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NEWSLETTER

JANUARY

2026

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

Hillary DePiano

Happy NEW YEAR! We hope 2026 is filled with lots of fun & learning!

Please make note of some important things coming up in the next few months as the 4-H year really starts to get rolling!

Just a reminder to be sure to bring your club assigned finger food to the banquet January 18 (see list later in the newsletter).

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.



UPCOMING DATES

12/22 - 01/05 - Office Closed
01/07 - Fair Board Meeting
01/26 - 30 - Online Horse Bowl
01/31 - Cattle Tag In
02/01 - Council Meeting

01/07 - Bella Archuleta
01/13 - John David Brown
01/16 - Monty Crisp
01/18 - Katy Crisp

Happy Birthday!

01/28 - Tucker Moehring

01/24 - Natalie Townsend
01/24 - Quincy Brockman
01/26 - Lacey Cruz
01/26 - Trey Howe



CLUB

REPORTS

FOLSOM

Luminaria set up was completed during club meeting.

***Folsom 4-H Club Reporter
Katy Brown***

HAPPY ROCK

Meeting was called to order at 4:18 pm on November 16, 2025 at the extension office by club President Cotton Dunoven. Josey Dunavan said the US pledge, Hadley Crisp said the 4H pledge and Cole Dunavan said the prayer. Roll call was taken by the reporter/secretary Chloe Massey and members had to say what their favorite 4h activity was. Members present were Aly Crisp, Hadley Crisp, Katie Crisp, Cole Dunavan, Cotton Dunavan, Creek Dunavan, Josey Dunavan, Oliver Higgins, Reese Higgins and Chloe Massey. Reese read the treasure's report. A committee report was given by Reese Higgins. The County Council meeting report was given by Reese Higgins. The old business was a discussion about 4H week posters being hung at the Kiser Elementary school. The new business was a discussion about a fundraiser labor auction in the spring. New bylaws were read by Cotton.

IMPORTANT!!

- 1. Enrollment forms due March***
- 2. Sign up for snack calendar***
- 3. Please read the newsletter.***
- 4. Next meeting -December 14, 2025 at 4:00pm.***

Reese made a motion to adjourn and Ali seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

***Happy Rock 4-H Club Reporter
Chloe Massey***

CLUB

REPORTS

MT. DORA

The Mt. Dora 4-H meeting was held on November 30, 2025, call to order by President Riata Valdez at 3:11 pm. Pledges were done by Zoey McDade with the American, Bo Scott with the 4-H pledge and prayer done by Liam Maestas. Roll call was “what was your favorite thanksgiving food?” those present were, Riata Valdez, Aysa Maez, Zoey McDade, Liam Maestas, Jaiden Scott, Dana Maez, Rosana Scott, Shade Scott, Jade Maestas, Raley Valdez, Morgan Scott, Adali Ballesterous, Layla Maestas, Bo Scott, Johnna Scott, Mariela Neal, Gale McDade. No new correspondence for this meeting, moving on to minutes the minutes were read correctly and there were no additional changes. Moving on to Treasures report, Adali read off our balance, and we need to write off one check for Talisha Valdez for 4-H week, write a check for Mariel and council. Moving on to old business the council luminarias must be sold and turned in by December 10, then we spoke on 4-H winners receiving their baskets and how to make it better next year. Moving on to new business, open enrollment needs to get done and we will accept the new by law then speak on banquet. We spoke one Which family is going to bring, Scotts- spinach dip and smoke joe, Valdez- Chips, McDade- bean dip, Maez- Corn Dip, Maestas- Salsa, Neal- Caso Morgan – desert dip. Our next meeting will be February 1, 2026, at 2:30 pm. We all enjoyed the Christmas party.

Mt. Dora 4-H Club Reporter
Jaiden Scott

ROCK N RIDE

On December 8th Keelan called our meeting to order, followed by the American pledge and the 4H pledge. Steelee took roll call answering to the question “What do you love most about Christmas”. Steelee read our November meeting minutes, and Lily gave us our treasure report. We didn’t have any committee reports at this meeting. Picking up the old business from last meeting was discussion for a Club indoor tin barn project and we voted not to have a club project. With no other new business, we adjourned our meeting to have some fun! Our club bought pizzas and drinks for everyone, and we had a gift exchange and a pin the “bows” on the reindeers’ nose game. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our Rock n Ride Club!

