friday, August 22d: 4pm-6pm

September dates will be planned based on August attendance





EVENTS AND DEADLINES



4



day at the



Come Explore Macrame

Roswell: Wednesday, July 9 @ 3:00 pm

Hagerman: Wednesday, July 16 @ 2:00pm

Supplies will be provided

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

Do not have to be enrolled to participate!

4-H LEADERS MEETING

COMING UP IN AUGUST WATCH FOR DATE!

We will be discussing the upcoming 4-H year, new enrollments, filing out beginning of the year paperwork, and policies and procedures.

Council Advisors and Project Leaders are welcome to attend.

Dinner will be served- Please RSVP

FCS 4-H PROGRAMMING

**FCS COMMITTEE HAS
TRANSITIONED TO AN ONLINE
SURVEY**

Want to have a say in the FCS Programs that we offer? Have some ideas that you would like to share.



Scan the QR code to tell us what you want to see for 2025-2026. Survey will stay open till the end of July

All responses are anonymous.



PROJECT WORKDAYS



Welding Work Days

July 14 & 15 8am-noon
Roswell High Shop

Please bring metal for whatever projects you intend to complete.

With County Fair just around the corner, project workshops are winding down. If you are interested in assisting with workshops for the 2025-2026 4-H year please contact Katy or Tamara in the office. We would love to work with your schedule to offer more opportunities to our youth.



SE 4-H District Contest Results



Chaves County Results

It's a 4-H Thing



Southeast District 4-H Contest 2025

Novice Recurve Individual

- 1st Place: Emmett Pirtle

Junior Recurve Individual

- 1st Place: Josie Pirtle

Junior Compound Individual

- 4th Place: Luke Taschner

Junior Compound Team

- 2nd Place: Jackson Williams, Luke Taschner, Morgan Hobson, Charlie Heimark

Novice Rifle Individual

- 4th Place: Skylar Ervin

Novice Rifle Team

- 3rd Place: Emmett Pirtle, Brady Dennis, Skylar Ervin, Luke Pierce

Junior Rifle Team

- 5th Place: Josie Pirtle, Jonathan Forrest, RileyAnne Bell

Junior Air Rifle Individual

- 5th Place: Jonathan Forrest

Junior Shotgun Team

- 4th Place: Luke Pierce, Hunter Therrien, Charlie Heimark
- 5th Place: Jackson Williams, Skylar Ervin, Cutter Adams

Sewing 1 - Skirt (Novice Individual)

- 1st Place: Sirai Gonzalez

Sewing 2 - Apron (Novice Individual)

- 2nd Place: Emmett Pirtle

Sewing 2 - Apron (Junior Individual)

- 1st Place: Melany Gonzalez

Sewing 2 - Pants (Junior Individual)

- 1st Place: RileyAnne Bell

Mix and Match 2 (Junior Individual)

- 3rd Place: Josie Pirtle

Agronomy (Junior Individual)

- 5th Place: Jonathan Forrest

Entomology (Junior Individual)

- 5th Place: RileyAnne Bell



Wildlife (Novice Team)

- 3rd Place: Luke Pierce, Brady Dennis, Blake Heimark, Emmett Pirtle

Wildlife (Junior Team)

- 4th Place: Jonathan Forrest, RileyAnne Bell, Halle Miller, Charlie Heimark

Horticulture (Novice Team)

- 4th Place: Blake Heimark, Luke Pierce, Emmett Pirtle, Sirai Gonzales

Horticulture (Junior Team)

- 5th Place: Jonathan Forrest, RileyAnne Bell, Halle Miller
- 4th Place: Josie Pirtle, Melany Gonzalez, Charlie Heimark

FCS Skillathon (Junior Individual)

- 4th Place: Melany Gonzalez
- 5th Place: Josie Pirtle

FCS Skillathon (Junior Team)

- 1st Place: Charlie Heimark, Josie Pirtle, Melany Gonzales, RileyAnne Bell

Favorite Foods (Novice Individual)

- 5th Place: Sirai Gonzalez
- 3rd Place: Blake Heimark

Favorite Foods (Junior Individual)

- 5th Place: Charlie Heimark
- 4th Place: Melany Gonzalez

FCS Bowl (Junior Team)

- 1st Place: Blake Heimark, Emmett Pirtle, Charlie Heimark, RileyAnne Bell, Josie Pirtle

Consumer Decision Making (Junior Individual)

- 1st Place: Josie Pirtle

Consumer Decision Making (Junior Team)

- 2nd Place: RileyAnne Bell, Emmett Pirtle, Josie Pirtle

Presentations - Livestock (Junior Individual)

- 1st Place: Jessie Hale

Poetry (Junior Individual)

- 1st Place: Josie Pirtle



Congratulations!





