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NEWSLETTER

MAY

2025

"Be miserable. Or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it's always your choice." –Wayne Dyer

May has literally blown right on in, unfortunately. Hopefully we will start to get the rain we need. We will be starting Judging Practices this month, Open Judging Practices, Livestock Judging and Horse Bowl Practices will all be at the Extension Office. All contest participants must make two practices in each contest if they plan on competing at county contest. All judges have to compete at County Contest in order to move on. Practice Schedule is on page 10 of this newsletter. Don't forget to thank the coaches who are taking time out of their day to volunteer for us.

We had 8 of our 4-H'ers attend YGA this year and Riata Valdez served as a Counselor and Raley Valdez served as CIT-Councilor in Training! They all had a blast meeting new 4-H'ers from other counties and were able to attend many different workshops! We cannot say thank you enough to Talisha Valdez, Kristy and Justin Bennett for volunteering to be chaperones and helping haul our youth to YGA!

This year we will be having a TAG-IN for Swine, Lambs and Goats June 10th in Des Moines at 4pm and June 12th at the Fair Grounds in Clayton at 4pm. If you are planning on attending Jackpots before June 10th please let Kylie or Talisha know. Please have all the appropriate papers that are needed & money to pay for tags & inspections at that time.

Stay tuned for upcoming information on Cloverbud Camp, Baking Workshops and the Welcome to 4-H Workshop.



UPCOMING DATES

5/1 - Yearling Prospect Horse Papers DUE

5/1-4 - State Shoot in Raton

5/9 - Heritage Buckle Applications Due

5/27 - Novice/Junior County Shoot

- 5/5 - Kalen Bennett
- 5/9 - Ty Forrest
- 5/17 - Adali Ballesteros
- 5/17 - Raylee Durate
- 5/22 - Conlan Arnett

Happy Birthday!

- 5/22 - Charlie Arnett
- 5/23 - Aly Crisp
- 5/26 - Levi Posey
- 5/26 - Emmy Lou Paine
- 5/27 - Wes Hittson
- 5/29 - Reese Higgins

C L U B

REPORTS

MT. DORA

The meeting was called to order on 4/6/2025 at 2:36 at the Union County Extension Office. Pledges were led. Roll Call was answered with “If you could have a superpower, what would it be?” Those present were Damian McDade, Zoey McDade, Raley Valdez, Riata Valdez, Aysa Maez, Layla Maestas, Liam Maestas, Adali Ballesteros, Jaiden Scott and Rylee Gallagher. We discussed our ceramics since they got sent to the wrong place, YGA, Dino Days, and our annual demonstrations. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57. Everyone stayed for a snack, drink, and a game.

**Mt. Dora 4-H Club Reporter
Layla Maestas**

FOLSOM

This month our meeting was held on the 21st. Our clover buds made easter caterpillars out of left over easter eggs. We also had three people do demonstrations. First up was Asa, his demonstration was on the body parts of a goat. Which was very interesting. Up next was Hunter who showed us how to build a bee hive. Then last but not least was Laney. Her demonstration was on how to lift the hind leg of a horse. Our next meeting will be held on May 12th.

***Folsom 4-H Club Reporter
Molly Jeffers***

CLUB

REPORTS

ROCK N RIDE

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

HAPPY ROCK

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Important Info

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Swine, Sheep, Goat Tag-In

Des Moines: June 10th, 4pm-7pm in the School Parking Lot

Clayton: June 12th, 4pm-7pm at the Fair Grounds

Tags: \$5/each. Please bring tag money and inspection money.

Fair Board Meeting

May 6th

6PM

Union County
Extension Office

All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

State 4-H Conference

July 7-10, 2025

Las Cruces, NM

Registration Due June 11.

