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NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

2026

We just want to say thank you everyone who attended the 4H banquet. We estimated about 112 people who showed up to the event, it is so lovely to see our families, friends and everyone else who has supported us throughout our 4-H year to see our youth and all their many great accomplishments for this last year. Let's all send a huge shout out to Talisha, Kylie, and Lynnette it takes several months for these ladies to put on such a massive banquet by themselves and it is really hard to make sure everything and everyone is included within that entire year. With that being said, if we happen to forget something or someone, it is not intentional. We are only human and sometimes an error may occur. Please forgive us. We try our best to get everything perfect. If you catch something just give us a FRIENDLY HOLLAR and we will try our best to correct our mistakes.

We are PROUD of the 4-H Council who present this banquet to everyone. They are young youth, and it is very hard to put on a mass production like that. They did such a tremendous job!!!

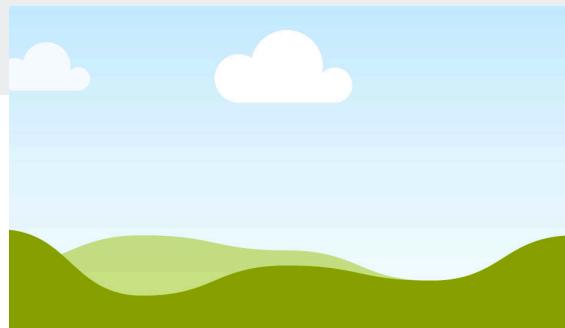
Please pay special attention to the Newsletters and Emails the next few months. So many upcoming opportunities, events and deadlines are approaching, and we don't want anyone to miss out! You can call Extension Agent, Talisha Valdez at the office at 575-374-9361 or shoot her an email at: talisfra@nmsu.edu.

Leaders & parents please get your families enrollment forms in ASAP so we can get you your project books.

The New Mexico Livestock Board Office of the State Veterinarian recommends cancelling or postponing equine events to protect horses from further exposure of EHV and EHM until the current outbreak has been determined.

““We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them.” –

Hillary DePiano



UPCOMING DATES

- 02/01 - Council Meeting
- 02/04 - Fair Board Meeting
- 02/09 - 4-H Day at the Roundhouse
- 02/18 - Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

- 02/02 - Keelan Balalrd
- 02/09 - Eli Fuller
- 02/10 - Chloe Massey
- 02/11 - Marcus Cates
- 02/12 - Nathan Kennedy

Happy Birthday!

- 02/13 - Molly Jeffers
- 02/21 - Asa Guerrero
- 02/21 - Alyssa Stratton
- 02/27 - Steelee Cordova
- 02/28 - Riata Valdez

CLUB

REPORTS

FOLSOM

Folsom 4-H Club Reporter
Katy Brown

HAPPY ROCK

Happy Rock 4-H Club Reporter
Chloe Massey

CLUB

REPORTS

MT. DORA

Mt. Dora 4-H Club Reporter
Jaiden Scott

ROCK N RIDE

*Rock N Ride 4-H Club Reporter
Katelyn Townsend*

Important Info

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4-H Day at the Round House
February 9th, 2026
Santa Fe, NM

FAIR BOARD

February 4th
6PM

Extension Office

SHOOTING SPORTS

SAFETY MEETING

February 18th
5:30PM

Extension Office

**Required for all 1st year
shooting sports members.**

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom

February 9th, 2026

Time: 5:00pm

*Baptist Church
Des Moines*

Happy Rock

February 8th, 2026

Time: 4pm

Annex Room

Cloverbuds

February 19th, 2026

Time: 5:45pm

Annex Room

Folsom Cloverbuds

February 9th, 2026

Time: 4:30pm

*Baptist Church
Des Moines*

Mt. Dora

February 1st, 2026

Time: 2:00pm

Annex Room

Rock 'N' Ride

February 9th, 2026

Time: 5:30pm

Annex Room

Times and Dates are subject to change.
Please check with your leaders to confirm.

COUNCIL MEETING

February 1st
9AM

Extension Office

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TEX-MEX HORSE JUDGING CLINIC

February 14th 2026

8:30am - 4:30pm

Portales, NM
Roosevelt County Fairgrounds

Registration Due
February 4th 2026

SAVE THE DATE

New Mexico Youth
Food Preservation
Workshop!

Feb 12,19,26 &
March 5
Online Workshop

SAVE THE DATE

FCS School
March 13th - 15th
Bernalillo, NM

Registration Papers Due
February 11th 2026.
Talisha must be notified of anticipated
attendance by February 6th.

