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Tuesday February 18th 7:00 pm



Council officers meet @ 6:30 pm.

Join us for project show & tell! Bring something to share about one of your 4-H projects!

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 Monday March 31st! 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 and the sooner you can start participating in things! 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 Events and Deadlines pages starting on page four.

New Mexico 4-H FCS School of Real Life Skillz is scheduled for March 7-9, 2025 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 7th.

The Sweetheart Dance is on February 15th 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 8:30 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 and join us for Livestock Days January 15th to learn more about the projects. If you need any assistance please call the office. All Livestock updates can be found on page six

~Tamara & Katy



When: February 15 @ 8 -11 p.m. Where: Farm Bureau Building



TIME REFRESHMENTS LB/OC 8-9PM **KOUNTRY KIDS** 9-10PM 10-11PM SHEPHERD'S FLOCK CLEAN UP **BARN BUDDIES**

DOOR/CHAPERONES VALLEY RASCALS **RUSTIC ARROWS** DIAMOND H BERRENDO



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

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 22nd at 11:00 am for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummies, and

craft.

RSVP 2/14

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
- Braiding
- Livestock Days
- Valentines Dance



ERAL INFORMATION

Laugh of the Month KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE? LETTUCE. LETTUCE WHO?

LETTUCE IN, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE.

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 Katy at the Ext. Office (575-622-3210).

4-H MEMBER AGES FOR 2024–2025 4–H YEAR

CLOVERBUDS: 5 to 8, years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (Born in 2017 or 2018 or 2019 or 2020)

- NOVICE: 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade. (Born in 2014, 2015, 2016 OR born in 2017 AND in 3rd grade)
- JUNIOR: 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in 6th grade. (Born in 2012, 2013 or born in 2014 AND in the 6th grade)

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade (Born in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 or born 2012 AND in 8th grade)

Youth who are 19 as of January 1st of the current 4-H year (2025) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. If you were born in 2006 or before, you are too old for the 2024-2025 4-H year. BUT, we would love to have you as a leader/volunteer!

'24-'25 4-H Enrollment Begins!

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, 2025. 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 guicker.

We are very excited for our new 4-H year! Please feel free to call Tamara or Katy if you have any questions.

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.

was located on

page 12.

No one found the January clover. Can The January Clover you find this month's?





Below are upcoming projects.

PROJECT WORKSHOP DAYS

EVENTS AND DEADLINES

** Please remember that youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in project workshops. **

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We will learn about types of rockets and parts of rockets. Then we will put our knowledge to work by building stomp rockets, and launching them! Supplies provided.

PLEASE RSVP BY FEB 7

STEAM WORKSHOP RESCHEDULE: FEBRUARY 13

Join us February 13 from 4-6pm to explore the exciting world of STEAM.



We will explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through various hands-on activities. Supplies provided, but please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Quilting Workshops

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 10th & 17th 4:00 - 6:00

Wednesday

February 5 th & 26th 2:30 to 5:00



Come Learn About Housing & Interior Design: Roswell: Feb. 12th @ 3pm Hagerman: Feb. 19th @ 3:30pm

Supplies will be provided Open youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends! Braiding Workshops FEBRUARY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH

3:00pm 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

> Pre Sewing Meeting February 24th @ 4:30 Extension Auditorium WORKSHOPS: MONDAYS

March 10th & 17th 4:00 - 6:00

WEDNESDAYS

March 5th & 26th 2:30 - 5:00 Members will need to bring their own fabric, notions and thread. All meetings will be in the Ext. Auditorium. If you missed the pre meeting please get with Tamara for patterns and supplies before attending your first workshop.

© EVENTS AND DEADLINES Contest Round Robin Cloverbud Only (non-competit

Interested in Judging for the 2024-2025 year? Come join us for contest round robin. We will have multiple contests set up with a short learning about the contests and time to practice.

Contests are available to youth at the county, district (Novice and Juniors), State (Seniors) and National levels. Contest are a great expansion of what youth are learning in their projects.

Join Us the First Monday of each Month

Feb. 3rd 4:30 - 7 (come and go as needed)

Consumer Decision Making Favorite Foods Agronomy Entomology



Details To Follow in March Youth will need to participate in County Contest to qualify for District or State



FCS Lock In March 20th-21st 3:00pm to 11 am



Stuck in town during Spring Break and looking for something to do? Join us for FCS Lock in- bring your sleeping bag, pis, a change of clothes and all your night time goodies.