CLUB MEETING TIMES & DATES

Folsom

May 12th, 2025
Time: 5:00pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Folsom Cloverbuds

May 12th, 2025
Time: 4:30pm
Baptist Church
Des Moines

Happy Rock

May 11th, 2025
Time: 2pm
Annex Room

Mt. Dora

May 4th, 2025
Time: 2:30pm
Annex Room

Cloverbuds

May 15th, 2025
Time: 5:45pm
Annex Room

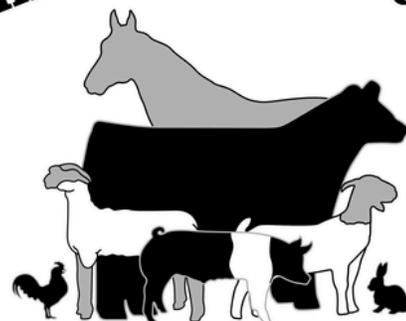
Rock 'N' Ride

May 12th, 2025
Time: 5:30pm
Annex Room

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

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Union County Fair



August 6-9, 2025

Important Info

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COUNTY SHOOT

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May 27th

(Novice/Juniors)

Stephen M. Bush Memorial Range

SAVE THE DATE!

NORTHEASTERN
4-H DISTRICT
SHOOTING
SPORTS CONTEST

June 10, 2025
Whittington Center
Raton, NM

SAVE THE DATE

District Contest
June 24-25, 2025
Taos, NM

Novice & Junior Members ONLY.
MUST COMPETE AT COUNTY CONTEST.

SAVE THE DATE

County Contest
June 4th & 5th

Stay tuned for
practice schedules

Council Meeting:
June 5th at 5:30pm
Extension Office

SHOOTING Sports

STATE SHOOT

SENIORS ONLY

MAY 1-4, 2025
Whittington Center
Raton, NM

RIFLE PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Bush Memorial Range (Clayton)

May 18: 1:00PM-2:30PM (Novice)

May 18: 3:00PM-4:30PM (Junior)

May 25: 1:00PM-2:30PM (Novice)

May 25: 3:00PM-4:30PM (Junior)

June 8: 1:00PM-2:30PM (Novice)

June 8: 3:00PM-4:30PM (Junior)

I must have the Union County shooting Sports Code of Conduct(which is attached) turned into my office or Eric BEFORE you SHOOT!

2025 4-H Contest Practice Schedule

(Revised 04/2025)

| Livestock Judging | Horse Judging | Horse Bowl |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 8 (4:15pm) • May 14 • May 21 • May 28 <p>Novice/Juniors: 3:30PM</p> <p>Experienced Juniors/Seniors 30-45minutes after</p> <p>Extension Office Coached by Paiton Owensby</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 1 • May 7 • May 15 • May 22 • May 29 <p>4:30pm</p> <p>Extension Office Coached by Bethany Posey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 7 • May 14 • May 21 • May 28 <p>4:00pm</p> <p>Extension Office Coached by Kylie Armstrong</p> |

Open Practices -

1:30pm-5:00pm

(at the Extension Office)

- May 7
- May 14
- May 21
- May 28

If you plan on judging any "open" contest:

- meats
- livestock skill- a- thon
- horticulture
- entomology
- FCS skill- a- thon
- any other practice not listed above

If these dates for open practice do not work for you please let me know and we can figure out other times you can come in I just need a heads up!!!!

Favorite foods, Fashion Revue, Presentations, Talent are all on your own, I have attached the District Handbook on Rules for NOVICE AND JUNIOR members only. State rules for SENIORS have to be looked up individually, if you need those let me know and I will get them to you.

Just a reminder you must make two practices if you want to participate in county, district or state contest, the more practices you attend the better you will do. In order to compete at county, district, and state contests you must attend 2 practices and must participate at county contest(unless otherwise stated).

County Contest sign up is June 1st.

County Contest dates are June 4th and 5th.

Union County Shooting Sports Code of Conduct Form

2024/2025

The 4-H member must read, sign, and return this form to the Extension Office.

