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CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events

March 2025

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County Council Meeting

Tuesday
March 17th
7:00 pm



Council officers meet
@ 6:30 pm.

Craft Fair- do you make crafts from your projects? Youth will have a table to sale goodies from their projects. Bring cash.

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

We are getting closer and closer to Spring!!

Project meetings are well under way and we are excited to be working with each of you. We would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteer leaders who are helping with project workshops and coaching!! If you would like to volunteer to help with a project, please let us know.

Livestock sales and jackpots will be posted on our Facebook page and sent out with the events of the week as we get them. If you need assistance in finding show animals, please give us a call. Also, be sure to check ownership deadlines on page 11. Tagging dates are also included so be sure to mark your calendars.

This is the last month to enroll!!! Enrollment deadline for Chaves County 4-H is Sunday, March 31st. This deadline allows youth to have a chance to attend at least 40% of their meetings in order to participate in competitive events, such as fairs and competitions. Kim has been working hard to put your project materials together and ensure that enrollment is complete. Reminder that digital project material will come through an email link for one drive. If you have questions please let us know.

County Contest is scheduled for the second week of May. All youth wanting to participate in District or State Contests will need to qualify at County Contest. If interested in learning more about contests that are available, please join us for Round Robins the first Monday of every month.

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

~ Tamara and Katy

Sign Up



Enrollment Deadline for 2024-2025
4-H Year
Monday, March 31st!!!!

- Enrollments can be completed online for any returning youth or volunteer.
- If enrolling for the first time, enrollment forms are available in the Extension Office until Thursday, March 27th.
- Sign up for ANY and ALL projects you may be interested in.
- If doing inside or outdoor exhibits, you must be enrolled in that project.



4-H is for YOU!
4-H is for FUN!

Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS

Enjoy Your Club Meeting March 2024

Project Meeting Months!



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!

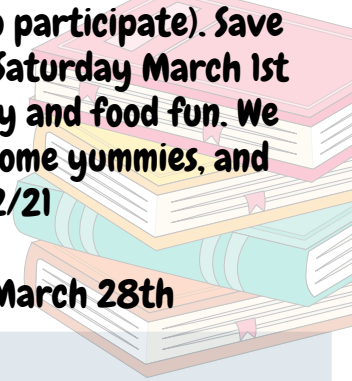
4-H Cloverbud Participation

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 March 1st at 11:00 am for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummys, and craft. RSVP 2/21



April date 4/5 RSVP March 28th

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
- Braiding
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GENERAL INFORMATION



Laugh of the Month

What has four I (s), but cannot see?



Mississippi



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).

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!

'24-'25 4-H Enrollment!

IMPORTANT!

October 1st starts the new 4-H year. **You MUST be enrolled each year!**

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.



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 February Clover was located on page 5.

Jonathan Forrest found the February clover. Can you find this month's?



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



PROJECT WORKSHOP DAYS

Below are upcoming projects.

**** Please remember that youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in project workshops. ****

Baking Workshops Extension Kitchen

Mondays

April 14th, 21st and 28th
4:30 - 6:00

Join Mrs. Ginger and Friends for some food Fun!



Braiding Workshops

MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH

3:00pm

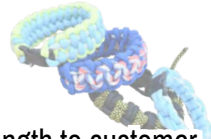
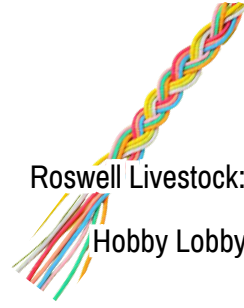
You will need to bring:
10 yards of parachute cord
(5 yards of two colors helps)

Roswell Livestock: carries a variety and will cut length to customer needs.

Hobby Lobby/Walmart: Carry pre cut and pre packaged

Leader: Arlene Rowland

For questions call 575-637-5618 or email atrowland73@gmail.com



4H day at the LIBRARY

Come Learn About Bees
Roswell: March 12th @ 3pm
Hagerman: March 19th @ 3:30pm

Supplies will be provided Open youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends!