Rock N Ride 4-H Club Reporter
Katelyn Townsend

Important Info

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**Pajama Party
Banquet**
January 18, 2026
3:00 PM
Clayton Civic Center

RSVP BY
January 15th 2026
Call 575-374-9361
or QR Code

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FAIR BOARD

January 7th
6PM
Extension Office

ONLINE HORSE BOWL TOURNAMENT

January 26-30th
6pm - 9pm
Registration Due
January 14th 2026

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom

January 12th, 2026
Time: 5:00pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Happy Rock

January 11, 2026
Time: 4pm
Annex Room

Cloverbuds

January 15th, 2026
Time: 5:45pm
Annex Room

Folsom Cloverbuds

January 12th, 2026
Time: 4:30pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Mt. Dora

January 4th, 2026
Time: 2:00pm
Annex Room

Rock 'N' Ride

January 12th, 2026
Time: 5:30pm
Annex Room

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

CATTLE TAG-IN

January 31st, 2026
9AM-10AM
Union County Fair
Grounds

***Bring paperwork & Money**
for Tags & inspection
***Exact Change or Check for tags.**
\$5/tag

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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***

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FCS School

March 13th - 15th

Bernalillo, NM

***Registration Due
February 6th 2026***

COUNCIL

MEETING

February 1st

9AM

Extension Office

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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**

SAVE THE DATE

**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.

CLAYTON

CLOVERBUDS SAND ART PROJECT





UNION



COUNTY 4-H

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: MARCH 16, 2026

Union County Extension Office
100 Court St, Clayton, NM
(575) 374-9361



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**PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
UNION COUNTY 4-H WITH A**



PAJAMA PARTY



18

**SUNDAY
JANUARY
3:00PM**



**CLAYTON CIVIC CENTER
124 N FRONT ST
CLAYTON, NM**



**PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING
(575) 374-9361 OR SCANNING THE QR CODE BY
JANUARY 15TH.**



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)
FCS School	January 15, 2026
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

25'-26'

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



NEW MEXICO
CLUB CALF ASSOCIATION

Save The Date: **FCS SCHOOL**



March 13-15th, 2026

**Location: ABQ, NM
(Bernalillo CES Office)**

**Union County Registration Due:
February 6th 2026**



6th Annual New Mexico 4-H Online Horse Bowl Tournament

January 26 to 30, 2026
6 to 9 pm over the Internet

If you like horses, learning more about them, and you like to compete, then the HBT is your chance to shine. Prizes are awarded to the top 4 teams overall and to the top 10 individuals in each age division (Novice, Jr., Sr.). Matches are held over Zoom, so you can compete virtually with teams across the state. You don't need to be in the horse project, but you must be enrolled in New Mexico 4-H to play. The registration fee is \$10 per contestant.

Registration opens January 5 and closes on January 15, 2026. You can register through your county 4-H agent. Your agent can provide study materials, tournament rules, and technology requirements. Contact information for your county 4-H agent can be found at: <https://extension.nmsu.edu/county.html>



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For more information, contact Dr. Jason Turner

Awards courtesy of Northern NM Horsemen's Association.



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Dr. Jason Turner by 1/12/2026 at jltuner@nmsu.edu.

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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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\$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".

march madness jackpot

MARCH 21ST

farmington, nm - mcgee park

2 "BRACKETS" 1 DAY

\$45 \$50 \$10

PRE ENTRY DAY OF ENTRY SHOWMANSHIP

nmjackpotshows.fairentry.com

8 AM 10:30 AM

WEIGHTS
DUE

SHOWMANSHIP
STARTS

15 MIN BREAK - HEIFER SHOW

30 MIN BREAK - STEER/MKT HEIFER SHOW

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SECOND ANNUAL STEER AND HEIFER JACKPOT

CATTLE BATTLE

EARLY ENTRIES OPEN JAN 19TH, CLOSE JAN 22ND

DAY OF ENTRIES 6:30-8 AM

ALL WEIGHTS DUE BY 8 AM

TWO RINGS

\$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



Congrats to Conlan on his Grand Champion Steers at the Jingle Bell Classic in Portales last month!

Online Sale DATES

HELD ON



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

**Stay tuned for more jackpots and
sales for show stock!**



CALENDAR



December 22-January 4 - Extension Office Closed for Winter Holidays

January 7 - Fair Board Meeting

January 18 - Pajama Party Banquet

January 26-30 - Online Horse Bowl Tournament

January 31 - Cattle Tag-IN

February 1 - Council Meeting

February 14th - Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic

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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