1. Know and obey all range commands.
2. Guns and magazines are to be unloaded except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
3. Arrows will not be knocked until on the firing line.
4. All .22 rifles and shotguns must have a safety device. Muzzleloaders will remain uncapped until the firing line. The safety will remain on, or in a safe condition, at all times except when ready to fire.
5. All firearms will be pointed, and bows drawn in a safe direction at all times.
6. Actions of uncased firearms must always be open except when on the firing line, ready to fire.
7. Only one shell or cartridge may be placed in a gun at a time, unless otherwise specified in the rules for the activity.
8. **Participants/Observers must wear adequate eye and ear protection while on the firing line. Closed toed shoes are mandatory. No sandals, flip flops, or crocs.**
9. All 4-Hers, parents and guests should abide by the 4-H dress code requiring shorts that are mid-thigh in length, no spaghetti or strapless shirts, no mid-drifts showing, and no offensive sayings on the shirts. Jeans are to be worn for Rifle and Shotgun.
10. Respect the volunteer leaders and all adult. Pay attention when they are speaking, do not visit during instruction time, do not speak unkindly to adults, and by doing as you are asked.
11. The use of iPods and texting on cell phones will not be permitted during practices.
12. I have successfully completed a Hunter's Safety Program and have my hunter's safety card. The number is _____
13. Or date attend mandatory 1st year shooting safety meeting _____

4-H Member

Parent/Guardian



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\$65 PER HEAD
10 HEAD MINIMUM





SWINE, GOAT & LAMB JACKPOT

MAY 23 & 24 2025

NIGHTTIME JACKPOT
TOURNAMENT SHOW
FRIDAY, MAY 23RD
MAY EVENT
SATURDAY, MAY 24TH • 10AM

WES IVANS • 575.513.2711
SHARA IVANS • 575.512.6284

EASTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIRGROUNDS
ROSWELL, NM



SWINE, GOAT & LAMB JACKPOT

MAY 31 2025
CASH & SHOW
RINGS TO BE OPENED BY RING B
SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
CHECK IN 8AM
SHOW 10AM

KEVIN KLEIN • 575.317.4842

EDDY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
ARTESIA, NM

SUMMERTIME SHOWDOWN
JUNE 13-15TH
The one you wont wanna miss!
Hogs ONLY - Farmington, NM

Lincoln County War Jackpot

Goat & Sheep Show

2 Rings

Saturday June 14, 2025

Pig Show
2 Rings

Sunday June 15, 2025

Mark Your Calendars
and Stay Tuned for More
Information!
Open to NM Residents Only

Lincoln County Fairgrounds
Capitan, NM

ROOSEVELT COUNTY 11th ANNUAL ALL-AMERICAN CLASSIC GOAT & LAMB JACKPOT
Saturday, July 5, 2025



Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
Cost \$30.00 a Head per Ring
\$5.00 per head clean-up fee!

There will be Two Shows for both Goats and Lambs
There will also be two Wether Doe Shows and two Wether Dam Shows!!!

Weigh in Starts at 6:30 AM (MST). Scales will Close at 8:30 AM (MST)
The show starts at 9:30 AM (MST)

100% Cash Payback and T-shirts for all exhibitors
For more information, contact:
Wes Weems (875) 512-5832 (Goats)
Shawn Burrow (806) 683-9502 (Sheep)



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Northern Livestock Schools

SAVE THE DATES 2025

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| MAY 17 | SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: RABBIT Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office |  |
| MAY 18 | SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: POULTRY Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office |  |
| JUNE 20 & 21 | NORTHERN LIVESTOCK SCHOOL Location: Torrance County Fair Grounds |  |



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TAG IN DATES

LAMBS, GOATS, SWINE



June 10th from 4-7pm
Des Moines
School Parking Lot

June 12th from 4-7pm
Clayton
Union County Fair Grounds

Need Tagged for Jackpots call Talisha to set up time 575-760-8685

Please contact the office or email Talisha and let us know what tag in you will be attending!
talisfra@nmsu.edu or 575-374-9361

Northern Livestock School JUNE 20 & 21, 2025

AT THE TORRANCE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN ESTANCIA, NM

TRACK SELECTION: LAMBS, MEAT GOATS, & SWINE
REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1ST AND CLOSSES JUNE 6TH

REGISTER ONLINE:

[HTTPS://FS28.FORMSITE.COM/KALANDER/14NKILZQLX/INDEX](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/14nkilzqlx/index)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00
LUNCH PROVIDED ON SATURDAY FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS (ADDITIONAL MEALS CAN BE ADDED SEE REGISTRATION LINK FOR DETAILS)
DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE



CHECK IN BEGINS: 10:00 A.M.
INSTRUCTION BEGINS: 1:00 P.M.
ONCE REGISTERED YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH CONFIRMATION AND FULL DETAILS



For more information contact Kathy Landers at 505-863-3432 or Sierra Cain at

505-565-3002

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NORTHERN NEW MEXICO 4-H

DISTRICT 4-H CONTESTS

JUNE 24-25, 2025
TAOS, NM

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON

Consumer Decision Making
Entomology
FCS Skill-a-Thon
Fashion Review
Favorite Foods
Horse Bowl
Horse Judging

Horticulture
Livestock Judging
Livestock Skill-a-Thon
Public Speaking
Talent
Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
Hippology
Meats ID

OFF THE RAILS PIG JACKPOT

Judges:
Ring A/Showmanship
Garrett Cox
Ring B
Jarrett Davis

JUNE 6TH AND 7TH CLOVIS, NM

Online registration ONLY. Also open to out of state

**JUNE 6TH:
SHOWMANSHIP**
Starts at 6:00
\$20 to enter
Novice 8-11
Junior 12-14
Senior 15-18

Barn opens at
2:00 p.m. on the
6th

Contact Walon Jones at
575-799-0107 for more
info or any question

**JUNE 7TH:
RING A AND B**
Ring A starts at
9:30
Ring B will start
30 minutes after
ring A ends

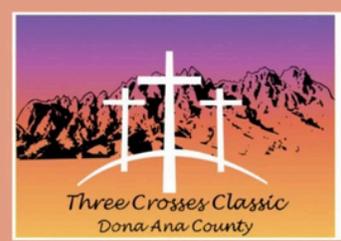
6 Breeds. Gilts
and Barrows will
show together

\$30 per pen
Two pigs per
pen

Prizes:
Buckles
Banners
Cash
\$100 per spot
for trailers

\$35 per ring
Must show in ring A to
show in ring B.

Follow OFF The
Rails Pig Jackpot
on Facebook for
more info!



Three Crosses Classic
Dona Ana County

**Sheep, Goat & Swine
JACKPOT**
TWO RINGS ~ ONE DAY
JUNE 21, 2025

Swine Showmanship will start at 8 am.
followed by the Swine shows in Ring A &
B. Immediately following the Swine show.
Sheep will start in Ring A and Goats will
start in Ring B

Declare weights and breeds. Livestock
must have the correct phenotypic look of
the breed they are entered in.

Class Placings Payouts with banners
for the Top 5 and Buckles to the
showmanship winners!



Dona Ana County Fairgrounds
Las Cruces, NM
\$35/Head/Ring - \$10 Showmanship

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY!
Entries open June 8th and will close
June 19th at 7:00 pm. Enter at :
<http://nmjackpotshows.fairentry.com>

Pre-pay with Venmo @Lisa-Boulware-4

- Generators are encouraged, limited electricity available.
- Have appropriate hauling papers.
- Overnight pens available after 5:00 pm on Friday.
- Showmanship ages will be based on 4-H Age: Cloverbud, Novice, Jr, Sr.
- Food options will be available on grounds.
- Please clean up any bedding and trash prior to departure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Teresa Dean 575-835-8043
Lisa Boulware 505-414-7895

Sponsored By:



RV SPOTS
Go to ezstall.com. On the search
bar, type Dona Ana County
Fairgrounds, then hit Book Now,
type in your Check-in & Check
Out dates, then select RV
Hookups and select a spot. You'll
then pay with a credit card and
then you'll receive a receipt. That
receipts will have a code to get in
the gate in case it's locked.

TUCUMCARI, NM
PIGS - JUNE 20TH
LAMBS & GOATS - JUNE 21ST

RAWHIDE DAYS JACKPOT!