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Youth Shooting Sports
Leadership Summit
March 20th - 22nd

Raton, NM
Whittington Center

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National 4-H
Conference
April 10th - 15th

Arlington, Virginia

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Youth Get Away
April 17th - 19th
Glorietta, NM

*Registration Due
March 9th 2026*

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**NM STATE 4-H SHOOTING
SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP
(SENIORS ONLY)**

April 30th - May 3rd
Raton, NM
Whittington Center

SAVE THE DATE

**Northern 4-H
Regional
Livestock School
June 3-5
Grants, NM**

SAVE THE DATE

**NM Youth Ranch
Management Camp
June 21-26
Cimarron, NM
CS Ranch**

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**State 4-H
Conference
July 14-17, 2026
Las Cruces, NM**

*Registration Due
June 10th 2026*

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Union County Fair

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August 5-8, 2026

Stay tuned for entry details.

It is the exhibitors responsibility to know the rules. PLEASE read the fair book & know the rules and expectations!!

*Changes will be posted on the website by April 1 and are subject to change.
Please check periodically for rule changes.*

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New Mexico State Fair

September 10-20, 2026

4-H
Open Enrollment

October 1st 2025

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March 16th 2026



NMSU Aggies Corner

*January – Sign Up for Orientation
Once you've been admitted, your next step is to register for New Student Orientation. Attending early gives you the best selection of classes and a chance to meet fellow Aggies before the fall. Learn more at awo.nmsu.edu.*

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COUNTY 4-H



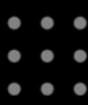
ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2026

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Community Service Scholarship Criteria

- Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, Diplomat or participant in a 4-H activity.
- Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

EVENT (Community Service Scholarship Application)	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (2 months before event registration deadline)
Youth Get-Away	February 2, 2026
Horse School	March 16, 2026
4-H Dog School	April 15, 2026
Livestock School	April 15, 2026
State 4-H Conference	April 15 2026
Ambassador/Officer Positions	May 1, 2026



BANNERS IN BLOOM

CATTLE JACKPOT SHOW

CLAYTON NEW MEXICO FAIR GROUNDS

APRIL 25TH AND 26TH

ALL BREEDS

EARLY ENTRIES \$35 PER HEAD/PER DAY

DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES \$40 PER HEAD/PER DAY

CONTACT: KRISTINA SNEED
575-207-0301



UPCOMING JACKPOTS

DEC. 20

Jingle Bells
Portales

JAN. 24

Cattle Battle
Belen

FEB. 7

Duke City
Albuquerque

FEB. 14

NM Cattle Growers
Stanley

MAR. 14

Three Crosses
Las Cruces

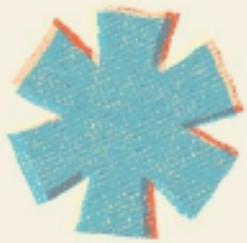
MAR. 21

March Madness
Farmington

MAR. 28

The Final Drive
Artesia





NM 4-H FCS SCHOOL OF REAL LIFE SKILLS: MARCH 13-15, 2026

\$60/
PERSON



BERNALILLO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
OFFICE (ABQ, NM)



OPTIONAL: 4-H CONTEST PASSPORT NIGHT
MARCH 13TH @ 6:00 PM (DINNER PROVIDED)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Union County February 11th, 2026

**JUNIOR INSTRUCTOR APPS
(SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS ONLY)**

Union County January 30th, 2026

More info at
4-H Website



NEW MEXICO YOUTH FOOD PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

FREE
ONLINE
WORKSHOP



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NMSU Master Food Preservers

WORKSHOP DATES
FEB 12, 19, 26 & MARCH 5.
6:00 PM - 7:00 P M

Register for the class by filling out the form
found on the Quay CES Webpage and
sending it to quay@nmsu.edu



Our Website
www.quayextension.nmsu.edu



Calling all junior food scientists for an introduction to the exciting world of food preservation! Participants will learn how to safely dehydrate, freeze, water bath can, and start the fermentation process.

We are excited to be working with NMSU FCS Agents Amber Benson, Crystal Anaya, Vonda Frost, Michelle Greeman, Erin Smith & Master Food Preserver Randi Jo Eidsmoe to present a four-part online food preservation workshop for youth!

Quay County Extension Services

575-461-0564

quay@nmsu.edu

216 E Center St,
PO Drawer B,

Tucumcari, nm 88401



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Paul Engler College of
Agriculture and Natural Sciences
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY



Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic

February 14, 2026
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST



Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2026 horse judging season.

