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NEWSLETTER

JULY

2026

*"In order to succeed, your
desire for success should be
greater than your fear of
failure."*

—Bill Cosby

Happy 4th of July to all of our families!! We hope you all have a fun and safe 4th. Summer is in full swing, and everyone is gearing up for the fair with jackpots and clinics. Let us know if you need animals weighed! You will need to sign a check out sheet to check out the scales. If you need any help with clipping your animals, please give Talisha a call. We want to wish "Good Luck" to Conlan Arnett, Laney Jeffers, Lili Kiesling, Raley Valdez, and Riata Valdez as they head to State Conference in Las Cruces. We know you guys will do an awesome job!

Congrats to all our participants that went on to compete at County Contest, District Shoot and District Contest. We are extremely proud of each and every one of you. We couldn't do any of this without our volunteers and parents! Thank you for being active with our youth. We truly appreciate each and every one of you. A HUGE HUGE Thank you to all of you who helped with District Contest!!!!

Don't forget that your Youth Quality Assurance Certificate needs to be mailed by August 1st. Please make sure you print and sign ALL signatures for all market animals one form per exhibitor and mail back to PO Box 29, Clayton, NM 88415.

Youth Quality Meat Assurance Form MUST be filled out by every livestock Exhibitor and turned in to the Extension Office ASAP! Can be found on our website!!!!

[Click HERE!](#)



UPCOMING DATES

07/03 - Office Closed
07/07 - Yeast Breads Workshop
07/14-17 - State 4-H Conference
07/17 - Rabbit/Poultry Validation
07/21 - Baking I Workshop
07/21 - Welcome to 4-H Workshop
07/23 - Baking II Workshop

07/05 - Hunter Moehring

07/06 - Karson Bennett

Happy Birthday!

07/14 - Kynlee Kennedy

07/20 - Cotton Dunavan

07/27 - Mario Gonzalez Jr

CLUB **REPORTS**

FOLSOM

Folsom 4-H Club Reporter
Katy Brown

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HAPPY ROCK

*Happy Rock 4-H Club Reporter
Chloe Massey*

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ROCK N RIDE

Cerra called the Rock n Ride meeting to order on June 8, 2026 at 5:38 pm. Emmalyn lead the American pledge and Sophee lead the 4H pledge. Katelyn took roll call, followed by Lily's treasure report. Our April meeting minutes are tabled and Katelyn read the May minutes. Lily made a motion to approve the minutes and Alyssa seconded the motion. Lily gave our club an update from the Council meeting. 4H council will be selling raffle tickets for a cornhole set at the Fair concession stand. Sophee, Cerra, Lily and Katelyn talked about their County contests. Council will be covering the cost of the registration and hotel for those going to Districts. Cerra will be doing prepared speech, and Katelyn will be livestock judging at Districts. We had no old business to discuss. For new business, Katelyn moved that our club pay for half of the cost of State Conference July 14-17 and Lily seconded that motion. We discussed that every family needs to work a shift at the concession stand at County Fair and we were encouraged to sign up for the free showmanship clinics. Lily made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 and Natalie seconded that motion. Newt, Laina, Emmalyn and Hailey did a great job on their demonstrations.

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

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MT. DORA

**Mt. Dora 4-H Club Reporter
Jaiden Scott**

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4-H COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

BY COUNCIL REPORTER: REESE HIGGINS

THE COUNTY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2, 2026, MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:13 AM. CERRA RYE SAID THE AMERICAN PLEDGE, OLIVER HIGGINS SAID THE 4-H PLEDGE AND REESE HIGGINS SAID THE PRAYER. REESE HIGGINS TOOK ROLL CALL AS SECRETARY LILIANA WAS ABSENT FROM THE MEETING. HAPPY ROCK HAD TWO MEMBERS AND ONE ADULT, FOLSOM HAD FIVE MEMBERS AND THREE ADULTS, MT DORA HAD FIVE KIDS AND TWO ADULTS, AND ROCK N RIDE HAD THREE KIDS AND ONE ADULT. KARSON BENNETT READ THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS WERE READ, AND THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS ARE THAT T-SHIRT ORDERS ARE DUE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR 17.00 AND CLUBS WERE ASKED TO GIVE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE BANQUET THIS YEAR.

