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# CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events

## September 2025

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#### County Council Meeting

**Tuesday  
Sept 16th  
7:00 pm**

Officers meet at 6:30pm

Bring donations to council  
meeting.



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

We hope everyone is settling into their new school schedule. It is an exciting time of year when school starts, but also a sad time because we do not get to see your smiling faces as often. While you are penciling school events into your planners and calendars remember to pencil 4-H events as well! Some exciting things are happening!

This month there will be several families going to the New Mexico State Fair and exhibiting livestock projects and indoor exhibits. Please let Katy know if you are planning to go to the State Fair and if you need any help preparing to go. After the State Fair, quickly comes the Eastern New Mexico State Fair, September 29th - October 4th. If you need the scales to weigh livestock please contact Katy. Remember to bring your 2nd - 4th place county fair indoor exhibit items (except county only arts and crafts), to the fairgrounds Friday, September 26th, 8 - 11 am.

The new 4-H year is around the corner and begins October 1st. Re-enrollment will be online for the 2025-2026 4-H year! Instructions will be available following our system year-end at your club meetings. All NEW members will complete a paper enrollment form which will be available this month. Cloverbuds aging up to Novice, who plan to exhibit at the ENMSF will also need to fill out a paper enrollment form. We hope families will take advantage of re-enrolling online so we may get project material out quicker. Reminder liability and release waivers can also be done on-line.

Please plan to complete a 4-H record book for the 2024 - 2025 year! Record books are due October 31st. Record books qualify you for scholarships, awards, FCS lettermen, completion pins, and much more. There are several workshops going on so please take advantage of them. As always, let us know when we can help you. See you at the fair!

~ 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!



# Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS



Enjoy your club meeting  
**September 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 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.**



**No little books little cooks due to State and ENMSF. Join us on October 25th!**

### 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 Dragonfly Festival 9/6





# 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 August Clover was located on page 5. Can you find this months?

**Congratulations to  
our August clover  
winner  
RileyAnne Bell!**

## Fall Paper Clover Fundraiser



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!



Laugh of the Month  
**What Did the Triangle Say  
to the Circle?**  
Your Pointless!



**THE 2025-2026  
4-H YEAR BEGINS  
OCTOBER 1, 2025!**



### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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



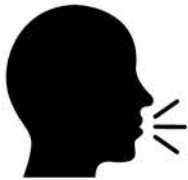
## 4H day at the LIBRARY

**Come Learn About Dogs**  
**Roswell: Wednesday, September 10th @ 3pm**  
**Hagerman: Friday, September 19th @ 9am**  
 Supplies will be provided! But you are welcome to bring your own beads if you want 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**



**PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP**  
**SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup> 4-6PM**  
**EXTENSION AUDITORIUM**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**CLUB OFFICER TRAINING**  
**MONDAY JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**  
**EXTENSION AUDITORIUM**



## 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

### 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

## 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



### Monday 20th Projects: Book Mark and Complete Sets

You will Need:

- 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 extras

**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!





# 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>

Chaves County 4-H presents

## Fall Formal 2025

**\$25**  
per ticket

**October 18, 2025**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM  
DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM  
DANCE TILL 11:30 PM**

**Hobson Hall - Eastern Fairgrounds**

Tickets available at the Extension Office  
200 E Chisum Suite #4, Roswell



MUST BE A 4-H SENIOR AGED MEMBER TO PURCHASE TICKETS. MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE A TICKET FOR ONE NON 4-H MEMBER SENIOR AGED GUEST YOUTH.



IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AND NEED AN AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT TAMARA AT 575-622-3210



### 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 HAPPENINGS



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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### SEPTEMBER

4 – 14 NMSF  
10 4-H Day at the Library – Roswell – Dog  
10 Archery Practice  
16 County Council Meeting  
19 4-H Day at the Library – Hagerman – Dog  
22 – Public Speaking Workshop  
29-4 ENMSF

### OCTOBER

29-4 ENMSF and Ice Cream Parlor  
5-11 National 4-H week  
6 Round Robin  
8 4-H Day at the Library – Roswell - Jewelry  
13 Jewelry  
13 Plant & Soil Sciences  
14 County Council & Ambassador Applications Due  
17 4-H Day at the Library – Hagerman – Jewelry  
18 Fall Formal  
20 Jewelry  
20 Plant & Soil Sciences  
21 County Council Meeting  
24 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting  
25 Little Books Little Cooks  
27 Jewelry  
27 Plant & Soil Sciences  
29 Archery Practice  
31 Record Books Due  
TBD Shooting Sports Care & Cleaning Workshops

### NOVEMBER

1 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting  
3 Round Robin  
8 Leader's Retreat-ABQ  
10 Scrapbooking  
10 Fiber Craft  
12 4-H Day at the Library – Roswell – Electricity  
12 Archery Practice  
14 Friend of 4-H Due  
17 Scrapbooking  
17 Fiber Craft  
19 Archery Practice  
21 4-H Day at the Library – Hagerman – Electricity  
22 Little Books Little Cooks  
24 Scrapbooking

### NOVEMBER CONT.

24 Fiber Craft  
27-28 Office closed  
TBD Beef Production/ Cattle Breeding Workshop  
TBD Electricity Workshop  
TBD County Bowling Night  
TBD Shooting Sports Care & Cleaning Workshops

### DECEMBER

1 Round Robin  
3 Archery Practice  
8 Rocketry Workshop  
8 Arts & Crafts Workshop  
10 4-H Day at the Library – Roswell – Arts & Crafts  
10 Archery Practice  
11 Chaves County Achievement Awards Program  
12 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting  
15 Rocketry Workshop  
15 Arts & Crafts  
16 County Council Christmas Party  
17 Archery Practice  
19 4-H Day at the Library – Hagerman – Arts & Crafts  
25-26 Office Closed  
TBD Rodeo Safety Meeting

### JANUARY

1 Office Closed  
3 New Year's Dance  
5 Club Officer Training  
7 Archery Practice  
7 Quilting  
8 Duded Up Denim  
12 Quilting  
14 4-H Day at the Library – Roswell – Origami  
14 Archery Practice  
15 Duded Up Denim  
16 4-H Day at the Library – Hagerman – Origami  
20 County Council Meeting  
21 Archery Practice  
21 Quilting  
23 Creative Touches  
24 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting  
28 Archery Practice  
28 Quilting  
31 Little Books Little Cooks  
TBD NM4-H SLR  
TBD New Mexico Education Workshops





# Chaves County Sharp Shooters

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## Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

**10 @ 5pm**

@ ENMSF - Southside

**27 @ 8am**

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  
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

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

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 9am



## COACHES MEETING

**Sept. 18 at 6pm  
Ext. Auditorium**

Join us for planning for the  
new 4-H year and shooting  
sports season.

Certified coaches only.



## 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.

Ambassador Responsibilities

- Aid in planning and conducting shooting sports safety meetings and activities with Extension 4-H Agent
- Write an article for the Chaves County 4-H Newsletter related to your discipline
- Serve as a youth member of the Shooting Sports Advisory Committee
- And more!

Additional Opportunities

- Attend 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit at the Whittington Center in March

**Interested?** Apply! Applications for all ambassadorships are available at the office.

**Questions?** Ask Katy! [kkwright@nmsu.edu](mailto:kkwright@nmsu.edu)



## COMING SOON!

Shooting Sports will be changing communication to the Band App in October. More information to come soon.

## 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/>





# 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



2025 NM Livestock Board, Guide for Livestock Exhibitors

Available online or in the office

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/livestock.html>

## NM State Fair Jr Livestock Judges

Breeding Heifer/Market Beef - Blake Nelson, MO  
Market Lamb Judge - Andy Sloan, OH  
Market Goat Judge - Brody Halfmann, TX  
Market Swine Judge - Will Taylor, IA  
Jackpot Steer/Heifer Show - Jenna Craft, OK  
Poultry Judge- Howard Davenport, TX  
Rabbit Judge- Mrk Fiorentino, NH  
Dairy Goat Judge- Joe Pilotte, IN  
Dairy Cattle Judge- Chad Steinberg, TX



Entry Information Coming Soon!