Sewing Workshops

MONDAYS

March 10th & 17th 4:00 - 6:00

April 14th 4:00 - 6:00

WEDNESDAYS

March 5th & 26th 2:30 - 5:00

April 2nd, 23rd, 30th 2:30 - 5:00

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



This is 4-H - Youth and Adult

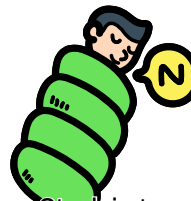
March 29, 2025 9:00-11:00am

Curious about the ins and outs of Chaves County 4-H? Got questions and need some answers? Come Join us!

Youth will explore how to give a demonstration, 4-H Picture Frames, record books and more

Adults- Welcome to Chaves County 4-H Q&A, policies and requirements, record books and how it all ties together.

RSVP March 21st



FCS Lock In March 20th-21st

3:00pm to 11 am

Stuck in town during Spring Break and looking for something to do? Join us for FCS Lock in- bring your sleeping bag, pjs, a change of clothes and all your night time goodies.

Participate in projects, explore contests, movie and popcorn night and enjoy time with friends.

Must RSVP no later than March 7th.

Thursday: Braiding, Food Challenge Dinner, Game night and more
Friday: Favorite Foods Breakfast, creative sewing, and more.

If needing to drop off later or pick up earlier please get with Tamara.



Beyond Ready



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



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.

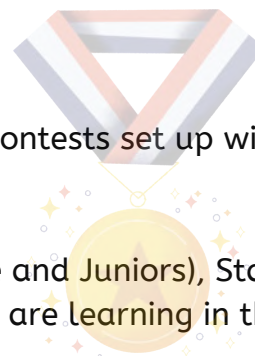
Contests are available to youth at the county, district (Novice and Juniors), State (Seniors) and National levels. Contest are a great expansion of what youth are learning in their projects.

Join Us the First Monday of each Month

March 3rd 4:30 - 7
(come and go as needed)

FCS Contests
Fashion Revue/Fashion Magic
FCS Bowl

Livestock Skill a thon
Meats ID



SAVE THE DATE

District Contest
June 17th-19th
Shooting Sports on the 17th
Clovis, NM

COUNTY CONTEST TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1st

- Favorite Foods Recipes due in Ext Office
- Clothing and Commentaries due in Ext Office

Please email commentaries and recipes to tamschub@nmsu.edu

Monday, May 5th- Extension Auditorium

- 4:00 pm Sign in
- 4:30 pm Demonstration, Public Speaking, Poetry, and Talent Show
- 6:00 pm Horse Judging

Tuesday, May 6th- Extension Auditorium

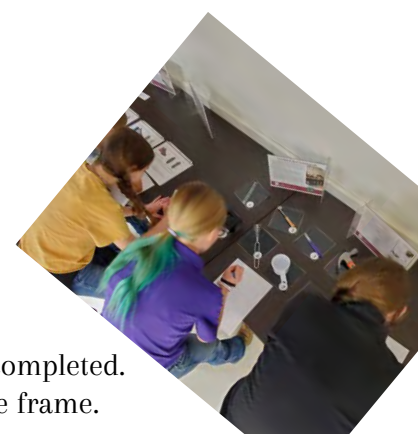
- 4:00 pm Favorite Foods Contest
- 6:00 pm Livestock Judging

Wednesday, May 7th- Farm Bureau Building, Fairgrounds

- 3:00- 7:00 pm Open Contests- Agronomy, Entomology, FCS Skill A Thon, Hippology, Horticulture, Livestock Skill a Thon, Meats, and Wildlife
- 4:00 pm Consumer Decision Making
- 5:00 pm FCS Bowl

Thursday, May 8th- Farm Bureau Building, Fairgrounds

- 3:30 pm Clothing Appearance Judging
- 5:00 pm Clothing: Modeling Practice
- 6:00 pm Fashion Revue, Talent Show, Pizza, and Awards



- Youth will need to be present at the start of the contest and stay until the contest is completed.
- Open Contests- youth may complete the contest at any time during the assigned time frame.



