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Your Source for 4-H News and Events

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County Council Meeting

Tuesday
October 21st
7:00 pm
Officers meet at 6:30pm



Officer Elections! Dear 4-Her's, Parents, and Leaders, Here it is October and another 4-H year has come and gone! I hope everyone takes a chance to visit the Eastern New Mexico State Fair - whether it is to watch a livestock show, view your club booth, visit the Ice Cream Parlor, or to see your 4-H inside exhibits on display.

With the busyness of fairs and the start of a new year, don't forget to start working on those 2024-2025 record books! Chaves County 4-H'ers should be proud of their many accomplishments and the things they have learned this year, we know we sure are. We encourage you to showcase all of this by completing a record book. Parents, please encourage and help your child with this life skill and remember to contact us if you have questions or need help. We will again be awarding those who complete a record book by the deadline with monetary gift cards from local businesses as well as the traditional pins and plaques at our annual 4-H Achievement Awards Program on January 3, 2026. Record books are due in the office October 31<sup>st</sup> by 4:00. Be rewarded for your hard work!

New enrollment forms and information are available at the Extension Office. If you are re-enrolling, all re-enrollments will be done online through Zsuites! Pick up your family re-enrollment instructions at your October meeting and make sure to go online and re-enroll by your January club meeting. This helps the office update our contact information and gets you your projects sooner!

We encourage you to bring a friend to your next club meeting! If you haven't already written your thank you notes for the County Fair Inside Exhibits and/or Barn Premiums you need to do so as soon as possible and bring them to the office. At that time, you will receive your check. Any checks remaining at the office after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be forfeited.

It's a pleasure to work with such great youth, parents, and leaders. As always, let us know how we can help you. We are looking forward to another successful and busy 4-H year!

- Tamara and Katy



#### **Council Officer Applications**

We are looking for dedicated youth who want to be apart of planning county wide 4-H activities!

Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the 4-H board in the auditorium.

#### APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 14TH BY 5PM IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Those who submit an application by the deadline & have turned in re-enrollment will have first priority during elections!



**Project Meeting Months!** 

February
April
June
August
October
December

THANKSGIVING



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.

The Little Books Little Gooks 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
October 25th at 11:00 am for some literacy and
food fun. We will have story time, cook some
yummies, and craft.

Please RSVP by October 17th.

#### 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:

- Submit a Cloverbud record book
- 4-H Day at the Library
- Visit us at the Fair



### GENERAL INFORMATION





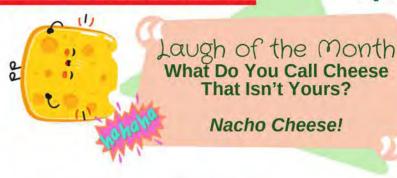
Each month there will be a hidden clover with 2-C's, for Chaves County, in the middle. Find the clover, call the Ext. Office (**You must call the Ext Office!**) and reveal your answer. The **first 5 people** to call the office with the correct answer will be put into a drawing for a special prize.



Congratulations to our September clover winner Cinch Eoff!



Make a donation at the register when prompted! 90% of funds raised at the store comes back to Chaves County 4-H to help pay for registration reimbursements, & much more!





NEW: Re-enrollment will be ONLINE!

New members and Cloverbuds aging up to

Novice who plan to show at the ENMSF will

need to submit a paper enrollment.

Instructions for online re-enrollment will be at your club meetings starting **Oct. 1st**! The sooner you complete your enrollment, the quicker we can have your project CD available to you and our email and address records can be updated for your leaders!

If you have friends not in 4-H invite them to your next club meeting!

### 4-H Member Ages For 2025-2026 4-H Year

CLOVERBUDS: 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (Born in 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021)

NOVICE: 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade. (Born in 2015, 2016, 2017 OR born in 2018 AND in the 3rd grade)

JUNIOR: 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade. (Born in 2013, 2014 or born in 2015 AND in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade (Born in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 or born in 2013 AND in  $8^{th}$  grade)

Youth who are 19 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year (2026) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 2007 or before, you are too old for the 2025– 2026 4-H year. BUT, we would love to have you as a leader/volunteer!