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



## NM Rodeo Dates

State 4-H Finals September 22nd- 24th  
Location- Curry County

The State 4-H Rodeo point standings are available on the State 4-H website at the following link  
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>

## Expo NM Fairbook

The State Fair fairbook is now available on line. Visit:  
[statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows](http://statefair.exponm.com/p/participate/competitions/livestock-shows)

**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 your link has been emailed to you. Please check your email



**DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR A LIVESTOCK AMBASSADOR POSITION. DETAILS IN EVENTS AND DEADLINES**



## ATTENTION ALL EXHIBITORS!

Chaves County 4-H & FFA Fair inside/general exhibits you should have received a list for thank you's when you picked up your exhibits from fair. Premium checks are ready in the office.

County Fair livestock exhibitors -barn premium checks are available at the Extension Office. You should have receive an email with a list of those receiving barn premiums with the events of the week.

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.



*"The Happiest Place on Dirt!"*





# IT'S FAIR TIME!!



## ENMSF Indoor Exhibits

Inside/ General Exhibits that placed  
1st-4th at County Fair and are eligible for  
ENMSF will be DUE at the Fairgrounds

**Friday, September 26th**  
**8:00 - 11:00 am**

### We need your help!!!!

If you are available to assist in  
accepting entries, judging, and/or  
displaying indoor exhibits on Friday,  
September 26th, 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 Eastern New Mexico State Fair

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**Animal entries ONLINE soon  
at [www.enmsf.com](http://www.enmsf.com)**

Don't forget that indoor exhibits entered in the 4-H  
section last year are eligible to be entered in the  
open Arts and Crafts section this year. Be sure to  
check the fairbook for all the details

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

## State Fair Indoor Exhibits

Inside/General Exhibits that were  
exhibited at State Fair will stay with  
office and will be taken to ENMSF for  
exhibition and judging, with the  
exception of baking.

## CLOVERBUDS



### ATTENTION all Cloverbuds!

If you are eligible for Eastern NM State  
Fair **REMEMBER:** You **MUST** have your  
2025-2026

4-H enrollment turned into your **CLUB  
LEADER** by **Friday, September 26th** to  
show animals at the ENMSF!

Do NOT turn them into  
the ENMSF Office.

### 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 Junior Livestock Office.**





## 2025 New Mexico State Fair Jr Livestock Schedule

Thursday, September 4 – Sunday, September 14, 2025

<b>Friday, September 5th</b>	8 a.m. Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Show Arrival Begins <b>7 p.m. Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Show In Place</b>
<b>Saturday, September 6th</b>	8 a.m. Agriculture Public Speaking Contest 8 a.m. Agriculture Science Fair <b>9 a.m. Jr. Rabbit/Cavy Show - Rabbit/Poultry Building</b> 10 a.m. Jr. Poultry Show - Rabbit/Poultry Building 12 p.m. Jr. Market Goats/Wether Does In place - JLP <b>12 p.m. Jr. Market Swine must be in place</b> 1 p.m. Jr. Market Goats/Wether Does - Weights due <b>4 p.m. Jr. Market Swine Weight Due Online</b> <b>5 p.m. Jr Market Sheep in place</b> <b>5 p.m. Jr Market Beef/ Market Heifers/ Jr Breeding Heifers- in Place</b>
<b>Sunday, September 7th</b>	9:30 a.m. Wether Doe Show - JLP 11 a.m. Jr. Market Goat Show - JLP 1 p.m. Jr Market Swine Showmanship 4 p.m. Classify Market Lambs
<b>Monday, September 8th</b>	8 a.m. Jr. Market Swine <b>Classification</b> & Show - Swine Barn <b>10 a.m. Classify Jr. Market Steers/Market Heifers - JLP</b> <b>12 p.m. JR Breeding Heifer/ AOB/Commercial Heifer - Check In and Weights Due</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 9th</b>	9 a.m. Jr. Commercial Ewe Show - JLP 10 a.m. Jr. Market Lamb Show - JLP 1 p.m. Jr. Dairy Heifer Show - Beef Barn.
<b>Wednesday, September 10th</b>	9 a.m. Jr. Market Steer/Market Heifer Show - JLP 10 a.m. Open/Jr. Dairy Cattle Show - Beef Barn 2 p.m. Jr. Breeding Heifer Show - JLP (Following Market Steer/Heifer Show)
<b>Thursday, September 11th</b>	<b>10 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest - JLP</b> 7 p.m. Parade of Champions - Tingley Coliseum
<b>Friday, September 12th</b>	11 a.m. Jr. Livestock Sale Registration Opens - Horse Arena <b>1 p.m. Jr. Livestock Sale - Horse Arena</b>
<b>Saturday, September 13th</b>	9 a.m. 4-H Cooking Challenge - Youth Hall <b>10 a.m. Jr. Dairy Goat Show/Showmanship - JLP</b>
<b>Sunday, September 14th</b>	<b>10 a.m. 4-H Dog Show - JLP</b>