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



Contest Interest Form

All 4-H members, enrolled by March 31st, are eligible to compete in various types of contests and judging. County Contest will be held May 5th-8th, at the Extension Office and the ENMSF. The Southeast 4-H District Contest will be held June 17th-19th in Curry County, and State 4-H Conference will be held July 7th-10th in Las Cruces, NM.

Please check all the contests you wish to participate in and return this form (1 form per person) to the Chaves County Extension Office by April 15th. Many judging practices have already started and more will be added, so be sure to check the newsletter. If you are a parent/leader volunteer and would like to help coach teams this year, please let us know.

Name: _____

Cloverbuds

Junior

Club: _____

Novice

Senior

Cloverbud only (cloveberbud contests are non competitive)

Fashion Revue

Favorite Foods

FCS Skill A Thon

Poetry

Agronomy

Entomology

Horticulture

Wildlife

Novice and Junior Only

Agronomy

Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue

Consumer Decision Making

Entomology

Favorite Foods

Family and Consumer Science Bowl

Family and Consumer Science Skill A Thon

Horse Bowl

Horse Judging

Horticulture

Livestock Judging

Livestock Skill A Thon

Meats ID

Parliamentary Procedure

Poetry

Presentations (Ag, FCS or General)

Public Speaking

Wildlife

Senior Only

Agronomy

Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue

Fashion Magic

Consumer Decision Making

Entomology

Favorite Foods

Hippology

Family and Consumer Science Bowl

Family and Consumer Science Skill A Thon

Horse Bowl

Horse Judging

Horticulture

Livestock Judging

Livestock Skill A Thon

Meats ID

Parliamentary Procedure (takes place at SLR)

Presentations (Ag, FCS or General)

Public Speaking

Talent Show

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation

State 4-H Land, Pasture/Range Management, and Dairy Judging contests take place with the FFA contests April 1-4th

Please see page 9 for information on shooting sports county contest dates and times.

See contest descriptions on the next page.



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



Agronomy	This contest consists of plant, seed, farm equipment, and insect identification as well as three placing classes from the following classes: grain crops, forage crops, and fruit or vegetable crops.
Clothing Construction/ Fashion Revue	Member must be enrolled in the 4-H clothing project and complete a garment in one of the following clothing projects: Sewing I or II; Mix & Match I or II; Let's Make a T-shirt; Sew 'N Go; Serger Sewing; Creative Touches; Quilting; Sr Clothing Construction I or II; Clothing SD
Consumer Decision Making	This contest has members learn decision making skills to become good consumers. Contestants place classes of different items one might purchase based on a scenarios needs.
Entomology	This contest tests the member's knowledge of insects commonly found in NM. The participant will ID and answer one question per specimen. There is an additional test of 25 questions concerning collection and mounting techniques taken from Entomology I project material.
Family Consumer Science Bowl	This is a team event where the objective is to provide 4-H members with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in home environment, food, nutrition, clothing, health and child development.
Family Consumer Science Skill-A-Thon	This is a team event where the objective is to provide 4-H Members with an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in home environment, food, nutrition, clothing, health and child development.
Fashion Magic (Seniors)	This contest involves 3 phases of judging: Garment/ Accessories, Notebook; Interview. Each phase will be evaluated using the project evaluation form. All contestants must complete the Fashion Magic project in "Wardrobe Planning" before enrolling in "Clothing Coordination" or "In the Marketplace".
Favorite Foods	The objective of this contest is to allow 4-Hers the opportunity to experience meal planning and presentation while preparing a dish that they like. 4-Hers learn about food preparation and nutrition while preparing for the show.
Hippology (Seniors)	Hippology is a contest of knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry.
Horse Bowl	This contest is a team event in which members demonstrate their knowledge of the horse and the horse project in a 'Jeopardy' type format.
Horse Judging	This contest consists of placing classes of horses at halter and performance. Performance classes may consist of Western Pleasure, Western Riding, Western Reining, or Hunter Under Saddle.
Horticulture	This contest consists of identifying fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, and common houseplants found in most grocery stores, florist shops.
Land (Seniors)	This contest consists of evaluating soil characteristics such as soil texture, structure, depth, permeability, reaction, degree or erosion, slope, drainage and flooding to classify the land into capability classes.
Livestock	Classes of market &/or breeding beef, sheep, and swine are judged to develop decision making skills.
Livestock Skill-A-Thon	This contest provides an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to develop their livestock production skills and incorporates meats and wool judging, tool and livestock breed ID, and much more!
Meats ID	This contest consists of evaluating classes of retail cuts and ID individual cuts of beef, lamb, and pork.
Parliamentary Procedure	This is a team event in which youth conduct a meeting according to the items of business presented and will execute the motions and actions required.
Poetry (Novice & Jr's)	Contestants will present either an original poem or one obtained from a book. The poem must be memorized and the participant may not use notes.
Presentations	This contest consists of 2 different presentation types: Demonstration or Illustrated talk. NOTE: The member must be enrolled in the project area in which the presentation is given.
Public Speaking	Participants present an original prepared speech that is no longer that 7 minutes in length.
Talent Show (SR)	To encourage 4-H members to discover and develop their talents.
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation	The purpose of the wildlife contest is to stimulate wildlife knowledge and participation in the 4-H Wildlife project area.



