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Your Source for 4-H News and Events

January 2024

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County Council
Meeting

Tuesday
Jan. 16th
7:00 pm

Council officers meet
@ 6:30 pm.

New Club Council
Representatives please
make plans to attend. Your
voice matters.

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

Happy New Year!! We are very excited for 2024 and all it's activities! We hope you are as well. We have many things already scheduled, so be sure to mark your calendars. Remember that the Teamup app is a great way to stay up to date this coming year.

The 2023 Achievement Awards Program was a success! Thank you to all who came out and supported our youth. Over \$990.00 was awarded in gift cards to those who turned in record books. You can find more about this year's award winners on page four.

Enrollment is still underway! If you are re-enrolling please do so online as soon as possible. You may contact Pat in the office if needing assistance. Invite your friends that may not be a part of 4-H to join in on the fun this year. Paper enrollments are available in the office.

Many program meetings are set to kick off this month. Keep checking your newsletters for more updates. We will send out any changes via email and social media.

Don't forget our New Year's Dance is Saturday, January 6, 2024 in the Eastern New Mexico State Fairgrounds Farm and Livestock Bureau Building from 8:00-11:00 pm. Be sure to bring your friends to ring in the New Year. We will have a few board games available for youth that may not want to dance all evening. This is a great family activity and we hope to see you there!

Please, feel free to call if you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

- Tamara and Drew

Chaves County 4-H New Year's Dance

When: Saturday, January 6, 2024
8 -11 p.m.

Where: ENMSF Farm Bureau Building

Club Work Schedule

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



Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS



**Happy New Year
January 2024
(Participate in your club
activities)**

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 January 27th at 11:30 for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummys and enjoy friends. Please RSVP by January 19th.



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
- New Year's Dance



GENERAL INFORMATION



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).

'23-'24 4-H Enrollment Continues!

IMPORTANT!

October 1st starts the new 4-H year.

You MUST be enrolled each year!

Please Read!

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.

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!



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.

Laugh of the Month

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8 9!



The December Clover was located on page 4

Congratulations to spotted December's clover!

Charles Heimark

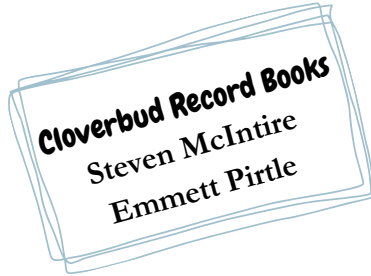


EVENTS AND DEADLINES



Annual Achievement Awards

Congratulations!



Chaves County Friend of 4-H Awards

- Ray Hobbs** Honored by Chaves County 4-H Council
- Pat Westfall** Honored by Diamond H 4-H Club
- Big R** Honored by Kountry Kids 4-H Club
- Dustin Davenport** Honored by LB/OC 4-H Club
- Ray Melton** Honored by Shepherd's Flock 4-H Club

Record Book Winners

- Outstanding Novice:** Josie Pirtle
- Outstanding Junior:** Janice Forrest
- Outstanding Senior:** Molly Pirtle
- Outstanding Award in Agriculture:** Janice Forrest
- Outstanding Award in Home Economics:** Molly Pirtle
- 4-H Club Secretary Book:** Kountry Kids 4-H Club
- 4-H Club Scrapbook:** Diamond H 4-H Club
- Chris Harshey Memorial Swine Award:** Bailey Swinney
- Patrick Pirtle Memorial Award:** Caitlin Campbell
- Flaxie Mitchell memorial Horse Award:** Dub Swinney
- Jewell Limacher Memorial Award:** Josie Pirtle
- I DARE YOU Award:** Alfredo Benavides Jr.