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## 2025 Eastern New Mexico State Fair Livestock Schedule

September 29 - October 4, 2025

Sunday, September 28, 2025	7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	<b>ALL LIVESTOCK BROUGHT TO FAIRGROUNDS</b>
		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
Monday, September 29, 2025	5:00 PM	Rabbit meat pens and bakers will be judged
	5:00 PM	Exhibitor informational Livestock Meeting
	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 Superintendent
	12:00 PM	Weight Declarations for Meat Goat, and Breeding Does are due in the Junior Livestock Office
Tuesday, September 30, 2025	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
	8:00 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
Thursday, October 2, 2025	3:00 PM	Market Beef declarations are due in the Junior Livestock Office
	8:00 AM	Breeding Heifer show
	9:30 AM	Land of Enchantments Bred Show
		Market Beef Show
Saturday, October 4, 2025		<b><u>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</u></b>
	8:00 AM	Buyers Breakfast/Animals in their sale areas
	9:00 AM	Junior Livestock Sale begins

### ICE CREAM PARLOR

Each club will be assigned a day for senior and junior members to serve in the parlor.

**HELP  
WANTED**

All who plan to work need to attend 1 of 2 Ice Cream Parlor Training Days: September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm







# REPORTER'S CORNER

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## Diamond H

**Reporter: Ethan Manemann**

The Diamond H 4-H Club called their August 6th Meeting to order at 7:08 PM. After conducting our regular club business, our new business was about Eastern New Mexico State Fair theme "Happies Place on Dirt" for the club fair booth. We talked about ideas for the booth. After that, the club participated in making ice cream in a plastic bags. Everyone enjoyed making the ice cream and also eating it. We talked about the Chaves County 4-H Ambassador Program and County Council Application. We had two Demonstrations one by Caitlin had a slideshow about "Dairy Cattle" and Sierra had a slideshow "How to get ready to show a pig." Our next meeting is September 3rd at 7:00 PM. Our meeting was adjourned.

## Shepherd's Flock

**Reporter: Abigail Dodson**

This 4-H meeting was called to order at 6:28 on August 18, and our next meeting will be September 15. Unfortunately, the Pirtles we're not there so we voted to postpone the minutes until the September meeting. There were no demonstrations, and we had one guest. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 by Wyatt Curry and Kason Hopper seconded it.



## Chaves County Council

**Reporter: Caitlin Campbell**

Before County Council we hosted a scavenger hunt across Roswell. Jessie Hale was the winner. We started the council meeting at 7:00 p.m. We recited our pledges and conducted a roll call, followed by our Treasurer's report and community service report. We did all of our club reports. We went around the room and talked about how everyone did at County Fair. Talked about the County Council swim party, district contest, and state conference. We discussed Fall Formal; the theme will be disco cowboy and we will have tacos. Then we went over announcements and adjourned our meeting. After we adjourned, we played heads-up 7-up.



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 September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>



## CAREER READINESS HITTING THE MARK



### Career Readiness Tip of the Month

#### Speak Up for Success: Using "I" Messages and Finding Win-Win Solutions

When preparing for your future, learning how to express yourself clearly and solve problems peacefully is just as important as choosing a career path. Whether you're working on a group project, interviewing for a job, or asking for help at work, how you communicate can make a big difference. Two powerful tools for career readiness are "I" messages and win-win situations.

