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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

2024

*"The expert in anything was once a beginner."
 - Helen Hayes*

And Just like that another State Fair is in the books and Eastern NM State Fair is in full swing!

Record books are due in the office by **4pm on Thursday, October 31st, 2024**. They must be signed by your leaders and turned in by the deadline. There will be no books accepted after this deadline!! First year members: please do not hesitate to ask for help!! There are some helpful tips at the back of the newsletter!
 If you need help with your books, please call the office, so we can set up a time for you to come in and Talisha will work with you.

Leaders, parents, and members: we have enrollment forms available here at the office. They will be located in the file organizer in the meeting room.



UPCOMING DATES

10/1 - 2024-2025 4-H Enrollment Begins

10/31 - RECORD BOOKS DUE

10/4 - Rigsby Fields

10/10 - Josey Dunavan

10/13 - Lilana Kiesling

Happy Birthday!

10/23 - Nijah Waldroup

10/29 - Preston Fuller

CLUB

REPORTS

FOLSOM

We had our monthly meeting on September 16, 2024. Our clover buds had fun making scare crows! All members shared how they did at the County & State Fairs. Folsom 4-H will hand out stress balls for 4-H week at the school on October 9th. We sold Little Caesar's Pizza and Rada Cutlery; it was a successful fundraiser and we plan on making it an annual one. At the next meeting we will elect new officers and turn in our record books. Our next meeting will be on October 21, 2024 starting with cloverbuds at 4:30 and the regular business meeting at 5:00 at the Baptist Church in Des Moines.

By: Laynee Jeffers

ROCK N RIDE

On September 9, 2024 Rock n Ride 4-H club had a meeting at 5:30 pm. We talked about the Union County fair. What we liked and wanted to improve at the fair. We also talked about our club trip to Wonderland. Club voted to keep our October Club scheduled for October 14th at 5:30 that is also when Record books due to Club Leaders at our October meeting.

Steele Mia and Mason did their demonstrations. The meeting ended at 6:15 pm. We played tag and Red Rover until we were ready to leave.

*Rock n Ride 4-H Club Reporter
Cerra Rye*

MT. DORA

The meeting was called to order on September 15th at 2pm in the extension office. Our 4-H Pledge was led by Dameon McDade and the American pledge was led by Jaiden Scott, a prayer was said by Adali Ballesteros. Roll call was answered with; what was your favorite part of Cinergy? We went over our and treasurers report and also about completing record books that are due on October 31st. We talked about and voted on ideas for upcoming 4-H week. A few of our club members went to compete in the State Fair; Riata and Raley Valdez and Adali Ballesteros showed animals at State Fair and Layla Maestas and Zoey McDade had indoor exhibits. They all did very well.

Our club took a trip to Amarillo in August after to the county fair. We ate at Hook N' Reel and went to Cinergy. We had a great time spending the day together. Our next meeting will be held on October 6th at 2pm.

By: Layla Maestas

Important Info

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom

October 21st, 2024

Time: 5pm

First Baptist Church
Des Moines

Happy Rock

October 13th, 2024

Time: 2pm

Annex Room

Cloverbuds

October 15th, 2024

Time: 5:30pm

Annex Room

Folsom Cloverbuds

October 21st, 2024

Time: 4:30pm

First Baptist Church
Des Moines

Mt. Dora

October 6th, 2024

Time: 2pm

Annex Room

Rock 'N' Ride

October 14th, 2024

Time: 5:30pm

Annex Room

4-H Member Ages

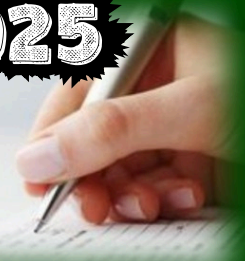
Cloverbud: Ages 5 to 8 years old.

Novice: Ages 9 to 11 or age 8 and in the 3rd grade prior to January 1 of the current 4-H year.

Junior: Ages 12 to 13. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 12th birthday or be 11 years old and in the 6th grade but not have passed his/her 14th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

Senior: Ages 14 to 19. A 4-H member must have passed his/her 14th birthday or be 13 years old and in the 8th grade, but not have passed their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

4-H 2024-2025 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



Please fill out your Enrollment Forms & get them turned in as soon as possible. The sooner you enroll the sooner Talisha can get your project books out to you and we can get any emails or addresses updated in our system.

Enrollment Forms will be available starting October 1.

(Please Note, We are implementing a new enrollment Deadline: March 1st, 2025)

**Open Enrollment for the new 4-H year begins
October 1st, 2024.**



2024-2025 4-H OPEN ENROLLMENT:
OCTOBER 1ST, 2024-MARCH 1ST, 2025!



SEPTEMBER 30TH
-
OCTOBER 5TH
2024



SEPTEMBER
5-15TH
2024

Do you know a Union County 4-H Youth going to New Mexico State Fair or Eastern NM State Fair?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP OUR YOUTH OUT:

Contact Talisha Today at 575-374-9361 to see how you can ADD-On!



what is an ADD-ON?