Perfect Attendance Awards

Braden Banks, Mackenzi Bayes, RileyAnne Bell, Caden Brink, Sierra Ervin, James Forrest, Janice Forrest, Jonathan Forrest, Lilian Hall, Kason Hopper, Grady Moss, Emmett Pirtle, Josie Pirtle, Mazie Pirtle, Molly Pirtle, Leanna Navarette, Zayleigh Navarette, Lilly Pittman-McAlister, Bailey Swinney, Dub Swinney and Caitlynn Trammell

Personal Accomplishments

- Achievement** Caden Brink, Wyatt Curry, Josie Pirtle, and Molly Pirtle
- Agriculture** Janice Forrest, Jonathan Forrest, Bailey Swinney, and Dub Swinney
- Citizenship** Wyatt Curry, Jose Pirtle, Molly Pirtle, and Bailey Swinney
- Leadership** Bailey Swinney, Dub Swinney, Josie Pirtle, and Molly Pirtle
- Fashion Revue** Janice Forrest, Jonathan Forrest, Josie Pirtle and Molly Pirtle

Completion Pins

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mackenzi Bayes: 7th year pin | James Forrest: 9th year pin | Josie Pirtle: 3rd year pin |
| Caden Brink: 6th year pin | Janice Forrest: 5th year pin | Mazie Pirtle: 4th year pin |
| Caitlin Campbell: 4th year pin | Jonathan Forrest: 2nd year pin | Molly Pirtle: 6th year pin |
| Wyatt Curry: 6th year pin | Jessie Hale: 2nd year pin | Caleb Ross: 9th year pin |
| Brady Dennis: 1st year pin | Kason Hopper: 4th year pin | Bailey Swinney: 8th year pin |
| Olivia Dennis: 1st year pin | Nathaniel McIntire: 2nd year pin | Dub Swinney: 6th year pin |

Livestock Ambassadors

- Caleb Spear: Beef
- Colby Prince: Beef Heifer & Poultry
- Emma Hobbs: Dairy Cattle
- Shayla Rodgers: Sheep
- Riley Rodgers: Swine



Come Explore Leathercraft!!

- Roswell: Wednesday, January 10th @ 3pm**
- Hagerman: Wednesday, January 17th @ 3:30pm**
- Supplies will be provided
- Open to ALL youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends!

ages 5 to 8
paint your own
keychain



ages 9 to 19
make your own
bookmark

Sweetheart Dance Date:

\$5/person or \$15/family

Sweetheart Dance
Saturday, February 17, 2024

Watch the February
newsletters
for club works schedules.





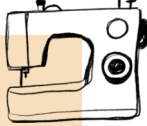
PROJECT WORKDAYS



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

January 8th & January 15th 3:30 to 5:00
February 12th & 19th 3:30 to 5:00

Wednesday

January 24th & January 31st 2:30 to 5:00
February 7th & 28th 2:30 to 5:00

With Tamara

Fibercraft Workshops

Interested in crochet, knitting, cross stitch, embroidery, macrame, or weaving??? Get directions and start your projects by joining us for fibercraft workshops this month.

Thursdays

January 11th & 25th 3:30-5:00 pm,
Extension Office Auditorium

Yarn provided. Please bring any other project specific materials.

Braiding Workshops

FEBRUARY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 28TH

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

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



Pre Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2024 @ 4:30 pm

Come learn about upcoming sewing labs and project requirements

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Horse/Rodeo Safety Meeting

Monday, January 29th

6 pm Ext. Auditorium

Reminder:

You MUST attend one Rodeo Safety Meeting EVERY year to participate in any COUNTY or STATE 4-H Rodeo!!!!

NEW

Rodeo Assumption of Risk Forms are due February 1st

New Format

This month includes vet science, basic first aid, and horse knowledge and care. If you are not rodeoing but wanting to learn more about horses you can join in too.

Livestock Judging Practice

Monday, January 15th
4:30 pm Ext. Kitchen.

With Amber Rodgers



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!