Chaves County Sharp Shooters

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Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

July 9 & 23 @ 5pm

@ ENMSF - Southside

Katy Wright 575-512-9309
Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122

Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Ext Auditorium

See you next season
pending interest

Drew Garnett 575-840-2302

Shotgun Practice

@ Chaparral Trap Club

See you next season

@ Chaparral Skeet Club

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

See you next season

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

.22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

See you next season

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

See you next season

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

Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

See you next season

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



COACHES MEETING

July 31st Ext. Auditorium

RSVP to Katy by July 28th
kkwright@nmsu.edu

Dinner begins at 5:30pm
Discussion begins at 6:00pm

Join us to review this past season, plan next season, and review the current shooting sports bylaws.

****Must be a current certified shooting sports coach to attend**

**REMEMBER SHOOTING SPORTS STARTS SHORTLY AFTER ENROLLMENT OPENS IN OCTOBER...
MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN THE FUN.**





4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



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2025 NM
Livestock Board,
Guide for
Livestock
Exhibitors

Available online or
in the office

<https://chaves-extension.nmsu.edu/4-h/2025-New-Mexico-Guide-for-Livestock-Exhibitors.pdf>



Broiler Chicken Orders

for Eastern NM State Fair

Due July 7th by noon

\$1.60/ chick payment due when order is placed

Don't forget to bring a box



STATE FAIR INFO

Any exhibitor entering a Junior Market Show at the 2025 New Mexico State Fair is required to take the YQCA test and receive their YQCA Certificate of Completion.

The YQCA otherwise known as the YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS is a multi species assurance program. If you pulled DNA for State Fair and plan on attending, get with Katy for your code.



**Entry Deadline:
August 1st by 11:59 PM**

Enter @:
<https://statefair.exponm.com>

Rodeo Dates:

July 12 – 13 San Juan County - Farmington, NM

July 25 – 26 Quay County - Tucumcari, NM

August 16 – 17 Sierra County – T or C, NM

August 30 – 31 San Miguel County – Pecos, NM

September 19 – 21 NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals
– Farmington, NM



** Don't forget, in order to participate you must have attended a rodeo safety meeting prior to February 1st.

NM 4-H Horse Show

June 28th – Roosevelt County Fairgrounds

July 26th – De Baca County Fairgrounds

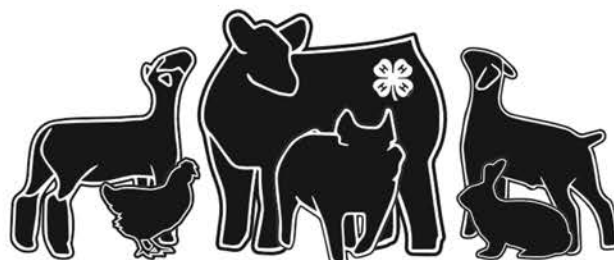
August 9th - Curry County Fairgrounds



September 2025 NM State 4-H Horse Show, at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds

** Don't forget, in order to participate you must have submitted Horse Certificates prior to May 1st.

Livestock Judging Practice



July: 1st & 3rd @ 3pm

Please join Katy for livestock judging practice at the extension office.

EASTERN NM STATE FAIR

The Eastern State Fair fair book will be available soon at

<https://www.enmsf.com/participate.html>





IT'S FAIR TIME!!



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Chaves County 4-H and FFA Fair July 19th-26th

- All entry forms DUE July 1st to the Extension Office
- Indoor/General Exhibits DUE Friday July 18th 7:30-11am at the fairgrounds



ATTENTION: 4-H SENIORS!

Don't forget to apply for the Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair Board Scholarship!
Deadline is July 1st & See page 68 of the fairbook for all the details

Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair
Horse Show
July 19th @ 5 PM
Bob Crosby Rodeo Arena
Eastern NM State Fairgrounds



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

NM State Fair Jr Livestock Judges

Breeding Heifer/Market Beef - Scott Greiner, VA
Market Lamb Judge - Jordan Amburgey, KY
Market Goat Judge - Cade Halfmann, TX
Market Swine Judge - David Ammann, IL
Open Cattle Judge - Tyler Bush, SC

We need your help!!!
If you are available to assist in accepting entries, judging, and/or displaying indoor exhibits on Friday July 18th, we need you. This is a great opportunity to see all the exhibits and get ideas for next year's projects and learn a little bit more about your projects as well.
Call or email Tamara and pick a department.