Participate in projects, explore contests, movie and popcorn night and enjoy time with friends.

> Must RSVP no later than March 7th. Get with Tamara for more Details!

This is 4-H - Youth and Adult

March 29, 2025

9:00-11:00am

- Youth will explore how to give a demonstration, 4-H Picture Frames, record books and more
- Adults- Welcome to Chaves County 4-H Q&A, policies and requirements, record books and how it all ties together.

Cloverbud Only (non-competitive) Agronomy Fashion Revue Entomology Favorite Foods Family and Consumer Science Skill A Thon Poetry Wildlife

Novice & Junior Only

Agronomy Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue Consumer Decision Making Entomoloav **Favorite Foods** Family and Consumer Science Bowl Family and Consumer Science Skill A Thon Horse Bowl Horse Judaina Horticulture Livestock Judging Livestock Skill A Thon Meats ID **Parliamentary Procedure** Poetry Presentations (Ag, FCS or General) Public Speaking Wildlife

Senior Only

Agronomy Clothing Construction/Fashion Revue Fashion Magic Consumer Decision Making Entomology Favorite Foods Hippology Family and Consumer Science Bowl Family and Consumer Science Skill A Thon Horse Bowl Horse Judging Horticulture Livestock Judging Livestock Skill A Thon Meats ID **Parliamentary Procedure** Presentations (Ag, FCS or General) Public Speaking Talent Show Wildlife





4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



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 2024-2025 year.

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

See Tamara with any questions.

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 2025 Youth Exhibitor Fair Tag, whether movement is in district or out of district.

There will be several tagging days in May so be sure to watch the newsletter for more details.

LIVESTOCK DAY

February 15th, 2024

Eastern New Mexico State Fair Grounds

9am - noon

Join us Saturday Feb. 15 to learn what to know & do before buying your animal, general animal care, what to look for when buying your animal, tips & tricks for that particular species.

Introduction to 4-H Livestock Projects Rotations by species

- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Dairy Goat
- Horse
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Meat Goat
- Swine

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with Fair Board superintendents and other volunteer experts to learn about up to three species of their choosing in this rotation based learning experience.



THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM

Feb. 6 - Farm & Livestock Bureau Building (Arts & Crafts) Feb. 13 - Hobson Hall

- Feb. 15 HODSOIL Hull
- Feb. 20 Farm & Livestock Bureau Building (Arts & Crafts)
- Feb. 27 Commercial Building



Chaves County Sharp Shooters 7

Archery Practice	Hunting Practice	Shotgun Practice
@ Killshot Outdoors 820 N Garden Ave 5, 12, 19 & 26 @ 5:00 pm @ ENMSF - Southside 16 @ 1pm Kennon Swinney 575-973-0959	(Seniors Members ONLY) <u>Ext Auditorium</u> Practice dates coming soon! Drew Garnett 575-840-2302 Robbie Scott 575-420-1901	Chaparral Trap & Skeet Club 22 @ 8am - N, Jr, Sr 8 @ 8am - Sr Only Justin Campbell 575-626-0725 Jamie Higgins 575-420-7388
.22 & Air Rifle Practice	Muzzleloading	.22 & Air Pistol Practice
Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn 11th &25th 6pm .22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys 9th &23rd 1pm	(Seniors Members ONLY) Practice dates coming soon!	(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18) .22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/ Chisum Cowboys 1, 15, 22 Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors
Shawn Brink 575-420-7005 Melissa Brink 575-910-6693	Robbie Scott 575-420-1901	4, 6, 18, 20 Ray Melton 505-660-9852 Justin Campbell 575-626-0725

SENIOR COUNTY CONTESTS

Sr. Rifle March 23rd 1pm Chisum Cowboys

Sr. Air Rifle March 25th 6pm Rabbit Barn

Sr. Air Pistol March 19th Killshot Outdoors

Sr. Pistol March 23rd Roswell Gun Club

- Sr. Shotgun April 6th 1pm Chaparral UPDATED
- Sr. Archery February 23rd 9:30am
- Sr. Muzzleloader TBD

If for whatever reasons you need accommodations for contest times please let Katy know as soon as possible.

NM4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit

The fourth annual New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit will be held on March 21-23, 2025 at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The event will be open to Senior Age 4-H Youth from New Mexico enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project. The Summit will be limited to one to two participant(s) from each County for a total of thirty (30) youth. The cost will be \$250.00 per participant and will include housing and meals at the Whittington Center.