### EVENTS AND DEADLINES





Come Learn About Jewelry Roswell: Wednesday, October 8th @ 3pm Hagerman: Friday, October 17th @ 9am Supplies will be provided! But you are welcome to bring your own beads if wants specific colors/themes.

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



**RECORD BOOKS** DUE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025 BY 4:00 PM.



**CLUB OFFICER TRAINING MONDAY JANUARY 5, 2026 EXTENSION AUDITORIUM** 

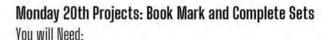
#### JEWELRY WORKSHOPS

#### MONDAYS IN OCTOBER 4:00PM-6:00PM **EXTENSION AUDITORIUM**

Monday 13th Projects: Earrings and Necklace

You will Need-

- · 2 inch head pins
- · French ear wires
- .018" Flexible cord
- Crimp beads
- Clasp of Choice
- · Beads of choice to do both projects
- Optional: Charms, pendent, &/or focal beads



- · Flexible beading cord
- 4- crimp beads
- · 2- jump rings
- 2- charms
- seed beads
- 2-2" headpins
- 2- French ear wires
- Focal beads, charms, or pendent & beads of your choice to do complete set

Monday 27th Projects: wrap up and extra fun



#### CHAVES COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Chaves County 4-H Ambassador program strives to provide Senior 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills and become advocates for agriculture.

#### Criteria:

- Senior 4-H Member in Chaves County Have been in project area 3 or more years Have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher
- Letter of recommendation
- **Application Questions**
- Interview with 4-H Agent Available to serve full 4-H year term

**Application Deadline:** October 14th by 5 pm in the Ext. Office

Applications are available at the Extension Office and in the Auditorium on the 4-H board!

#### Responsibilities:

- Host workshop(s) educating others about your ambassadorship area Help with Tractor Supply Clover Sales Assist at Kid's Day at ENMSF Write an article for the Chaves County 4-H Newsletter

### **EVENTS AND DEADLINES**



#### **PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES WORKSHOPS**



October 13 4-6pm Ext. Auditorium

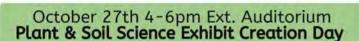
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Farming in a Glove with Ethan Wright

#### AGRI-SCIENCE WORKSHOP

October 20th 4-6pm Ext. Auditorium

Learn more about what agri-science is and how to participate in agri-science projects & science fairs



Join us to continue exploring plant & soil sciences and create some awesome exhibits to show case your knowledge!

#### County Council Bowling Party

In leu of the November County

Council Meeting

Center City Bowling Alley

Details coming soon!

RSVP to the extension office by October 28, 2024

### Contest Round Robin

Interested in Judging for the 2025-2026 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

October 6<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm (come and go as needed)



#### Fibercraft Workshop:

November 10th , 17th, & 24th 4-6 pm

Interested in crochet or knitting.

• Scarf (crochet): 3 4oz skeins of 4 ply yarn

- Granny Sq pillow cover (crochet): 3 colors 4 ply yarn
- · Decorative pillows and afghans for advanced.
- Loom Knitting hat: 1 skein chunky yarn
- Headband (Knit): 1 skein of 4 ply yarn
- Scarf (Knit): 3 4oz skeins of 4 ply yarn

The Knitting curriculum is new this year and this is a great opportunity to explore what it has to offer.

There is a variety of yarn available at the extension office. However if wanting specific colors please bring.

We are looking for <u>sponsors</u> 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.

2025 Chaves County 4–H Achievement Awards Program

Date: Saturday January 3, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

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

**Fairgrounds** 

Please RSUP by December 19th at 4:30pm

We are serving dinner this year!

We will also be having our annual DESSERT AUCTION provided by our 4-H Council Officers.



### **EVENTS AND DEADLINES**



The Chaves County 4-H Council is excited to announce that Fall Formal is back!

Dress in your best and invite a friend to enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing at the 2025 Chaves County 4-H Fall Formal.

