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Your Source for 4-H News and Events

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Dear 4-Her's, Parents, and Leaders,

How is it possible that January has already come and gone. Welcome February!! We have already had a busy year and February is filling up quickly so be sure to mark your calendars with all the important dates!

Don't forget to turn in your new enrollments by Thursday March 28th! You don't have to wait until the deadline to turn them in. The sooner you turn in your enrollment, the quicker we can get your project materials to you! Project classes continue to be underway which include quilting, braiding, shooting sports and many many more. Keep checking your newsletter for all those new updates. Information on this month's classes can be found on the County Happenings pages starting on page five.

New Mexico 4-H FCS School of Real Life Skillz is scheduled for March 9-10, 2024 in Albuquerque, NM. Mark your calendars now and plan to join members from around the state to gather skills in baking, sewing, outdoor cooking, ceramics, STEAM, and more. Registration is out and will close February 2nd.

The Sweetheart Dance is on February 17th at the Farm and Livestock Bureau Building at the fairgrounds from 8 - 11:00 pm. So put on your dancing shoes and come enjoy a night with your 4-H family! If you are a Sweetheart or Beau, please be at the dance by 8:45 pm as we will do introductions starting at 9 pm!

Fair time will be here before we know it, so start preparing to buy your show stock. If you need any assistance please call the office. All Livestock updates can be found on [page five](#)

~ Tamara and Drew



County Council Meeting

**Tuesday
Feb. 20th
7:00 pm**

Council officers meet
@ 6:30 pm.

Special program by
State 4-H Officer



Sweetheart Dance

**Date: Saturday February 17, 2024
8:00-11:00pm**

ENMSF- Farm & Livestock Bureau Building

Club Work Schedule

Time	Refreshments	Door/Chaperones
8:00-9:00	Diamond H	Shepherd's Flock
9:00-10:00	Rustic Arrows	Kountry Kids
10:00-11:00	Valley Rascals	LB/OC
Clean Up	Berrendo	Barn Buddies



Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS

**Music and Sound
February 2024
(during club meetings)**



Project Meeting Months!

February
April
June
August
October
December

**Questions?
Please call,
575-622-3210**

The Chaves County 4-H Cloverbuds allow 5-8 year olds to participate in their own projects! We do activities associated with the 4-H Cloverbud projects & other fun learning activities!

4-H Cloverbud Participation

PURPOSE OF THE CLOVERBUD PROGRAM:

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of kindergarten through 2nd graders by providing a unique educational opportunity. Children in these grades are a distinct audience for 4-H, with unique learning characteristics and developmental needs that are different from older children and youth served through 4-H membership. As a result, the 4-H Cloverbuds program is designed with specific educational objectives and program policies focused on the kindergarten-2nd grade child.

Reminder: Cloverbuds in Chaves County have their own age appropriate projects in which they are enrolled. Chaves County Cloverbuds meet every other month to develop life skills and complete their projects during county club meetings, where 4-H project workshops (sewing, leathercraft, dog, shooting sports, etc.) are scheduled for traditional members (those who are 8 and in the 3rd grade or 9 to 18.) The Cloverbud program is a great opportunity and makes it easier for our Cloverbuds to transition into becoming a traditional 4-H member.

Little Books Little Cooks

It's Back!!! The Little Books Little Cooks program is specifically for Cloverbuds and their friends (don't have to be enrolled to participate). Save the Date and plan to join us Saturday February 24th at 11:30 for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummys and enjoy friends. Please RSVP by February 16th.

Cloverbuds...

Cloverbuds meet in conjunction with our regularly scheduled 4-H club meetings. Choose a club from the back of the newsletter, that works with your family's schedule and/or has friends/family, to attend once a month.

Attend meetings monthly or just during the even months when Cloverbuds breakout and have their own project meeting!