4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



If you have any questions, please call the Ext. Office at 575-622-3210	2025 Livestock Deadlines				
	Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair July 21-25	NM State Fair Sept. 4-14			Eastern NM State Fair Oct. 2025
	Ownership Deadline	Ownership Deadline	DNA Due	Entry Deadline	Ownership Deadline
Market Steers	April 1	May 1	June 15	Aug. 1	May 1
Breeding Heifers	April 1	May 1	N/A	Aug. 1	May 1
Market Swine	June 1	June 15	June 15	Aug. 1	June 30
Market Lamb	June 1	June 15	June 15	Aug. 1	June 30
Dairy Heifer	June 1	June 15	June 15	Aug. 1	June 30
Market Goat	June 1	June 15	June 15	Aug. 1	June 30

In order for livestock to be tagged: Please make sure to have your enrollments turned in & make sure you have enrolled in the livestock projects you plan to show.

Interested in Horse Judging, Hippology or Horse Bowl



Come join Brandi for practices
March 14th & 24th
 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the Extension Kitchen

Horse Workshop/Riding

March 15th 1pm
 Bob Crosby Arena

Horse Project Participants

Horse Certificates need to be turned in by May 1st at the Extension Office.

A horse certificate is needed for any horse that may be used as a Horse project for the 2024-2025 year.

Forms can be found at the Office or online:
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/livestock.html>
 See Tamara with any questions.

TAGGING DATES

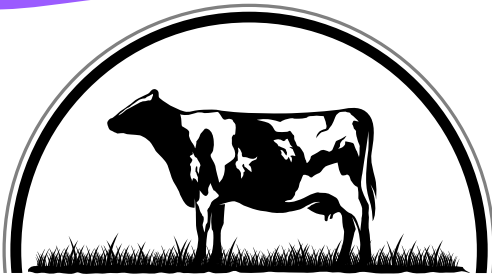
May 22nd 5-8pm
 May 29th 5-8pm
 @ENMSFG

May 17th 7-10am
 Dexter

BEEF TAGGING

March 26 4-6pm
 Roswell Livestock Auction

March 29 1-3pm
 Dexter Livestock Commission



SR DAIRY JUDGING

March 24th 3-5 pm
 Ext. Auditorium

Livestock Inspection

\$5 plus (If at tag in days)
 \$0.16/hd sheep & goats OR
 \$1/hd swine OR
 \$0.50/hd cattle

***A Form 1 Inspection is required for ALL livestock bearing the 2025 Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag, whether movement is in district or out of district.**

Thank You

Chaves County 4-H would like to thank our presenters & volunteers for helping with Livestock Day:

GEORGIA & SCOTT BADER, SUSAN BIERWIRTH, DAVID RANDLE, BRUCE GAMMILL, KELLY TRAMMELL, STEVEN & KARA HEIMARK, CODY SCHUBERT, RYAN GROSBECK, BUTCH HEFNER & CHET ARMSTRONG



4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



Chaves County 4H & FFA Fair
July 18th to 26th
July 1st: All Entry Forms DUE at
Extension Office
Indoor/General Exhibits DUE Friday, July
18th to the Fairgrounds



ENMSF:
September 29th -October 4th
More Information to come
closer to entry dates





Chaves County Sharp Shooters

Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors
820 N Garden Ave
5, 12, 19, 26 @ 5:00 pm
@ ENMSF - Southside

Kennon Swinney 575-973-0959

Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)
Ext Auditorium

Practice dates coming soon!

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

Shotgun Practice

Chaparral Trap & Skeet Club
8 & 22 @ 8am

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

.22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn
11 & 25 6pm
.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys
9 & 23 @1pm

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

Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Practice dates coming soon!

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

.22 & Air Pistol Practice

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)
.22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/ Chisum Cowboys
8 @1pm

Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors
6, 20, & 27 @ 5pm
Ray Melton 505-660-9852
Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

All youth participating in shooting sports must be enrolled, attend a shooting sports safety meeting, complete a hunter's education course, and pay dues **BEFORE ATTENDING PRACTICE.**

LAST SAFETY MEETING

March 24th 6pm



SIGN UP FOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS FROM REMIND

Any practice cancelations or short notice communications will be sent out via Remind.

Text 81010 with the following code to sign up for communications for your discipline:

- Archery @chavesarch
- Hunting @chaveshunt
- Muzzleloading @chavesmuzz
- Pistol & Air Pistol @chavespist
- Rifle & Air Rifle @chavesrifl
- Shotgun @chavesshot

or go to <https://www.remind.com/join/> and enter your disciplines code.

Scan this QR code with your phone to go to the remind website.



SENIOR COUNTY CONTESTS

- Sr. Air Pistol March 20th Killshot Outdoors
 - Sr. Pistol March 22nd Chisum Cowboys
 - Sr. Shotgun April 6th 1pm Chaparral
 - Sr. Muzzleloader TBD
 - N/Jr. .22 Rifle May 18th Chisum Cowboys
 - N/Jr. Air Rifle May 20th ENMDFG Rabbit Barn
- If for whatever reasons you need accommodations for contest times please let Katy know as soon as possible.

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 2024-2025 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/>



Chaves County Sharp Shooters

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



Berrendo

Reporter: Morgan Hobson

The Berrendo 4-H meeting was held on February 13th at the extension office. Members participated in a Wheel of Fortune parliamentary procedure game led by Katy Wright, 4-H Extension Agent. Charlie Heimark did a demonstration on his rabbit project. Blake Heimark did a demonstration on goat milk soap. The next meeting is scheduled for March 13th, we will be discussing indoor projects for the fair.

Spurring to Success

Reporter: Sara Knight

Spurring to Success called their meeting to order at 6:36. Sara Knight went over the treasurer's report. Old business was discussed then we moved onto new business. Community service projects were discussed, Faye, Logan and Cannon will be doing further research on their assigned charitable organization and reporting back to the club at our next meeting. Sara Knight demonstrated how to feed a baby boer goat and answered questions regarding her demonstration. Abby Bierwirth demonstrated what she keeps in her animal first aid bag and answered questions on what the various items were used for. Once those demonstrations were completed, Nelson Bierwirth talked about what vaccinations were most common for animals and which were important for animals living in the Southwest. He provided oranges and syringes so that our club could practice giving vaccinations. Our oranges had been injected in various spots with food dye to help illustrate what adjustments needed to be made if you accidentally inserted the needle into a vein. Mr. Bierwirth also demonstrated how to wrap a horse's leg if there is an injury and brought vet wrap so everyone could practice.