The WTAMU Horse Judging Team members will be leading small groups of youth to help them develop and improve their skills in preparing and presenting oral reasons. Please don't miss this opportunity to get a head start on perfecting these skills.

Roosevelt County Fairgrounds Portales, New Mexico

The clinic is for youth and coaches of all skill levels. Youth will judge video classes and work on reasons in small groups. Youth should bring their own judging notebooks and pencils. Snacks, lunch, and printed materials will be provided for each youth.

Registration fee: \$50/youth and \$15/adult to cover lunch costs.

Please register online: <https://easnr.nmsu.edu/>

Registration opens 12/15/25 and closes at 5pm on 2/4/26.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Adams, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach cadams@wtamu.edu

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist jturner@nmsu.edu

Topics

**Halter/
Showmanship**

Rail Classes

Ranch Trail

Horsemanship/Eq

Scoring

Reasons



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Cutter Davis
Cattle | Hoof Trimming

CUTTER DAVIS (575) 921-6216

HOOF TRIMMING

\$65 PER HEAD

10 HEAD MINIMUM



RAWHIDE DAYS JACKPOT

JUNE 20TH, 2026

BUCKLE DESIGN

CONTEST



FOLLOW THE STEPS BELOW

1

SHERIDAN BUCKLES

Design a buckle from Sheridan's website with the following criteria:

Must be a NM 4-h or FFA member to enter!

Buckle design from Sheridan Buckles, not to exceed \$130.00 (not including shipping!)

2

DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

- NM Inspired!!!
- Zia Symbol
- 2026
- Rawhide Days Jackpot
- Grand Champion Market Goat/Lamb

3

ENTER BY

Submit screenshot of design by JAN 15th, 2026 to the Rawhide Days Jackpot FB Messenger!

WINNER WILL RECEIVE 1 FREE ENTRY TO THE SHOW!

Must be a NM 4-h or FFA Exhibitor to enter. Buckle design winner will be utilized for the Grand Lamb & Goat in the NM Bred show at Rawhide Days Jackpot. Buckles will only be given to the Grand Champion animals in each species division. Buckles are not to exceed \$130 in cost and must include all 5 of the above criteria. Buckle designs will be approved by Rawhide Day Jackpot Administrators for further voting. Entries due by Jan. 15th, 2026 via Facebook Messenger within the Rawhide Days Jackpot page.



2026

SUMMERTIME SHOWDOWN

JUNE 12-14TH

THE BIGGEST THE BADDEST
THE MOST FUN IN NM!



SAVE THE
DATE!

Lincoln County War Jackpot

2 Days!

June 12 & 13
2026

Capitan, NM

PIGS GOATS LAMBS

**LOGAN SMITH
MEMORIAL
GOAT & LAMB SHOW**



July 3rd, 2026

SLV ONLY SHOW CHECK IN STARTS AT 7AM SHOW STARTS AT 9AM
OPEN SHOW CHECK IN STARTS AT 11:30AM SHOW STARTS AT 1PM

1 DAY • 2 SHOWS • 2 JUDGES • CASH PAYOUTS & PRIZES

CONEJOS COUNTY ARENA COMPLEX
17705 US HWY 285
LA JARA, COLORADO 81140



WWW.LSMEMORIALSHOW.COM

RAWHIDE DAYS JACKPOT

MAKING THE BEST - BETTER!

TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO

JUNE 20TH, 2026



Coming soon to the newsletter:

Member of the Month! Share a photo of yourself and a short note about yourself and your favorite part of 4-H with us by emailing kystrong@nmsu.edu with subject line "Member of the month".

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Now Open:

- 2026 High School Seniors
- 4-H/FFA Member
- Accepted to secondary school

APPLY NOW

CLOSES APRIL 1, 2026

www.NMJLF.org



Online Sale **DATES**

HELD ON
SC
ONLINE SALES

EARLY DECEMBER'S

Wethers - Feb 2 | Ewe Lambs - Feb 3

Sires: Captain Jim, Illuminati, Cocky Rocky, Ceasefire, Tres Amigos

MID DECEMBER'S

Wethers - Feb 23 | Ewe Lambs - Feb 24

Sires: Captain Jim, Illuminati, Cocky Rocky, Ceasefire, Tres Amigos, Perry, Hot Pants

NEW YEAR'S

Wethers & Ewe Lambs - TBD

Sires: Captain Jim, Making Amigos, Role Model

LATE FEBRUARY'S

Wethers - TBD | Ewe Lambs - TBD

Sires: Captain Jim, Tres Amigos, Role Model, Illuminati, Perry, Grinch, Hot Pants, Combo