Add-ons are a very affordable way to contribute to the livestock sale! You can increase the total sale price for a *specific youth* with an add-on. Your add-on amount will be directly credited to their sale amount. Another popular option is a species or a general sale add-on.

Any amount is accepted, and no bidding is required to participate. This is an easy way to help great kids out and is tax deductible!

Important Info

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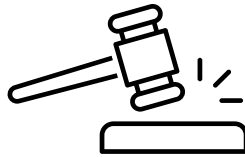
SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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January 24-26, 2025 - Glorieta, NM

"November Council Meeting"

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November 2nd, 9:00 AM

Annex Room(Extension Office)

All Members that are interested in running for a Council Office and the Voting Delegates from each Club need to attend this meeting (details included later in the newsletter)!

*Council Meetings are for all 4-H Members, parents & guardians!

SAVE THE DATE

FCS School

March 7-9, 2025

ABQ, NM

SAVE THE DATE

Youth Get-Away

April 11-13, 2025

Glorieta, NM

CALLING ALL ADULTS

who are part of the New Mexico 4-H program

Are you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	A 4-H parent?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered as a parent volunteer in your club and county
<input type="checkbox"/>	A club organizational leader or assistant leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	A county 4-H agent in New Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/>	A parent who wishes they understood more about 4-H?

Do you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Help out at club meetings
<input type="checkbox"/>	Want to help your 4-Her succeed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer as a club project leader or helper
<input type="checkbox"/>	chaperone 4-Hers to events & activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer at county activities, contests and fairs

Would you...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Like to learn more about 4-H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Like to meet other 4-H adults who do what you do in 4-H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be willing to share what you know and do with others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enjoy a day of fun, friends and 4-H designed for adults just like you

If you can check even just 1 of the above boxes, then the New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

(Formerly the New Mexico Adult / Leader Forum)

is designed especially for you and we would love to have you join us this year.

SO...



New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2024
Albuquerque, N.M.

- Registration information will be available at <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu> in August
- Are you a first-time attendee? Apply for a tuition scholarship
- Willing to share your knowledge & expertise in any area of 4-H? Please submit a Workshop Proposal. Proposals will be available on the State 4-H website starting in June
- For more information about the Adult Retreat contact Cheryl Butterfield at 575-646-3026 or Cindy Grooms at 575-644-6004



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Extension 4-H Youth Development



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Council Meeting Info

Union County Council Meeting

County council meeting will be on November 2nd, 2024

@ 9:00am at the Extension Office in the meeting room.

We will be going over the following topics:

- 4-H banquet
- Electing new Council officers
- Fair Concession
- Union County 4-H week

ARTICLE VII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall be held at the November meeting.

- For a 4-H member to run for a 4-H Council Office, he or she must be attend at least two of the three (3) 4-H Council meetings during the current year before the 4-Her can run for an office.

In order for a 4-H member to run for a council office, they must either:

- Be present at the elections in November; or
- Send a letter of intent, which states the office or offices they would run for and
 1. The officers shall be elected by popular vote of the voting delegates present.
 2. The officers of the 4-H Council shall have been an officer of a 4-H club and shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.
 3. The nominating committee shall be composed of the vice-president of each 4-H club in Union county and the Chairman of this committee shall be the vice-president of the 4-H council.
 4. The nominating committee shall meet prior to the November 4-H council meeting.
 5. No More than two officers may be chosen from any one 4-H club excluding the adult treasurer except in the case of limited # of eligible members.
 6. The adult treasurer shall be elected for a two-year term.

Eligible 4-H Members that can run for a Council Office

Folsom

Karson Bennett
Cheyenne Forrest
Kaiden Gonzales
Kalen Bennett
Kynlee Kennedy
Hayden Patno

Mt. Dora

Riata Valdez
Raley Valdez

Happy Rock

Aly Crisp
Reese Higgins
Oliver Higgins

Rock'N'Ride

Keelan Ballard
Thomas Bullington
Liliana Kiesling

Senior Members!

Being a County Council Officer is something that will look good on your scholarship applications for college. Start planning ahead for next year so you will be eligible to run for office. If you are not going to be active as an Officer on Club or County do not take a position as there are many who want a position. Council meetings are the place to get your ideas and voice heard concerning Award Banquets, County By-laws, Fair Concession stand as well as many other areas.

RECORD BOOK TIPS



Once again, it's time to do the dreaded record books! Everyone despises this time of year because of the stress of finding all the receipts, that one paper that you had weights written down on throughout the year or even getting your child to sit down long enough to write the year end story. So, we came up with a helpful list of what needs to be in your record book, important dates, as well as the links where the green sheets and record book forms can be found. We hope that you find this tip sheet helpful! Remember, we are here to help with any questions you may have.

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE!!

Record Books are DUE to the Extension Office on **October 31st by 4:00PM NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!!!!**

Record Books will not be accepted unless they have been signed AND approved by your leaders.

Check with your leaders on when they need them turned in to them.