PIG, LAMB & GOAT

FRIDAY 6/20

- 3:30 MST Move In
- 5:00 Weights Due
- 6:00 Show Starts
Roll from Ring A to B

SAT. 6/21

- 7:00 AM Move In
- 9:00 Weights Due
- 10:00 Lambs Start
- 10:30 Goats Start

SHOWN BY:
PIGS: BREED/WEIGHT
LAMBS: BREED/WEIGHT
GOATS: WEIGHT
(3 TO MAKE A BREED)

SHOW OFF THE TRAILER, BRING
A GENERATOR
Minimal pens available!

**100%
PAYBACK**

\$35 Pre-Entry
\$40 Day Of
\$15/Pen
(No Shavings Allowed)

Concession Ran By:
Info Coming Soon!

Alan Daugherty:
575-760-5610
Kelly Jo Parkey:
575-760-1994

**1004
Camino Del
Coronado**

Copper Classic Jackpot

Cliff, NM

Buckles

AUGUST 2-3, 2025
August 2nd - Pigs & Cattle
August 3rd - Sheep & Goats
BARN OPENS FRIDAY, AUGUST 1@ 1 PM

Banners

Early Entry:
\$35/Head-Sheep, Goats, Pigs
\$45/Head-Steers & Heifers

Day Of:
\$45/Head-Sheep, Goats, Pigs
\$55/Head-Steers & Heifers

Prizes

RV Spots Available

Vendors

Showmanship* \$15 - 100% Payout

*AGES WILL BE:
Pee-wee: 5-8
Novice: 9-11
Juniors: 12-13
Seniors: 14-19

For More Information Contact:
Jessica Swapp-Massengill @ 575-649-3598
Mikey Lopez @ 575-654-5025 or
email: yekimsc1@gmail.com



New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association 2025 Agriculture Heritage Essay Contest



Entry Form

Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contest Rules:

1. Must be **between age 9 and 15 years old**
2. Essay must be 200 to 500 words explaining **“What new innovative technologies or practices would you implement to address the current or future needs of agriculture?”**
3. Deadline: All Essays MUST be received in the NMCGA office NO LATER than **May 9 , 2025**
4. Applicants understand any essay received may be used by NMCGA for publication.
5. NMCGA board members along with county fair board members and the sponsor will determine the recipient. Winners selected by response to the written essay prompt.
6. Buckles and one year membership will be awarded at your county fair. Winners are automatically entered in the overall state winner contest for a \$1,000 scholarship.
7. Previous year winners are not eligible to compete. Previous winners must set out 1 year before entering a second time.

Submit Essays to:

By mail:
NMCGA / PO Box 850 / Moriarty, NM 87035

By email: nmcgaheritage@gmail.com



CALENDAR



May 1 - Yearling Horse Prospect Papers Due

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

May 27 - NOVICE/JUNIOR County Shoot

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

June 10, 2025 - District Shoot - Whittington Center - Raton, NM

June 13, 2025 - State Conference Registration DUE

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

August 6-9, 2025 - Union County Fair

August 22, 2025 - NMSF Indoor Exhibit Entries DUE

September 6-14, 2025 - New Mexico State Fair

October 31 - Record Books DUE

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Contest Practice Schedule

2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|----------|
| | | | | 1 Horse Judging 4:30PM | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Horse Bowl 4:00PM Horse Judging 4:30PM Open Contests 1:30-5PM | 8 Livestock Judging 4:15PM | 9 | 10 |
| State Shoot | | | | | S t a t e S h o o t | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Livestock Judging 3:30PM Open Contests 1:30-5PM | 15 Horse Bowl 4:00PM Horse Judging 4:30PM | 16 | 17 |
| Mother's Day | | | | | | |
| 18 Rifle Practice N-1PM J-3PM | 19 | 20 | 21 Livestock Judging 3:30PM Open Contests 1:30-5PM | 22 Horse Bowl 4:00PM Horse Judging 4:30PM | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Rifle Practice N-1PM J-3PM | 26 Memorial Day Office Closed | 27 N/J County Shoot | 28 Livestock Judging 3:30PM Open Contests 1:30-5PM | 29 Horse Bowl 4:00PM Horse Judging 4:30PM | 30 | 31 |