IN NEW BUSINESS, THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED WHEN THE JUNE MEETING WILL BE, AND DECIDED IT WILL BE THE LAST DAY OF COUNTY CONTESTS. THE COUNTY CONTEST WILL EITHER BE THE SECOND THROUGH THE THIRD OR THE THIRD THROUGH THE FOURTH OF JUNE. COUNTY SHOOT FOR SENIORS IS TO BE DETERMINED AND JUNIOR/NOVICE WILL BE MAY 26TH TENTATIVELY. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED TO NOT HAVE CLUB OFFICER TRAINING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE TO READ THE NEWSLETTER, THE LIVESTOCK FAIR BOOK WILL BE POSTED MARCH FIRST, HOME EC SCHOOL (FCS) IS MARCH 13 - 14 WITH REGISTRATION DUE FEBRUARY 11TH, YGA REGISTRATION IS DUE MARCH 13, COUNSELOR APPLICATION FOR YGA IS DUE FEBRUARY 27TH, THE NEW MEMBERS MEETING IS MARCH 18TH AT 5:45PM, AND STATE SHOOT WILL BE APRIL 30TH THROUGH MAY 3RD.

THE LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- CATTLE - APRIL 4TH
- SWINE, LAMB, AND GOAT - JUNE 15TH
- YEARLING PROSPECTS AND HORSE CERTIFICATES ARE DUE APRIL 15TH
- INDIVIDUAL RABBIT - JUNE 1ST
- MEAT PEN RABBIT - 70 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW
- INDIVIDUAL POULTRY - JUNE 1ST
- MEAT PEN POULTRY - JUNE 24TH

DISTRICT SHOOT IS JUNE 9TH.

THE OFFICERS STAYED BEHIND AFTER THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CLOVERBUD CAMP.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:51 A.M. AND OLIVER LED A GAME OUTSIDE FOR THE ATTENDEES.

Important Info

SAVE THE DATE



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

FAIR BOARD

**July 8th
6PM
Extension Office**

DUE DATES

**Fair Entries
Due
July 26th**

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom
July 20th, 2026
Time: 5:00pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Happy Rock
July 12th, 2026
Time: 4pm
Annex Room

Clayton
Cloverbuds
No Meeting in
July

Folsom
Cloverbuds
July 20th, 2026
Time: 4:30pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Mt. Dora
July 5th, 2026
Time: 2:00pm
Annex Room

Rock 'N' Ride
July 13th, 2026
Time: 5:30pm
Annex Room

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

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**Rabbit & Poultry
Validation
8am - 12PM
Extension Office**

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Baking Workshop Yeast Breads

July 7th

9am-1pm

Methodist Church

RSVP BY JULY 2ND

Must be enrolled in the Yeast Breads Baking project

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Baking Workshop Baking I

July 21st

9am-12pm

Methodist Church

RSVP BY JULY 20th

*Must be enrolled in the Baking I
project*

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Baking Workshop Baking II

July 23rd

9am-12pm

Methodist Church

RSVP BY JULY 20th

*Must be enrolled in the Baking II
project*

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Welcome to
4-H

Workshop

July 21st

2pm-3pm

Extension Office



NMSU Aggies Corner

Jump Into Campus Life

*Looking ahead to college? Getting involved early
will help you feel right at home. Whether it's
clubs, cultural groups, or student government,
there's a place for you at NMSU. See all the ways
to connect at studentlife.nmsu.edu.*

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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

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Eastern New Mexico State Fair

October 5-10, 2026

2026 UNION COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 5TH-8TH

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 5TH

6:00 AM Fair Barn Open
 8:00 AM ALL Livestock & Horse in place
 8:15 AM Weigh & Classify Livestock
 *Cattle will start followed by
 swine/sheep/goats
 *Weigh & Scan Production Cattle
 immediately following all other livestock
 8-10AM Check In - All Indoor Exhibits (Tin Barn)
 10:00 AM ALL Rabbit/Poultry in Place
 10am-5pm Tin Barn Judging and display set up
 1:00 PM Production Cattle Test & Visual Judging
 4:00 PM Horse Show
 9:00 PM Fair Barn Closes - Everyone MUST Exit

FRIDAY - AUGUST 7TH

6:00 AM Fair Barn Open
 9:00 AM Judging Breeding & Market Sheep
 9:00 AM Tin Barn Peddlers Market Open
 11:00 AM Judging Meat Goats (or 1 hour
 following Sheep Show)
 1:00 PM NSWCD Ranch Management Contest
 4:00 PM Bucket Calf Contest
 5:30 PM Judging Breeding Cattle
 6:00 PM Judging Market Beef
 9:00 PM Fair Barn Closes -
 Everyone MUST Exit