Livestock Ambassador

Join Chaves County Beef Ambassador Bailey Swinney for a Beginning Beef Program during the January Council Meeting (1/16/24). Come ask questions and find out more about what you need to know about the Beef Project





Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

Senior: 10th, 24th @ 5:00 pm

N/ JR 17th, 31st 5:00 pm

@ ENMSF - Southside

21st @ 1:00 pm

Kevin Grinder 505-469-0122

Kennon Swinney 575-973-0959

Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Ext Auditorium

8th, 22nd @ 5:30 pm

Drew Garnett 575-840-2302

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

Shotgun Practice

@ Chaparral Trap Club

13th, 27th 8:00 am

@ Chaparral Skeet Club

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

13th, 27th 8:00 am

Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

Jamie Higgins 575-420-7388

.22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

2nd, 30th @ 6:30pm

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

14th, 28th @ 1 pm

Shawn Brink 575-420-7005

Melissa Brink 575-910-6693

Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Stay Tuned 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

Jan 11th, 25th 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

Chaves County Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

Extension Auditorium

January 30th at 6 pm. Tuesday

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!

January 8th, 10th, 12th, 16th, and 18th
Roswell NM Dept. of Game and Fish Office

5:30pm-8pm

Youth must attend all 5 classes to complete the class. Registration open Dec 20th-January 3rd

SAVE THE DATE

Senior County Contests

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



Chaves County Sharp Shooters

Shooting Sports Project Descriptions

There are many questions about the Shooting Sports Projects. Below is some basic information that will help 4-H members decide which project they may be interested in.

- 4-H members enrolled in any of the Shooting Sports Projects **MUST** complete the following **BEFORE** attending practices
 - **complete 4-H enrollment for the new year in its entirety**
 - **attend 1 Chaves County 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Meeting each year**
 - **pay dues before shooting at a 4-H event.**
 - **successfully complete a New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Hunter Education Course before shooting at a 4-H event.**
 - **Sign and Turn in liability waivers for specific disciplines**
- Participants are required to have attended a minimum of **FOUR** practices in their discipline in order to compete at District or State Competition.
- Cloverbud 4-H members may not enroll in any shooting sports projects or shoot at any 4-H event.

Archery – The archery project allows 4-H members to learn the proper equipment selection and care, shooting techniques, safety, and good sportsmanship. Any novice, junior, or senior 4-H member may enroll and participate. There is a district archery contest for novice and junior members and a state contest for senior members.

Hunting - The hunting discipline combines knowledge and understanding of hunting skills, wildlife ID and management, and orienteering which may include .22 rifle, muzzleloading, shotgun, or archery. Senior 4-H members may participate as long as they enroll in the Wildlife and shooting discipline projects. There is a state competition for senior 4-H members.

Muzzleloading – This project teaches the 4-H members the fundamentals of firing a muzzleloader, safety, gun care, black powder history, and more. Any novice, junior, and senior 4-H member may enroll in Muzzleloading, but there is no shooting contest at the district level for novice and junior 4-H members. There is a state competition for senior 4-H'ers.

Pistol – The pistol project teaches 4-H members the fundamentals of shooting a pistol, safety, and good sportsmanship. The project may include shooting .22 pistol outdoors and air pistol indoors. In Chaves County, this project is open only to senior 4-H members. There is a state competition in both .22 pistol and air pistol.

Rifle – The rifle project teaches 4-H members the fundamentals of shooting a rifle, safety, and good sportsmanship. The project includes shooting both .22 rifle outdoors and air rifle indoors. Any novice, junior, or senior 4-H member may enroll and participate. There is a district rifle contest in both .22 and air rifle for novice and junior members and a state contest in both .22 rifle and air rifle for senior members.

Shotgun – The shotgun project allows 4-H members to learn the fundamentals of shooting a shotgun, along with safety and good sportsmanship. 4-H members learn about and shoot the various types of shotguns. Any novice, junior, and senior 4-H member may enroll in shotgun. There is a district shotgun contest for novice & junior 4-H members and a state competition for senior 4-H'ers.



REPORTER'S CORNER



DIAMOND 4-H CLUB REPORT

Reported by: Macie Machen

Photos by Jace Williams

For the Diamond H December meeting we had 2 demonstrations. A demonstration on fishing & lures/flyes was given by Skylar Ervin. A demonstration on bantam chickens & differences in some of them was given by Caitlin Campbell. After club business and demonstrations we had a mug exchange & food!