Other opportunities with parent participation:

- 4-H Day at the Library
- Sweetheart Dance
- Braiding



GENERAL INFORMATION



4-H MEMBER AGES FOR 2023-2024 4-H YEAR

CLOVERBUDS: 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (Born in 2016, 2017, or 2018 or 2019)

NOVICE: 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade. (Born in 2013, 2014, 2015 OR born in 2016 AND in 3rd grade)

JUNIOR: 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade. (Born in 2011, 2012 or born in 2013 AND in the 6th grade)

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade (Born in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or born 2011 AND in 8th grade)

Youth who are 19 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year (2024) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 2005 or before, you are too old for the 2023-2024 4-H year. BUT, we would love to have you as a leader/volunteer!

Please Read!

'23-'24 4-H Enrollment Continues!

IMPORTANT!

October 1st starts the new 4-H year.

You MUST be enrolled each year!

FIRST - According to State 4-H policy, a 4-H member shall attend at least 40% of all club meetings and activities. Clubs may have more stringent rules, according to their bylaws. This means that you must regularly attend 4-H club meetings and activities to reap the benefits of 4-H, such as exhibiting at the fairs. This rule is designed to encourage youth to actively participate in 4-H activities to gain more from the 4-H program! If a 4-H member does not meet this requirement, you will not be a member in good standing.

SECOND - The enrollment deadline is March 31, 2024. 4-H members must enroll by the deadline in order to participate in County, State, and Eastern Fairs. This deadline is designed to encourage youth to enroll earlier and have more time to participate in their club and county 4-H activities. Enrolling early will enable you to get your project information quicker.

We are very excited for our new 4-H year!

Please feel free to call Tamara or Drew if you have any questions.



Ha!
Ha!
Ha!

Laugh of the Month
What did the mama cow say to the baby cow?
It's pasture your bedtime!

Chaves County 4-H Attendance

The Ext. Office is continuing to keep track of attendance based on club sign-in sheets.

In order for members to participate in the 4-H events (State Shoot, District Contest, State Conference, County Fair etc.) they will need to be active in their club meetings and activities.

Club leaders will be signing off on member eligibility to attend these events so make sure you attend your meetings.

If you have any questions please contact Tamara at the Ext. Office (575-622-3210).



Who's reading their newsletter?

Each month there will be a hidden clover with 2-C's, for Chaves County, in the middle.

Find the clover, call the Ext. Office and reveal your answer. The **first 5 people** to call the office with the correct answer will be put into a drawing for a special prize.



The January Clover was located on page 7

Congratulations to spotted December's clover!

Taitanna Thompson



EVENTS AND DEADLINES



day at the



Come Explore Finger Knitting!!

Roswell: Wednesday, February 14 @ 3pm

Hagerman: Wednesday, February 21 @ 3:30pm

Supplies will be provided

Open to ALL youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends! Do not have to be enrolled to participate!

SAVE THE DATE

County Contest

May 6-10, 2024

details will follow in the March Newsletter

Extension Club Scholarship

Due April 19, 2024

The Almeda Goolsby Scholarship...

Amount: \$500 per academic year. Applicant must be an enrolling Freshman or Sophomore in any New Mexico accredited college, university, or accredited vocational school/program of the applicant's choice.

The Jewell Limacher Scholarship...

Amount: \$500 per academic year. Applicant must be an upper classman (Junior or Senior) at New Mexico State University with a grade point average of 2.5 or better.

Please contact the office for full details or check out the Scholarship Notebook located in the reception area.

The Scholarship Notebook contains information on a variety of scholarships for high school seniors involved in Chaves County 4-H and FFA. Now is the time to start filling out applications.



PROJECT WORKDAYS



Chaves County 4-H Project Workshops are for enrolled 4-H members. If you have friends/family wishing to participate, please have them enroll in our program first!

Quilting Workshop

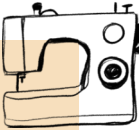
Join us for Quilting Workshops. Members will need to bring their own fabric, batting and thread. All meetings will be in the Ext. Auditorium. If you missed the pre meeting please get with Tamara for patterns before attending your first workshop.