2025

Chaves County 4-H and FFA Fairbook is now available at the extension office and online.

ATTENTION: Dairy Heifer Exhibitors! DAIRY HEIFER TB TESTING



It is REQUIRED by the Chaves County & Eastern NM State Fair Boards. Please make sure you have a copy of the negative test report for each animal entered into the fair that is within the 120 days of the test. A copy must be shown at entry into the fairgrounds, and must be turned into Cindy Wooton at the Junior Livestock Office on the day of arrival.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Animals will NOT be allowed on the grounds or to show without proof of a negative TB Test.

Questions? Contact the Extension Office.

Do not forget



Bring your rakes, shovels, & wheelbarrows!

County Fair Clean - Up
Saturday, July 12th
7 AM @ Fairgrounds



IT'S FAIR TIME!!



2025 CHAVES COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 – SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

Tuesday, July 1, 2025. all entries due at Extension Office
Saturday, July 12, 2025 Cleanup Fair Grounds

Friday, July 18, 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Home Ec. & General Exhibits Due
.....4-H & FFA Ag. Mechanics due
Judging at 12:30 noon.....Indoor Exhibits

Saturday, July 19, 5:00 p.m. Horse Show
..... Bob Crosby Arena, Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, July 20, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon All Livestock & Rabbits, Poultry due on Fairgrounds
12:00 noon Weigh & Classify MARKET SWINE
to follow SWINE Weigh & Classify MARKET LAMB and MEAT GOATS
to follow MEAT GOATS Weigh & Measure MARKET STEERS

MONDAY, July 21, 8:00 a.m. RABBIT SHOW
To Follow. RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP
2:00 p.m. DAIRY GOAT SHOW
..... Dairy Goats may be released immediately following dairy goat show
Time will be announced. Pregnancy test DAIRY HEIFERS
6:00 p.m. PET SHOW
..... Followed by DOG SHOW

Tuesday, July 22, 8:00 a.m. SWINE SHOW
1:30 p.m. MEAT GOAT SHOW
7:00 p.m. RODEO

Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 a.m. BREEDING SHEEP
..... followed by MARKET LAMB SHOW
2:00 p.m. POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP
..... followed by POULTRY JUDGING
5:30 p.m. DAIRY HEIFER SHOW

Thursday, July 24, 8:00 a.m. HEIFER SHOW followed by STEER SHOW
12:00 noon All pulls due
4:00 p.m. WOOL LEAD & FASHION EXTRAVAGANA
following WOOL LEAD or 6:00 p.m. AWARDS PROGRAM

Friday, July 25, 7:00 p.m JR LIVESTOCK SALE

Saturday, July 26, 8:00 a.m ANIMALS RELEASED

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Inside Exhibits Released.
PLEASE ALL ANIMALS MUST BE REMOVED FROM FAIRGROUNDS BY
1:00 P.M. SATURDAY.



Spurring to Success

Reporter: Sara Knight

In our June 2025 club meeting for Spurring to Success, we had a guest speaker from Ranger's Legacy Equine Rescue since they had been selected for our community service project. We listened to her speak on her rescue, why it was started and how she came up with its name. As a group, we presented her with our donations. This included a bundle of grass hay, two bags of senior equine feed, a case of wormer and cash donations. Our next meeting will be July 1st.

Diamond H

Reporter: Ethan Maneman

The Diamond H 4-H Club meeting was called to order on June 4th at 7:15 PM. After conducting our regular Club Business, we talked about all the information that's in the newsletter and in the Fair book and our inside/outside entry forms. We had two demonstrations one by Abby (Clover Bud) she showed her rabbit and named the parts of the rabbit. Colton talked different species of lizards. We have five seniors that graduated from high school from our club and they are: Cooper, Audrey, Sierra and Ervin. The club celebrated with nachos cake and refreshments. Our next meeting scheduled July 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Chaves County extension office.