Diamond H

Reporter: Ethan Manemann

Diamond H 4-H Club met on February 5th at 7:00 PM. After conducting our regular CLUB business meeting, the club members participated in voting for our sweethearts for our Valentine dance on February 15. The club members voted for: Sweetheart : Leanna Beau: Lukas After that, the club members enjoy making Valentine cards for the residents of Sunset Villa care Center. All together we made 39 cards. Our next meeting is March 5 at 7 PM at the Chavis county Extension Office and our meeting was adjourned.

County Council

Reporter: Josie Pirtle

On February 4rd the Chaves County Council team traveled to Santa Fe to speak with Representative Mark Murphy and Senator Pat Boone. All council officers were able to tell how 4-H has helped them grow and encourage our legislators to continue the good work in representing our county and 4-H. The monthly council meeting was held on February 18th and after the general business of the meeting officers, as well as other 4-H members, presented projects in a "Project Tour". President Molly Pirtle spoke on archery, Vice President Audrey Perry showed how to weave, Secretary Makenzi Bayes spoke on wood working and Ag Mech, Parliamentarian Jesse Hale pulled double duty with a presentation about beef, Reporters Josie Pirtle and Caitlin Cambell spoke on sewing and shooting sports respectively, Sean Bayes spoke on the swine project, and Steven McIntire from LB/OC gave a presentation on poultry. Please join us on March 18th for the next council meeting, we will be having a craft exchange so bring a favorite craft and go home with a new one!

Youth Get Away

Youth Get-Away is an overnight youth leadership development event at Glorieta Adventure Camps in Glorieta, NM

Who:

Novice and Juniors

When:

April 11-13, 2025

Registration due:

March 3rd

Cost:

\$180



Senior Members may apply to be camp counselors. Applications are due in office by March 2nd

New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarships

Interested in attending an annual 4-H event and looking for a way to assist with registration costs? Apply for the New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship. The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for SLR, YGA, Livestock School, Horse School, State 4-H Conference, FCS School, or 4-H Dog School.

Create their own community service or work with an organization in creating a new program. The project must be an activity that the youth designs, organizes and implements that will have an impact on the community.

Scholarship Applications for the events are due two months before the event registration deadline.



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.



March 6th @ 12:15, 12:30, and 12:45

Indoor Exhibit Classifications Details to follow.

SLR: "Dancing Through 4-H"

Who: Senior 4-H Members

When: Rescheduled for March 21st-23rd

Where: Glorieta Adventure Camp



Registration is due in office no later than March 3rd- If you registered in January we will reregister you for this- if your registration status has changed please be sure to notify Katy

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

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What is a Rangeland?

<https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/rangeland>

Rangeland is all of the land in the world that is not farmland, dense forest, barren desert, or land covered by solid rock, concrete, or glaciers. Rangelands include grasslands, shrublands, savannas, and open woodlands. Almost half of the land on Earth is rangeland and one third of the United States is rangeland!

Rangelands are important for many reasons:

- Raising livestock. Rangeland in the western states is home to more than half of the beef cattle and most of the sheep and goats in the country. Livestock raised on rangeland supply meat and animal products (like wool and leather) to America and the world.
- Wildlife habitat. Rangelands provides a home for countless mammals, birds, amphibians, fish and insects.
- Clean air and water. Rangelands are located mostly in the western United States. Since the western U.S. has a much drier climate than the eastern U.S., water is extremely precious there. That is why it is important to pay attention to the amount and quality of water that flows off of rangeland.
- Recreation. Rangelands are important for hiking, hunting, camping, mountain biking, cross-county skiing, and snowmobiling.
- Mining and energy. Rangelands provide minerals for technology and industry through mining. The wind and sun in the rangelands also provide renewable energy.

Who takes care of rangelands?

Rangelands need people who care about them to make sure we can enjoy them--and the animals and plants that live on them--for many years.

Ranching families own rangelands and have cared for the same land for many years. Some families have lived on their and for 100 years or more! Many of our rangelands also are public lands. Public lands are not owned by a family, but belong to all of us. The government cares for our public rangelands. They hire people who studied about rangelands in college to work with ranching families and the government.



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