- 1 ticket will be available for purchase by each enrolled Senior 4-H member (8th grade - 12th grade).
- An additional 1 ticket may be purchased by an enrolled 4-H Senior in order to bring one non-4-H Senior age member as a friend.
   Friend's name will need to be recorded at the time of ticket purchase.
- Tickets are \$25 each until October 13th and are available at the Ext. Office. All tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable meaning a 4-H senior can't transfer their ticket to a non-4-H'er.
- Conduct expected at the Fall Formal will be in accordance with the 4-H code of conduct, as it is a 4-H sponsored event. Youth who do not follow guidelines will be asked to leave.
- Required dress attire is FORMAL for all attendees. Those not dressed appropriately will not be allowed to enter and ticket refunds will not be given.
  - Required MALE attire: button down shirt with collar, tie, jacket (optional), dress pants or dark jeans (no holes), belt and dress shoes/boots. Shorts and tennis shoes are not allowed.
  - Required FEMALE attire: Formal dress or skirt of at least mid-thigh length or slacks or dress jeans.
     Formal dress with spaghetti straps may be worn, but no strapless or backless. Appropriate footwear and blouse/top to accompany outfit.
  - All attendees must follow the 4-H dress code so please make sure your attire is in compliance. For guidelines, visit:

https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/dress -code-bklt-fixed.pdf



#### **Fall Formal Committees looking for Volunteers!**

As with anything 4-H, we rely on 4-H volunteer and assist with the Fall Formal! Volunteers/parents to offer programs to our members. Please contact the committee chair if you are willing to.

#### **Decoration Committee**

Chair: Ginger Miller (830) 522-0307

Prepare and decorate tables, photo backdrop, & entry table Oct. 18th between 1pm - 5 pm.



#### Door/Chaperone Committee

Chair: Chesley McVicker (575)315-4408

Check youth in as they arrive, monitor door, chaperone during dance (similar to our usual dances).

Shifts: 2 for 6 - 8 pm, 2 for 8 - 10 pm, 4 for 10 pm - Clean up



#### **Food Committee**

Chair: Katy Wright (575)512-9309

Serve and clean up meal from 6 - 8 pm. Need 6 adults.

If you have questions, please contact the Ext. Office!





### Chaves County Sharp Shooters

#### **Archery Practice**

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

29th @ 5pm

@ ENMSF - Southside

Katy Wright 575-512-9309 Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122 Ethan Wright 575-309-1702

#### **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

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

See you next season

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys
See you next season

Steve Dodson

Anthony Flamme Katy Wright

#### Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

See you next season

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901 Jody Trammell

#### .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



#### CHAVES COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COMMUNICATION HAS MOVED TO BAND!

Due to limitations and ongoing issues with the Remind app, Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports will be transitioning to the Band app for all team communications during the 2025–2026 season. Band offers more reliable features for group messaging, scheduling, and sharing updates. Please download the Band app and join your respective shooting sports group to stay informed!

Archery https://band.us/n/aeafb5l6O20bV Hunting https://band.us/n/a8afb3laO30eQ

Shotgun https://band.us/n/aea1b5lcO005s .22 Rifle & Air Rifle https://band.us/n/abadbcl6O701n

Muzzleloading https://band.us/n/aaa7b3l7O996z

.22 Pistol & Air Pistol https://band.us/n/a5abb2lcO90bD

Scan here for a full list of QR codes.





#### 2025 - 2026 SAFETY MEETINGS

Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> 9am Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm **Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 9am** 



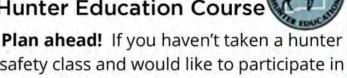
# CHAVES COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program will strive to provide Senior 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills relating to mentoring other youth and to becoming advocates for shooting sports.

**Interested?** Apply! Applications for all ambassadorships are available at the office and due October 14<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Ask Katy! kkwright@nmsu.edu

#### NM Game & Fish Hunter Education Course



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!
<a href="http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/">http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/</a>
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
  - o complete 4-H enrollment for the new year in its entirety
  - attend 1 Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting each year
  - o pay dues before the given deadline.
  - successfully complete a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Hunter Education Course before shooting at a 4-H event.
  - o 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.



