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NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

2025

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 Friday, October 31st, 2025. 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.

State Fair Exhibits are ready for pick up at the Extension office!

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

— Martin Luther King Jr.



UPCOMING DATES

9/29-10/4 - Eastern NM State Fair

10/1 - Open Enrollment for 2025-2026

10/8 - Fair Board Meeting

10/15 - Record Book Workshop

10/31 - Record Books Due

10/06 - Rylee Gallagher

10/10 - Josey Dunavan

10/13 - Liliana Kiesling

Happy Birthday!

10/23-Nijah Jackson-Waldroupe

10/29 -Preston Fuller

C L U B

REPORTS

MT. DORA

The meeting was called to order on September 7, 2025, at 2:36 at the Union County extension office. The pledges were led by Jaiden Scott, Zoey McDade, and Aysa Maez. Those present were Zoey McDade, Dameon Mcdade, Aysa Maez, Deagan Maez, and Jaiden Scott. Everyone stayed for a snack, drink, and a game. Next meeting we are going to elect new officers.

Mt. Dora 4-H Club Reporter
Layla Maestas

FOLSOM

Our Meeting was held on September 15, 2025. The Cloverbuds made fish hands which were super cute! We talked about our fundraiser and National 4-H week which we decided to do 4-H suckers. Council meeting is coming up soon so if you would like to attend go for it. For our next meeting we will have elections so if you want to be an officer start thinking about it. Also make sure you are working on you record books. Our next meeting will be on the 20th of October.

Folsom 4-H Club Reporter
Molly Jeffers

CLUB

REPORTS

ROCK N RIDE

On September 15th, 2025 at 5:30 pm Rock n Ride 4-H club held a meeting. We went over everyone's state fair accomplishments. Our next meeting will be our club officer elections in October. Deadline for officers elections enrollment is October 6th. Record books are due October 15th. Meeting ended at 5:45 pm. People who hadn't presented their projects presented after the meeting.

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

HAPPY ROCK

*Happy Rock 4-H Club Reporter
Monty Crisp*

F O L S O M

CLOVERBUDS FISH PUPPETS PROJECT



CLAYTON

CLOVERBUDS PAPER SCARECROWS PROJECT



Important Info

SAVE
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EASTERN NM STATE FAIR

September 29-
October 4, 2025
Roswell, NM

SAVE
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DATE

4-H OPEN
ENROLLMENT
2025/2026

October 1st 2025

OPEN!



SAVE THE DATE

NM 4-H Adult
Retreat
November 8, 2025
Albuquerque, NM

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom

October 13th, 2025
Time: 5:00pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Happy Rock

October 12th, 2025
Time: 4pm
Annex Room

Cloverbuds

October 16th, 2025
Time: 5:45pm
Annex Room

Folsom

Cloverbuds

October 13th, 2025
Time: 4:30pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Mt. Dora

October 12th, 2025
Time: 2:00pm
Annex Room

Rock 'N' Ride

October 13th, 2025
Time: 5:30pm
Annex Room

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

DUE DATE!!!

REMINDER

Record Books
October 31st

DUE

Important Info

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RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP!!

SAVE
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5:00PM

October 15, 2025

Extension Office

SAVE THE DATE

**Union County
4-H WEEK!**

**November 17-21
2025**

SAVE THE DATE

**Senior Leader
Retreat**

January 23-25, 2026

Las Cruces, NM

**Registration Due
December 1st 2025**

FAIR BOARD

October 8th

6PM

Extension Office



NMSU Aggies Corner

Tip of the Month

**October – Start Planning Financially
College is an investment—and NMSU is
committed to making it affordable.**

**Completing your FAFSA and scholarship
applications early gives you the best shot at
financial aid. Learn about your options at
fa.nmsu.edu.**

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>



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!

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



Competition vs. Completion

**A record book to be considered
“COMPETITION” should have the
following and in this order:**

1. Cover
2. Members Photo— including Name, Club, Number of years in 4-H, 4-H year and Age
3. Table Of Contents
4. Union County 4-H Report form: Filled out according to participation in 4-H program. Signatures of member, parent, & Leader
5. Year end story—Should cover all activities in 4-H, projects, community service, everything you did, what you learned etc.. Up to 4 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 livestock & horse record sheets a separate information sheet will be made available for all projects.

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- Project—this form has columns for goals, knowledge & skills , & accomplishments for this project.
 - Participation in project activities
7. Project photos after each record form—up to 3 pages front and back caption the photos
 8. Newspaper clippings—up to 3 pages front & back, may be shingled.
 9. General Photos—Not project pictures—examples : club picnic, district contest activities etc. They need to be captioned and you can have up to 3 pages front & back

All record sheets must meet the minimum requirements as stated in each project book to be considered for competition. IF ANY PORTION of the record book is late to your leader it WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE & YOU WILL NOT COMPLETE FOR THE YEAR.

Completion Record Books

FOR COMPLETION Record book ONLY:

The following must be completed: A, B, C, D to be considered complete.

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

A summary of the way your RECORD BOOK needs to be put together:

A. 1st-3rd year members need a 3 ring binder. 4th year members and up will receive a green hard cover from the Extension Office.

B. Photo Page- with name, age, years in 4-H, 4-H year, and 4-H club you are in.

C. Union County Report Form

D. 4-H Story- **Must be at least 1 single page, single spaced and hand written. All projects MUST be discussed in the year end story.**

The story should talk about their whole 4-H year - projects, community service, leadership, banquet, club and county responsibilities, fun events, contests everything that happened during the year in 4-H.

What was the most enjoyable thing that happened in their project and/or year and what was the most difficult.

If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 374-9361.

IF ANY PORTION of the record book is late to your leader it WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE & YOU WILL NOT COMPLETE FOR THE YEAR.



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.



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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

Visit NMSU 4-H Website for more info!



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**2025 New Mexico State 4-H
Buckles will be available for order!**

**Next order will be placed on
November 1, 2025!**

**See details and order form on the
website home page.**

Order Form

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State _____ Zip_____

Phone_____

Number of Buckles _____

Buckles are \$80 a each x ___\$80___

Total \$_____

Payment can be made with a check or money order. Make checks or money orders payable to the NM State 4-H Foundation.

Buckle size is 3in H X 4in L

Please send order form and payment to NM State 4-H Office, PO Box 30003, MSC 3AE, Las Cruces, NM 88003 **Allow 4-6 weeks for production and shipping.**

Profits will benefit the NM State 4-H Leadership Team.

Please Note

Orders will be placed with Rowdy Silver Custom Designs on the following dates: March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1.

Please allow four to six weeks for production and shipping from these order dates not the date your personal order was received. Any orders received after a listed date will be placed on the following date.



CALENDAR



September 29-October 4 - Eastern NM State Fair
October 1 - Enrollment for 2025-2026 Year Begins
October 8 - Fair Board Meeting
October 15 - Record Book Workshop
October 31 - Record Books DUE
November 8 - NM 4-H Adult Retreat
November 17-21 - Union County 4-H Week
November 26-30 - Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving
December 23-January 5 - Extension Office Closed for Winter Holidays
January 21-23 - Senior Leadership Retreat - Las Cruces
March - FCS School - ABQ
March 16 - Enrollment Forms DUE
April - Youth Get-Away - Glorieta
April 15 - Add/Drop Forms DUE

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