THURSDAY - AUGUST 6TH

6:00 AM Fair Barn Open
 8:00 AM Tin Barn Open for Peddlers Market- Set Up
 9:00 AM Judging Meat Pen Rabbit, Individual to
 follow
 10:00 AM Judging Meat Pen Poultry,
 Individual to follow
 10:00 AM Tin Barn Peddlers Market Open
 1:30 PM Clayton FFA Fundraiser Activity
 6:00 PM Judging Market Swine
 9:00 PM Fair Barn Closes - Everyone MUST Exit

SATURDAY - AUGUST 8TH

6:00 AM Fair Barn Open
 9:00 AM Tin Barn Peddlers Market Open
 11:00 AM Junior Pet Show
 2:00 PM Peddlers Market must be cleared out
 3:00 PM Production Steer Results Meeting at Show
 Ring
 3:00 PM **OPEN INDOOR CHECKOUT ONLY**
 3:00 PM Buyers Meal Set- Up
 4:00 PM Buyers Meal
 5:45 PM 4-H Indoor Exhibit Awards Program
 6:00 PM Junior Livestock Sale
 9:00 pm Fair Barn Closes - Everyone MUST Exit

SUNDAY - AUGUST 9TH, 2026

9:00 AM Tear Down / Clean Up / 4-H & FFA Indoor Exhibit Check Out

Union County Fair



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Union County



CLAYTON - UNION COUNTY
**CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Union County Fair Grounds, 96 Fairgrounds Street, Clayton, New Mexico

SPONSORED BY : UC – CLAYTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Junior **PET SHOW**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2026

11:00 AM

***COME SEE AT THE
UNION COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
IN CLAYTON, NM***

Ages: 18 and under

NO Entry Fee!

"BRING ANY TYPE OF PET YOU WOULD LIKE"

Bucket Calf Contest

Superintendent: ROPES TX Western Wear

All entries are due by July 24th. Mailed to Union County Fair Board, PO Box 29, Clayton, NM 88415. Entries must list exhibitor name, age, and name & age of calf.

Entry Forms Available per request.

Check-in Time: From Wednesday 8:00 am and NO later than 3:30 pm on Friday.

Animals are not required to be on fairgrounds prior to 30 minutes before show time.
Calves must be on fairgrounds 30 minutes before show.

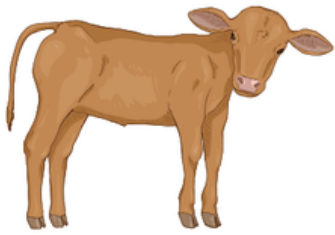
Release time: Immediately after the Bucket Calf Show.

RULES:

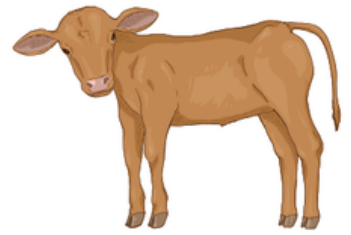
1. The Bucket calf project is open to all youth ages 4 to 8 years and not enrolled in any 4-H project other than Clover Buds. However, Clover Bud enrollment is not required.
2. Calves must be born between April 1 - July 1 of the current year.
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to show only ONE calf.
4. All Bucket Calves will be assigned to a specific area in the livestock barn by the superintendent.
5. Calves must be tied with neck ropes and halters.
6. All calves must be on the bucket or bottle at Fair time, no nurse cows.
7. All calves must be halter broken.
8. Calves may be any breed or sex.
9. No entry fee required.

Awards: Winners will receive ribbons only. No premiums.





BUCKET CALF ENTRY FORM



**All entries are due by July 24th.
Mailed to Union County Fair Board, PO Box 29, Clayton, NM 88415.
Or you may bring them into the Union County Extension Office.**

Name of Child_____

Age of Child_____

Age of Calf_____

Name of Calf_____

**Name of Parent/
Guardian**_____

Phone Number_____





DES MOINES FFA ALUMNI PRESENTS

STEAK DINNER AT THE UNION COUNTY FAIR

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COME AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS STEAK WITH A
BAKED POTATO, GREEN BEANS AND COBBLER.

AUGUST 8TH AT 4PM

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AT THE UNION COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
CLAYTON, NM
\$30/PLATE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
STARTING JULY 6TH OR AT THE SERVING LINE.



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10 HEAD MINIMUM





CALENDAR

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July 7 - Baking Workshop - Yeast Breads
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August 5-8 - Union County Fair
September 10-20 - New Mexico State Fair
October 5-10 - Eastern New Mexico State Fair

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