BERRENDO 4-H CLUB REPORT

Reported by: Hunter Therrien and Tate Smith

On December 7, 2023 the Berrendo 4-H club met at the First United Methodist Church for our Christmas party. The meeting was called in order by James Forrest at 6pm. Families enjoyed a taco bar potluck. Club members made a tie blanket for the county Council Community service project. We also decorated cookies then we did a gift exchange. Next meeting is Jan.11th at 7pm at the Extension office.



COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

The 2023 Annual Awards Program was held on Thursday, December 14th at the Eastern New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. The evening included record book wards, completion pins, volunteer recognition, secretary book award, scrapbook awards, attendance, and installation of officers.





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 hand on workshops
 Date: March 9-10, 2024
 Community Service night March 8th
 Cost: \$60 plus hotel (council will vote on sponsor amounts)
 Registration Deadline Mid February.

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.



January 4, 2023

**NM 4-H 101 Part 1 12:15pm
 Community Service
 12:30pm**



Earn a paid trip to the 2024

National 4-H Congress

in Atlanta, Georgia!

**SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS:
 SUBMIT YOUR
 NM STATE 4-H PORTFOLIO
 (RECORD BOOK)**

Deadline: January 18, 2024

at the

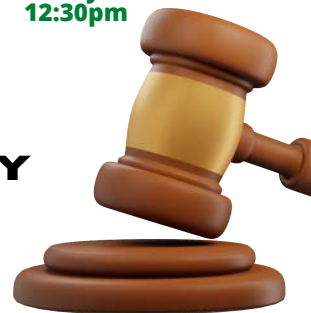
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Instructions can be found @

https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/nm-4-h-portfolio-instructions_r-2018.pdf

Contact Tamara for more details!

NM 4-H PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE INVITATIONAL CONTEST



The New Mexico 4-H Senior Parliamentary Procedure Invitational Contest will be January 19, 2024, in Las Cruces, NM. The contest will begin at 1:00 PM. Teams will be notified of their prep time prior to arriving in Las Cruces in order to plan accordingly. There will be a \$15 fee per team. The winning team will be eligible to represent New Mexico at the Western National 4-H Roundup competition in the following year.

Team members are not required to attend SLR. If you are a senior member wanting to compete please notify Tamara By December 15th.

Products From Animals

<https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/feeding-the-world/products-from-animals>



Animals play very important roles in our lives. Animals are pets, they are raised as food and they provide products important to everyday life. You may not realize how many things come from animals. Pork is the most widely consumed meat in the world. People eat many different pork products, such as bacon, sausage and pork chops. You might grill pork ribs in the summer, or you might enjoy a Christmas ham. A 250 pound market hog yields about 150 pounds of pork. In addition to pork, several valuable products come from swine. These include insulin for the regulation of diabetes, valves for human heart surgery, suede for shoes and clothing, and gelatin for foods and non-food uses. Swine by-products are also important parts of products such as water filters, insulation, rubber, antifreeze, certain plastics, floor waxes, crayons, chalk, adhesives and fertilizer (USDA, 2016). Lard is fat from pig abdomens and is used in shaving creams, soaps, make-up, baked goods and other foods

EVERYTHING BUT THE OINK

No other animal provides society with a wider range of products than the hog.

By products from pigs play a vital, though less visible, role in maintaining and improving the quality of human life.



- Phonograph records
- Bone China
- Violin Strings
- Drumheads
- Porcine Burn Dressings
- Hides and skins for leather goods
- Pigskin footballs
- Cutting oils
- Glycerin for explosives and antifreeze
- Linoleum
- Pet food
- Gelatin for marshmallows and photographic film
- Industrial lubricants
- Stearin for making chewing gum and candies
- Hair for artist brushes
- Rennet for cheese making
- Hearts for xenotransplantation
- Gelatin for drug capsules
- Insulin and ingredients for other medicines
- Ingredients for surgical sutures
- Fatty acids and glycerin used for matches

Compiled by Alissa Auer (2009)

Frobese, D., G. Bowman et al (2001) Swine Resource Handbook. The Ohio State University Extension.



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!



1,200 Likes

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



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