Shepherd's Flock

Reporter: Abigail Dodson

This 4-H meeting was called to order on June 16, at 6:31 P.M. Our next meeting will be in August 18. Because our two last meetings were cleaning up, we will postpone the minutes until the August meeting. We have county fairgrounds clean up July 12th. Kason Hopper had a demonstration. This meeting was adjourned at 6:56 by Luke Yates, and was seconded by Mazie Pirtle.

Chaves County Council

Reporter: Caitlin Campbell

We started off our meeting with it being called to order, then proceed with out pledges. Next week had our roll call, club reports, and our normal minutes. We discussed a fall formal dance for the up coming year. Then we had a demonstration from Caitlin Campbell our poultry ambassador about egg to chick. After the presentation we adjourned our meeting.





State 4-H Office News



Any 4-H Member who is active in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) projects may "letter" in FCS.

THE FIRST YEAR

- RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER AS YOU WOULD SEE ON A LETTERMAN JACKET.

NOVICE:

- BRONZE "H" PIN

JUNIOR:

- SILVER "H" PIN

SENIOR:

- GOLD "H" PIN

IN ADDITION, TWO PLATINUM LETTERS WILL BE AWARDED EACH YEAR IN THE FORM OF A PLAQUE. THE PLATINUM LETTERS ARE BASED ON OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT AND MAY BE RECEIVED AT ANY AGE LEVEL.

SEE BROCHURE AND APPLICATION FOR FULL DETAILS
NM4H.NMSU.EDU/4H/LETTERMAN

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES LETTERMEN



Forms Due September



Orders are now being taken for 2025 NM 4-H buckles. Buckles will be \$80.00. Order forms are available online or through Katy in the office and will be placed September 1st and November 1st

SAVE THE DATE

2025 Adult Retreat
November 8, 2025
Albuquerque, NM

Smile 
Adults are Beyond Ready



September 4 - 14, 2025

Why Choose New Mexico State University?

July – It's Time to Apply!

Planning to be an Aggie in Fall 2026? You can apply now—and it's free! The earlier you apply, the more access you'll have to scholarships, housing options, and orientation dates. Ready to take the first step? Head to admissions.nmsu.edu/apply.



Coming July 7-10, 2025

STATE 4-H
CONFERENCE

NMSU Campus, Las Cruces, NM

NEW MEXICO
State

What are Species?

<https://animalsmart.org/species>



When looking at different animals, it's pretty easy to tell the difference between a dog and a cow, between a bird and a fish.

That's because these animals are different species: a set of organisms that can interbreed and produce living and fertile offspring. This is called the biological species concept, separating animals based on whether they can possibly interbreed. The ability to make fertile offspring is an important quality. For example, donkeys and horses can interbreed to make a baby mule. However, mules are infertile, which means donkeys and horses are separate species.

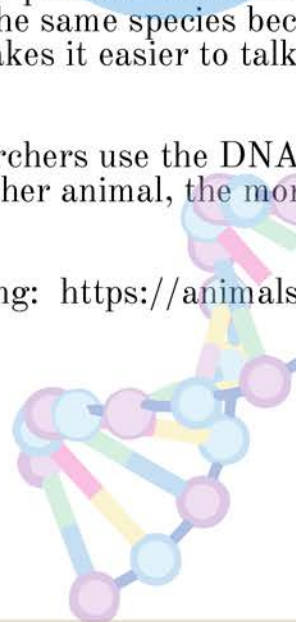
There's also another way to define species, called the phylogenetic species concept. This concept separates species that could interbreed, but don't because they live so far apart. If they live far apart for long enough, then they could eventually change too much to interbreed and become different biological species as well. The definition of species is a difficult concept to define; these are two commonly agreed upon definitions, but the exact separations are still debated. Species classification isn't a natural phenomenon, but rather one used by biologists to help them talk about the plants and animals that they study.

Centuries ago, scientists used the physical appearance or anatomy of the organism to figure out its species. Does it have hair, fur, feathers or scales? How many legs does it have? Does it live in oceans, lakes or on land? If it's a plant, how many leaves or flowers does it have?

Appearances can be deceiving, though. For example, one species can also have multiple breeds, like dogs. All domesticated dogs are considered the same species because they can make crossbreeds, but their widely varied appearance makes it easier to talk about separate breeds.

Today, scientists have more advanced technology. Researchers use the DNA of the organism to determine its species; the more similar DNA is to another animal, the more likely it is that they belong to the same species.

Learn more about how different species evolved by visiting: <https://animalsmart.org/species>



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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Look for the
"Events of the Week"
posted on Mondays!