Mondays

February 12th & 19th 3:30 to 5:00

Wednesday

February 7th & 28th 2:30 to 5:00



With Tamara

Calling all youth interested in 4-H Clothing and Construction Projects

NEW UPDATE

Pre Meeting

Friday, February 23, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

Come learn about upcoming sewing labs and project requirements

Sewing Labs

Wednesday

March 6th, 27th 2:30 pm

April 3rd, 24th 2:30pm

Monday

March 11th, 18th 3:30 pm



Braiding Workshops

**FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND
MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH**

3:30PM-5:00PM

You will need to bring:
10 yards of parachute chord
(5 yards of two colors helps)

Roswell Livestock: carries a variety and will cut length to customer needs.
Hobby Lobby/Walmart: Carry pre cut and pre packaged

Leader: Arlene Rowland

For questions call 575-637-5618 or email atrowland73@gmail.com

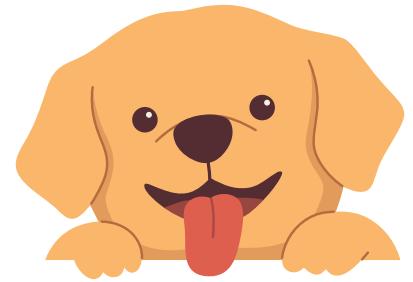




LIVESTOCK UPDATES

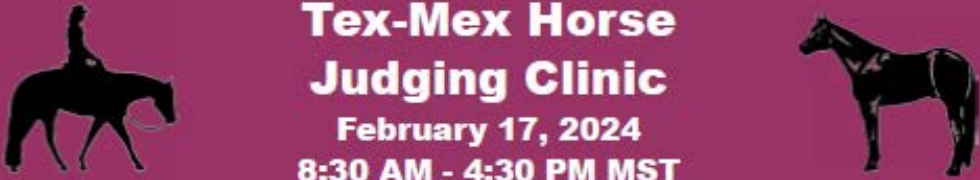


WT Paul Engler College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY.



Last Dog workshop of the Season.

Feb 1st
ENMSF Commerical Building
6:00pm



Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic
February 17, 2024
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST

Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2024 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 12/15/23 and closes at 5pm on 2/6/24.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Petry, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach at cpetry@wtamu.edu

Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist at jturner@nmsu.edu

Topics

- Halter
- Western Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle
- Ranch Riding
- Notes
- Reasons
- Scoring

Livestock Inspection

\$5 plus (If at tag in days)
\$0.16/hd sheep & goats OR
\$1/hd swine OR
\$0.50/hd cattle

***A Form 1 Inspection is required for ALL livestock bearing the 2024 Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag, whether movement is in district or out of district.**

Livestock Judging Practice

**Monday, February 19th
4:30 pm Ext. Kitchen.**

Do You Want To Be A Member Of Chaves County 4-H Livestock Judging Team?

To be a part of the team you must attend 75% of the meetings as well as make it to any camps or competitions to be eligible to judge as a team at state level.

Interested in learning more about livestock judging? Join us each month on the 3rd Monday of the month to prepare for the upcoming judging season!

Horse Project Participants

Horse Certificates need to be turned in by May 1st at the Extension Office.

A horse certificate is needed for any horse that may be used as a Horse project for the 2023-2024 year.

Forms can be found at the Office or online:
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/livestock.html>





Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

Senior: 7th, 21th @ 5:00 pm

N/ JR 14th, 28st 5:00 pm

@ ENMSF - Southside

11th and 25th @ 1:00 pm

Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122
Kennon Swinney 575-973-0959

Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Ext Auditorium

12th, 26th @5:30 pm

Drew Garnett 575-840-2302
Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

Shotgun Practice

@ Chaparral Trap Club

10th, 24th 8:00 am

@ Chaparral Skeet Club

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

10th, 24th 8:00 am

Justin Campbell 575-626-0725
Jamie Higgins 575-420-7388

.22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

6th, 27th @ 6:30pm

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

4th- Senior Only

25th @ 1 pm

Shawn Brink 575-420-7005
Melissa Brink 575-910-6693

Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Stay Turned for New
Season Schedule

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

.22 & Air Pistol Practice

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

.22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/ Chisum Cowboys

See you next season!

Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors

Feb 1st, 22nd 5:30pm

Ray Melton 505-660-9852
Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

Shooting Sports Leaders Training

February 17-18, 2024

Albuquerque Shooting Range Park

Registration Deadline February 1st
Cost: \$100 per participant

4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit

March 22-24, 2024

Raton, NM Whittington Center

Applications due in Office no later than
February 1st

NM Game & Fish Hunter Education Course



Plan ahead! If you haven't taken a hunter safety class and would like to participate in Shooting Sports for the 2023-2024 4-H year, check out the options below!

Under 10 years old - Hunter Education Class

Check on the NM Game & Fish website

10 years old and up -

Complete online training!

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/hunter-education/course-schedule/>

Senior County Contests

March 24th	1:00pm	Archery	ENMSF
March 26th	6:30pm	Air Rifle	ENMSF
March 28th		Air Pistol	Killshot
April 13th	8:00am	Shotgun	Chaparral
April 14th	8:00am	Pistol	Roswell Gun
April 14th	1:00 pm	Rifle	Chisum

Be sure that you make at least 4 practices before County Contest. Seniors must compete in County Contest to qualify for State Competition

Seniors
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships
May 2-5, 2024; Raton, NM

SAVE THE DATE

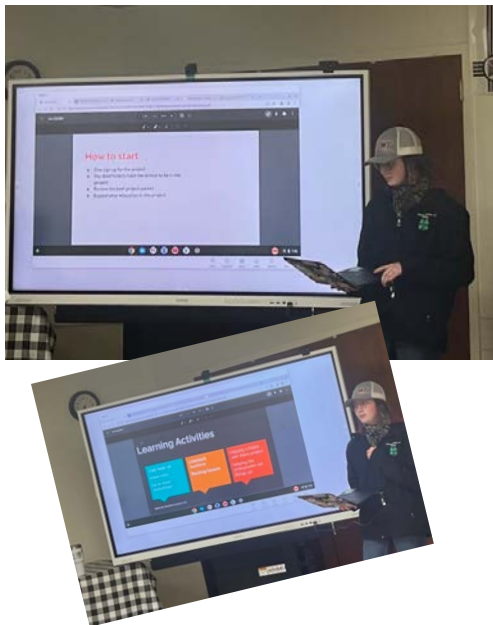


REPORTER'S CORNER



Kountry Kids 4-H Club Reported by: KyMBER Boggs

Hi Kountry Kids 4-H club meeting 1-5-2024. In the meeting, we picked a sweetheart and beau for the sweetheart dance and went over the time and date of the dance, then after we adjourned the meeting we tied blankets for our fun community service project for the homeless.



County Council Reported by: Molly Pirtle

The Chaves County Council called their January meeting to order on January 16, 2024 at 7:02p.m. Our community service report was given by McKenzie Bayes. She said as a county we collected 35 blankets to donate to Harvest Ministries. We had a wonderful program by our Chaves County beef ambassador Bailey Swinney. We had recreation by Josie Pirtle and Jesse Hale. We made origami clovers and wrote a one word resolution on the clovers. For all you who missed this meeting, if you want to deal yourself a winning hand and join in on the fun at the county council meetings our next meeting is February 20, 2024.



Diamond H 4-H Club

For our January meeting the Diamond H Club made tie blankets to donate. We also had demonstrations by Lukas and Carly Montgomery and one of their jersey wooly bunnies. Also, giving a demonstration was Sterling Tivis with help from her sister Sailor and their meat rabbits. From our 4 members we learned differences between the rabbits, how to show them & basic care.