Interested?

Applications due to Katy by February 3rd.

All youth participating in shooting sports must be enrolled, attend a shooting sports safety meeting, complete a hunter's education course, and pay dues **BEFORE ATTENDING PRACTICE.**

2025 SAFETY MEETINGS

February 22nd 9am March 24th 6pm



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 2024-2025 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! <u>http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/</u> hunter-education/course-schedule/



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

Shepherd's Flock Reporter: Abigail Dodson

This 4-H meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M. on January 20th and our next meeting will be February 17th. This meeting we voted in the Beau. The Beau will be Lane Mathews. Josie Pirtle, Emmett Pirtle, and Audrey Perry had demonstrations. We have postponed voting on the monthly themes until next meeting. This meeting was adjourned at 7:19 by Audrey Perry and second by Mazie Pirtle.

County Council Reporter: Caitlin Campbell

We started our meeting with pledges, role call, had our last meeting's minutes, also our reports. We went over activities and talked about awards and record books. We went over new business and treasurer's report. After, we had our recreation and then we adjourned. We also made thinking of you cards for the nursing home as a community service activity.



Kountry Kids Reporter: Brady Dennis

At our meeting we elected our sweatheart and beau and reelected our treasurer and parliamentarian.

Don't forget, if you participated in the



January County Council program to list making cards for a local assisted living facility in your record book under community service.













Got Questions? Ask Tamara tamschub@nmsu.edu

FCS School

Who: Novice and Junior Members
Seniors may apply to be Jr Leaders
What: hands on workshops in FCS topics
When: March 7-9,2025
Where: Albuquerque, NM
Cost: \$60.00
Registration deadline: February 7th

SAVE TO ATE Youth Get Away April 11-13, 2025

Weekend event for Novice and Junior Members

Take 10 with 4-H

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.



When: 1st Thursday of the month on the dates below during the lunch hour.

February 12:30pm Indoor Exhibit Guidelines

Past Take 10's on upcoming events

FCS School: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=Tw0PHH1WUu0&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

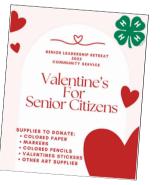




Get in the Game

SLR will be rescheduled for a later date.

The State 4-H Office will hold all the registration funding to be utilized during the rescheduled event. At that point they will re-open registration and make the necessary adjustments.





As an Aggie, you can enjoy many exciting athletic events throughout the year. We have 16 Division I sports teams, each proudly representing NMSU at the regional and national levels. In addition, our amazing NMSU Cheer Team not only keeps spirits high during games, but also competes on the national stage. Whether you have your eye on joining a team or supporting them from the stands, participating in athletic activities can enhance your college experience by instilling a strong sense of community and pride!



ENMSF FARM & LIVESTOCK BUREAU BUILDING •FEB 15 • 8PM TO 11PM •

\$5 PER PERSON OR \$15 PER FAMILY

BEAUS & SWEEETHEARTS PRESENTED AT 9PM.



If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxillary aid or service please contact us by January 2,2025 at 575-622-3210





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What Do Goats Eat?

https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/what-do-goats-eat

Goats are known for eating everything! They are curious, so they will try to eat cardboard, tin cans - even clothing! But to stay healthy, goats need to eat plant material.

Goats eat plants like trees, shrubs, hay and grains. Like cows, goats have a special stomach to help them break down plant material. One common kind of goat feed is alfalfa. Alfalfa is a flowering plant grown by farmers. Alfalfa has a lot of protein. Protein is a nutrient that helps animals grow.

Goats have a very strong digestive system. They can even eat some toxic plants. Some goats eat capeweed, which is toxic to other animals. Because goats eat plants, some people use them like lawn mowers! In some areas, people hire farmers with herds of goats to clear away brush. Goats eat the brush before it becomes a fire hazard!





Nubian goats are raised for meat and milk. **Photo from the Animal Science Image Gallery**

Fun Fact: Goats normally live 10 to 12 years. However, there are reports of goats living for 15 years.







Curious goats sometimes get themselves in trouble. This one has its head stuck in a barrel! Photo from the Animal Science **Image Gallery**

NOW



teamup

Access the Chaves County 4-H Full Year calendar by going online OR download the app & enter the link below! <u>https://teamup.com/ksmicdqxb4wxbyhsjc</u> Keep up with the dates on all 4-H events & activities!



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"Events of the Week" posted on Mondays!