### 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.



ENMSF
Inside/General
Exhibits released
Monday, October
6, 2023 9:00am
-12noon





CLUB BOOTHS MUST BE IN PLACE OCTOBER 1ST AT 9 PM

#### ICE CREAM PARLOR SCHEDULE

Monday September 29, 2025	
12:30 -9:00pm	County Council
12:30 - 9:00pm	Kountry Kids
Tuesday Septemb	per 30, 2025
5-7pm	Berrendo
7-9pm	Spurring to Success
Wednesday Octo	ber 1, 2025
5-7pm	Barn Buddies
7-9pm	Diamond H
Thursday Octobe	r 2, 2025
5-7pm	LB/OC
7-9pm	Valley Rascals
Friday October 3	, 2025
5-7pm	Wiley Draw
7-9pm	

# ICE CREAM PARLOR TRAINING & CLEANING DAYS

SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH AT 5:30PM

Each club is assigned a day for senior and junior members to serve in the parlor. All who plan to work need to attend 1 of 2 Ice Cream Parlor Training Days.



### The Happiest Place on Dirt



### 2025 Eastern New Mexico State Fair Livestock Schedule

September 29 - October 4, 2025

Sunday, September 28, 2025	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	ALL LIVESTOCK BROUGHT TO FAIRGROUNDS
		EXCEPTION: Beef Steers and Heifers may arrive but have until Tuesday, September 30th by 11:00 AM to be on the grounds.
	3:00 PM	All Dairy Heifers on grounds/Classify and Pregnancy Check
	5:00 PM	Rabbit meat pens and bakers will be judged
	5:00 PM	Exhibitor informational Livestock Meeting
Monday, September 29, 2025	8:00 AM	Rabbit Show
	8:00 AM	Classification of Market Lambs
	10:00 AM	Market Swine weight declarations are due in the junior livestock office.
	11:00 AM	Poultry Judged. Weight declarations for Broilers and Roasters due to the Superintendant
	12:00 PM	Weight Declarations for Meat Goat, and Breeding Does are due in the Junior Livestock Office
	1:00 PM	Classifications/Weight declarations for Wether Dams and Market Lambs are due in the Junior Livestock Office
	5:00 PM	Dairy Heifer Show
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Market Swine Show
	11:00 AM	All Market Steers and Beef Heifers on grounds
	5:00 PM	Breeding Doe Show (or 1 hour after the conclusion of the Market Swine Show if the Swine Show goes past 4:00 pm.) Market Goat Show immediately following the Breeding Doe Show.
Wednesday, October 1, 2025	8:00 AM	Wether Dam Show
	9:00 AM	Market Lamb Show (immediately following Wether Dam Show)
	12:00 PM	Market Heifers and British Steers Classified
	1:00 PM	Poultry Showmanship
	1:00 PM	Breeding Heifers meet at scales to check registration papers and tattoos
	3:00 PM	Market Beef declarations are due in the Junior Livestock Office
Thursday, October 2, 2025	8:00 AM	Breeding Heifer show
	9:30 AM	Land of Enchantments Bred Show
		Market Beef Show
		ALL JUNIOR LIVESTOCK PULLS DUE IN JUNIOR LIVESTOCK OFFICE ONE HOUR AFTER MARKET BEEF SHOW/LAND OF ENCHANTMENT SHOW. Exhibitors must sign their letter of intent to sell in the Junior Livestock Office by 5:00 pm
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Saturday, October 4, 2025	8:00 AM	Buyers Breakfast/Animals in their sale areas
	9:00 AM	Junior Livestock Sale begins

SEE "ICE CREAM PARLOR SCHEDULE" ON PAGE 8.

# REPORTER'S CORNER

#### Diamond H

Reporter: Ethan Manemann

Diamond H 4-H club called their September 3 meeting to order at 7:07 PM. After conducting our regular club business, Our new business was about Volunteers for the Fair ice cream parlor our club date to work at the parlor is October 1st Several club members volunteered to work at the ice cream parlor at the fair. We talked about the Fall Formal on October 18th. And the dates for shooting sports safety classes. Next, we talked about our club meeting on October 1st, which is Eastern Fair week so the club decided to have our next meeting October 12 at 2 PM at the Extension Office. We had one demonstration from Lukas. He talked about "How Popcorn is Made." The meeting was adjourned and we played a fun game called thumbs up.