March Madness Jackpot

MARCH 21ST

farmington, nm - mcgee park

2 "BRACKETS" 1 DAY

\$45 \$50 \$10

PRE ENTRY DAY OF ENTRY SHOWMANSHIP

nmjackpotshows.caireentry.com

8 AM 10:30 AM

WEIGHTS DUE SHOWMANSHIP STARTS

15 MIN BREAK - HEIFER SHOW

30 MIN BREAK - STEER/MKT HEIFER SHOW

david jacquez zane webster alex carlisle lisa boulware
619-888-3722 520-507-0195 505-728-6979 505-414-1895

ONLY CEDAR FIBER OR PELLETED BEDDING!



DUKE CITY

STEER & HEIFER JACKPOT

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026

BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFFS POSSE
10308 2ND STREET
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87114

ENTRY FEES

\$45 per Head **\$10 Showmanship**
Heifers to follow Showmanship

SCHEDULE

6 - 8AM **Registration**
10AM **Showmanship**
RING A: Senior
RING B: Novice & Junior

QUESTIONS:

Leslie Gallegos
505.974.9124

Ramiro Gallegos
505.350.4567

RV Space is available \$40/night
Electricity is limited, generators are encouraged



NMCGA JACKPOT

2026

FEB. 14 STANLEY CYCLONE CENTER

\$2,500 ADDED MONEY

\$35 PRE-ENTRY FEE
\$40 SAME DAY ENTRY FEE

\$25 NMCGA JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP FEE (IF NOT ALREADY A MEMBER)

\$5 CLEANING FEE PER HEAD

2 RINGS, 2 JUDGES

HEIFER SHOW STARTS AT 10AM - STEERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE FEB. 10 SAME DAY ENTRIES FROM 7-8AM

CIDER FIBER ONLY! BRING GENERATORS!

ROOM BLOCKS CLOSE JAN. 31ST: COMFORT INN - EDGEWOOD, BEST WESTERN - MORIARTY




SECOND ANNUAL STEER AND HEIFER JACKPOT

CATTLE BATTLE

TWO RINGS

EARLY ENTRIES OPEN JAN 19TH, CLOSE JAN 22ND
DAY OF ENTRIES 6:30-8 AM
ALL WEIGHTS DUE BY 8AM

\$40/RING/HEAD EARLY ENTRY
\$55/RING/HEAD DAY OF
\$10 SHOWMANSHIP

ORDER:
HEIFERS
STEERS
SHOWMANSHIP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH 2026 | START AT 10:30

VALENCIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
14 I-25 BYPASS, BELEN, NM 87002

GATES OPEN FRIDAY AT 12

INFORMATION: Liz Marquez 505-803-7373



FIRST TIME SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY MEETING

This meeting is mandatory!

February 18th, 2026

at 5:30pm

at the Extension Office.

If you have never shot at a 4-H competition you must attend this meeting in order to compete at a contest.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- YOU MUST HAVE ENROLLMENT FORM TURNED INTO THE OFFICE, THIS IS FOR LIABILITY ISSUES AND THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS ON THIS.**
- YOU MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY 1ST YEAR SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY TRAINING (PROVIDED BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE) (IF YOU HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THIS COURSE YOUR FIRST YEAR YOU CAN ATTEND FOR A REFRESHER, BUT IS NOT MANDATORY FOR RETURNING SHOOTERS.)**
- MUST COMPLETE SHOOTING SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT FORM.**
- ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ABOVE INFORMATION YOU CAN ATTEND PRACTICES THAT ARE SCHEDULED.**

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CALENDAR

- February 1 - Council Meeting
February 4 - Fair Board Meeting
February 6 - FCS School Attendance DUE to Talisha
February 9 - 4-H Day at the Roundhouse
February 11 - FCS School Registration Paperwork Due
February 14 - Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic
February 18 - Shooting Sports Safety Meeting
March 13-15 - FCS School - ABQ
March 16 - Enrollment Forms DUE
March 20-22 - Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit
April 10-15 - National 4-H Conference
April 17-19 - Youth Get-Away - Glorieta
April 15 - Add/Drop Forms DUE
April 30 - May 3 - NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship
June 19 - 20 National 4-H Regional Livestock School
June 21-26 - NM Youth Ranch Management Camp
July 14-17 - State 4-H Conference
August 5-8 - Union County Fair
September 10-20 - New Mexico State Fair

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