#### What are "I" Messages?

"I" messages are a way of expressing how you feel without blaming or attacking the other person. They help you take responsibility for your own emotions and needs, and they make it easier for others to hear you without feeling defensive.

Instead of saying, **"YOU NEVER LISTEN TO ME!"** try:

**"I feel frustrated when I'm interrupted because I want to finish my thought."**

Using "I" messages shows maturity, self-awareness, and good communication, skills employers look for and friends respect. They help build trust and make conversations more productive, especially when things get tense.

#### What is a Win-Win Situation?

A win-win solution is when everyone involved in a disagreement gets something they need. It's not about one person winning and the other losing. It's about working together so everyone feels heard and respected. Let's say you're on a team and two of you want to lead. Instead of arguing, you talk it out and agree to split the responsibilities. That's a win-win. You both get to lead and the team benefits from your combined skills.

#### Why It Matters for Your Future

In school, jobs, or any future path you take, you'll face challenges and disagreements. Learning how to use "I" messages helps you stand up for yourself without tearing others down. Finding win-win solutions shows you're a problem solver who works well with others, exactly the kind of person colleges and employers want.

So next time you feel upset or stuck in a conflict, try using an "I" message and look for a win-win solution. You'll build stronger relationships, improve your confidence, and prepare for success, now and in your future career.



## 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  
Guest Speaker

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

- 1a. Running an Effective 4-H Club
- 1b. What's the Difference?
- 1c. Learning to Work with Everyone's RealColors
- 1d. Deadline Club Reporter - Making this job an "Issue" to read.

11:20 AM-Noon Networking & Energizing

Noon-1:00 PM Lunch

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

- 2a. Got 4-H Members?
- 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](https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/adult-volunteer-leaders.html#anchor_84147)

REMINDER

## Family & Consumer Sciences Lettermen

APPLY NOW

ANY 4-H MEMBER WHO IS ACTIVE IN  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS)  
PROJECTS CAN "LETTER" IN FCS.

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
TO STATE OFFICE:  
OCTOBER 10, 2025

THE FIRST YEAR (FIRST-TIME APPLICANT):  
RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER.



NOVICE: BRONZE "H" PIN



JUNIOR: SILVER "H" PIN



SENIOR: GOLD "H" PIN



- 2 PLATINUM LETTERS MAY BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF A PLAQUE.
- PLATINUM LETTERS ARE BASED ON OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT & OPEN TO ANY AGE LEVEL.
- 4-H SENIOR AWARDEES MAY BE RECOGNIZED AT SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2026

## Why Choose New Mexico State University?

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## Sheep Make Milk Too!



<https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/sheep-make-milk-too!>

Many people hear the word “milk” and think of cows. However, milk comes from a lot of other animals. Sheep give milk that can sometimes be even healthier than cow’s milk.

Many people choose milk from sheep or goats because they are lactose intolerant. This means that their bodies cannot process the substance called lactase in cow’s milk. Sheep milk has a much lower percent of lactase than cow’s milk. This makes it easier for people who are lactose intolerant to digest the milk.

Sheep milk is often used for making cheese. Especially in places like England, farmers are raising sheep for milk that is made into cheese and yogurt. They use a type of sheep called Frieslands. These sheep have two or three lambs at a time, so they produce a lot of milk.

Now, more sheep farmers are discovering that it can be healthy to drink, too. Some people might not drink it because it contains about 4 percent more fat than cow’s milk. Even though it is a bit fattier, sheep’s milk also has nutrients that are good for you. Nutrients, such as calcium and phosphorus, can help your bones grow strong. Sheep milk contains about 3 percent more protein than milk from cows. Proteins are very important for building healthy muscles. Also, sheep milk contains more grams of Vitamin A and 41 more grams of Vitamin C than cow’s milk per serving.



Access the Chaves County 4-H  
Full Year calendar

by going online OR download the app  
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<https://teamup.com/ksmicdqxb4wxbyhsjc>

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