#### Spurring to Success Reporter: Sara Knight

In our September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Spurring to Success, we discussed 3 or 4 non-profit organizations that we thought we could select for our next community project. We decided we would focus on one non-profit each quarter. Faye Adams presented the parts of a Western and English bridle. After her demonstration was finished, we worked on our ENMSF window. Our next meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Kountry Kids Reporter: Brady Dennis**

We had a regular meeting, talked about up coming events, and our fair booth. Our next meeting is October 10.



#### Chaves County 4-H Council Reporter: Caitlin Campbell

The County Council September meeting started at 7:00pm and began with our pledges followed by roll call. We had our last meeting minutes read by Jessie. Then club reports, treasures report and activity reports were presented. We talked about State Fair. Then we made a motion to have our awards program and New Year's dance on the same night and we voted on having a taco bar with beef and chicken options. We picked a date for program which will be followed by our New Year's dance which will be held on January 3rd. We also made a motion to host our annual bowling party for our November 18th meeting. We went over our other announcements and adjourned our meeting. After we had an activity which was to make dog toys for the Humane Society.



#### REMINDER

Reports are due from each club reporter to Katy on the 22nd of each month. We can't share the amazing things your club is doing unless you tell us! Feel free to include pictures too!

### State 4-H Office News



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 November 1st.





### **2026 Senior Leadership Retreat**





#### New Mexico 4-H **Adult Retreat 2025** Schedule



November 8, 2025 · Albuquerque, NM

8:30-9:00 AM Registration; Auction/Door Prize Drop Off; Display Set-Up

9:00-9:45 AM Welcome And Get Acquainted Activity

9:50-11:20 AM - Workshops - Session 1

la. Running an Effective 4-H Club
lb. What's the Difference?
lc. Learning to Work with Everyone's RealColon

11:20 AM-Noon Networking & Energizing

Noon-1:00 PM Lunch

1:00-2:30 PM - Workshops - Session 2

2b. The Science of Agriculture
2c. The Perfect Project for All 4-Hers
2d. Beyond Ready to Knit

2:35-3:05 PM General Session and Break

3:10-4:10 PM - Workshops - Session 3
3a. Minimal to No Prop Activities - 4-H Fun on the Fly
3b. Electricity Intro Project - Science Bag
3c. What's On Your Plate Serving Up Shared Solutions for Club Management
3d. Favorite Foods Contest

4:15 PM Snacks/Head Home

For registration go to the New Mexico State 4-H website at https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/adult-volunteer-leaders.html#anchor\_84147



4-M SENIOR AWARDIES MAY BE RECOGNIZED AT SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2026

### Why Choose New Mexico State University?

### **Start Planning Financially**



College is an investment—and NMSU is committed to making it affordable. Completing your FAFSA and scholarship applications early gives you the best shot at financial aid. Learn about your options at fa.nmsu.edu.



### Be an Ag-vocate!

4-H Advocates
For Agriculture

#### What Is Food Security?

https://animalsmart.org/feeding-the-world

Having food security means having a safe, plentiful food supply for all people. It is a huge goal, so animal scientists are working to improve the supply of animal products.

Food is scarce in many parts of the world today. The world population is predicted to grow from around 7.5 billion people today to 9.1 billion people by the year 2050. That means food security will be more important than ever.

In animal agriculture, it is important to increase production efficiency. If farmers can produce more meat, milk and eggs, they can better feed the world. Improving animal breeding, nutrition and health means more food for humans. Animal scientists also study different animal diets. If animals can eat feedstuffs like distillers' grains, for example, we can use more grains for human food.

Once the food is produced, it is important to keep it from spoiling. Food security relies on proper food storage and handling. Animal scientists and meat scientists study how to stop pathogens from spreading to animal products.

The next step is to get the food to people who need it. Some regions of the world are more suited for agricultural production. It is important for countries with surplus food to export food to countries with a food deficit. Again, proper storage and handling are important for food transport. Some animal producers also export live animals. Animal scientists work with these producers to keep animals healthy during these shipments. It is also important to minimize the impact of food production on the environment. Farmers need to make sure land, air and water are kept safe for generations to come.



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