**Berrendo 4-H Club
Reported by: Hunter Therrien
and Tate Smith**

On December 11, 2024 the Berrendo 4-H club met at the Chaves County Extension office. The meeting was called to order by James Forrest at 7pm. Club members selected Alissa Mobley as our club sweetheart and Brycen Doshier as our club beau for the upcoming dance. James Forrest, Janice Forrest, Levi Therrien, Hunter Therrien and Caleb Ross signed up to compete in the National Shooting Sports Quizbowl. The next meeting is February 8th at 7pm at the Extension office. Our guest speaker will be Amie Steen, ICAN Specialist delivering a program on healthy snacking.

The Shepherd's Flock 4-H club called their January meeting to order on January 15, 2024 at 6:32 p.m. The theme of our meeting was crazy socks. We elected our sweetheart and beau for the Valentine's dance. Our sweetheart is Kason Hopper and Wate Finch. We had a demo by Abigail Dodson and Mazie Pirtle on braiding. Our recreation was head, shoulders, knees, and cup. We adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

**Shepherd's Flock 4-H Club
Reported by: Molly Pirtle**

**Barn Buddies 4-H Club
Reported by: Carlette Fox**

For the Barn Buddies January meeting newly elected president Cayson Fox and devoted Vice President Ella Hobbs tan and engaging meeting. The club discussed the color and design for new club t-shirts. The Valentine's Day dance sweetheart and beau were voted upon. Our meeting ended with a fun game from the Pirtle family and delicious snacks from the Tripp family.





2024 National 4-H Conference

Registration opens in February 2024. Funding is available through an application process. Please let Tamara know if interested in attending



Who: Novice and Junior 4-H members
 What: Weekend of fun and hands on workshops
 Date: March 9-10, 2024
 Community Service night March 8th
 Cost: \$60 plus hotel (council will reimburse \$25.00 upon arrival at FCS School)
 Registration Deadline February 2nd
 Seniors may apply to be junior leaders.



What:
Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom

An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.

February 1, 2024

Livestock School 12:15pm

Horse School 12:30pm



Past Take 10's on upcoming events

FCS School: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwOPHH1WUu0&t=10s>

Youth Get Away (Coming up in April): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou1_dyBtYm4

State Leadership Team (Applications come out Feb/ March): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iA0dZSTQ3M&t=1s>



The Fastest Animals in The World!

<https://animalsmart.org/search-results?indexCatalogue=all&searchQuery=fastest%20animals&wordsMode=AllWords>

Some animals move at super speeds through land, air or water. Could you keep up?

The peregrine falcon is the fastest animal in the air! This bird uses gravity to dive toward the ground. Researchers have recorded peregrine falcons diving as quickly as 115 miles per hour. But peregrine falcons don't hit the ground when they dive. At the last second, a peregrine falcon will use its wings to fly upward. This special move lets them catch prey quickly. Pigeons are one of the peregrine falcons' favorite foods.



The cheetah is famous for being the fastest animal on land. Cheetahs can run as fast as 65 miles per hour. That is as fast as a car on the highway! This speed lets the cheetah catch antelope and gazelle on the African savannah. Cheetahs also have long claws that dig into the ground when they run. These claws work like spikes on cleats.

And the sailfish is the fastest animal in water! The sailfish has a sharp, skinny "bill." The bill sticks out like a nose. The shape of the sailfish's bill helps it cut through the water. Sailfish have been recorded swimming as fast as 67 miles per hour. Swimming fast lets the sailfish avoid hungry predators. Sailfish are also known for jumping high out of the water!



NOW
UPDATED!

Access the Chaves County 4-H
Full Year calendar
by going online OR download the app
& enter the link below!

<https://teamup.com/ksmicdqxb4wxbyhsjc>

Keep up with the dates on all
4-H events & activities!



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Look for the
"Events of the Week"
posted on Mondays!



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