We will be swapping with another county for judging.

(LEADERS PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP JUDGE THE RECORD BOOKS FROM THE COUNTY WE ARE SWAPPING WITH)

There will be NO EXPECTATIONS on late record books.

Green sheets can be found here:

<https://unionextension.nmsu.edu/documents/Project%20Information%20sheets%202023%20Green%20Sheets.pdf>

Project Record Book Forms can be found here: <https://unionextension.nmsu.edu/project-record-sheets.html>

RECORD BOOKS:

Record books can be turned in for completion or competition.

For a record book to be complete **FOR COMPETITION** it should have the following in the following in order:

1. Cover
2. Member's photo - includes name, club, number of years in 4-H, age
3. Table of Contents
4. Union County 4-H Report Form: Filled out according to participation in 4-H program. Signatures of member, a parent and a leader.
5. Year End Story-should cover all activities in 4-H, projects, community service, everything you did, what you learned etc. Up to four pages, front and back side .
6. Completed Record Sheet for each project--every question blanks must be filled out complete or state none or "does not apply".

All records: All livestock and horse record sheets a separate information sheet will be made available for all livestock projects.

After each project record form you will have the following:

- a. Project- this form has columns for goals, knowledge and skills and accomplishments for this project
 - b. Participation in Project Activities – for this particular project
7. Project photos after each record form - up to three pages front and back- caption the photos
 8. Newspaper clippings - up to three pages front and back, may be shingled.
 9. General photos - not project pictures - examples: club picnic, district contest activities, tours, hamburger fry, community service, etc. caption each photo Up to three pages front and back.

All record sheets must meet the minimum requirements as stated in each project book to be considered for the competition. **IF ANY PORTION** of the record book is late to your organizational leader it **WILL** be considered incomplete and you will not complete for the year.

Novice members **MUST** handwrite all of their book including dividing sheets. **Junior and Senior** members may either write their books, type them or do them on the computer.

Signatures -- all record sheets requiring signatures are to be properly signed





For **COMPLETION** Record Book **ONLY**:



The Following must be completed: Parts **1, 2, 3, 4**.

ALL FORMS MUST BE HAND WRITTEN IN ORDER TO BE COMPLETE. IF WE RECEIVE A TYPED BOOK YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

- 1. 1ST-3RD year members need a 3 ring binder. 4th year members and up need a green hard cover (if you don't have this you need to let us know ASAP).**
- 2. Photo Page - complete with member name, age, years in 4-H, 4-H year, and 4-H club.**
- 3. UNION COUNTY REPORT FORM. Must be completely filled out. If some areas do not apply, write "N/A".**
- 4. 4-H Story - MUST BE NO SHORTER THAN 1 PAGE, SINGLE SPACED AND HAND WRITTEN. ALL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES MUST BE DISCUSSED IN THE YEAR END STORY.**

The year end story should talk about everything that happened within the 4-H year and include: all projects, community service, leadership roles and activities, banquet, club and county responsibilities, fun events, contests, state events, fair, etc.

EVERYTHING YOU DID THROUGHOUT YOUR YEAR IN 4-H.

Also include what you found most enjoyable about the 4-H Year, what you found was most difficult and what you learned!



Helpful Tips to make



Record Books a Stress Free Task:

- Pick one project to work on per night, this will help you to not get overwhelmed.
- Keep a file folder for each project throughout the year. Add any receipts, pictures, and notes about funny or important things that might have happened to help you write your story.
- Start keeping up with records at the start of every 4-H Year to help minimize the stress at the end of the year.
- 4-H Story: start by introducing yourself, add your age, where you live, what club you belong to and why you joined 4-H. Tell a little bit about your projects, what you learned in your projects, what your goals with your projects were, if you accomplished your goals, and what you found difficult about your projects. Talk about any 4-H activities (state, county, or club level) that helped you become a better citizen/leader. Finish off with what you plan to achieve the next 4-H year. Stories can be up to 4 pages, but no shorter than 1 page.



CALENDAR



Sept. 30- Oct. 5- Eastern New Mexico State Fair

October 1- 2024-2025 4-H Enrollment Begins

October 31- 2023-2024 Record Books DUE

November 2- Council Meeting, 9AM

November 9- Adult Forum, ABQ

November 19-21- 4-H Agent In-Service, Ruidoso

November 27-29- Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 25 - Senior Leadership Retreat Registration DUE

December 23-January 5- Extension Office Closed for Winter Holidays

February 5, 2025 - 4-H Day at the Roundhouse - Santa Fe, NM

March 1, 2025 - 2024-2025 4-H Enrollments DUE

March 7-9 - FCS School - Albuquerque, NM

March 21, 2025 - YGA Registration DUE

April 11-13, 2025 - Youth Get-Away - Glorieta, NM

May 1-4, 2025 - State Shoot - Raton, NM

June 9, 2025 - State 4-H Conference Registration DUE

July 7-10, 2025 - State 4-H Conference - Las Cruces, NM

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