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**CLOVERLEAF**  
Your Source for 4-H News and Events

# January 2025

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County Council  
Meeting  
**Tuesday**  
**January 21st**  
**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 2025 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 2024 Achievement Awards Program was a success! Thank you to all who came out and supported our youth. Over \$1030.00 was awarded in gift cards to those who turned in record books. You can find more about this year's award winners on page five.

Enrollment is still underway! If you are re-enrolling please do so online as soon as possible. You may contact Kim 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 have already taken place with many more set to kick off this month. Keep checking your newsletters for more updates. We will send out any changes via email and social media. Have you checked your ZSuites account lately? this is a great place to find information as well.

Don't forget our New Year's Dance is Saturday, January 4, 2025 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 & Katy



## Chaves County 4-H New Year's Dance

When: Saturday, January 4, 2025 8 -11 p.m.

Where: ENMSF Farm Bureau Building

### WORK SCHEDULE:

TIME	REFRESHMENTS	Time	DOOR/CHAPERONES
8-9PM	DIAMOND H	8-9PM	SHEPHERD'S FLOCK
9-10PM	BERRENDO	9-10PM	BARN BUDDIES
10-11PM	VALLEY RASCALS	10-11PM	LB/OC
CLEAN UP	RUSTIC ARROWS	CLEAN UP	KOUNTRY KIDS

# Chaves County 4-H CLOVERBUDS



**Happy New Year  
January 2025  
(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.

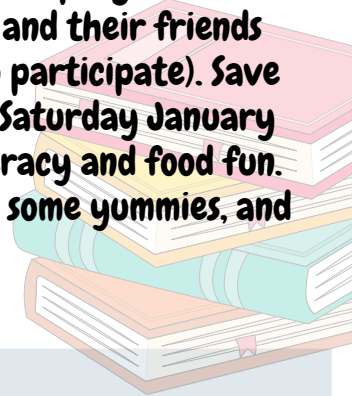
**Reminder: Cloverbuds in Chaves County have their own age appropriate projects in which they are enrolled. Chaves County Cloverbuds meet every other month to develop life skills and complete their projects during county club meetings, where 4-H project workshops (sewing, leathercraft, dog, shooting 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

**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 4th at 11:00 am for some literacy and food fun. We will have story time, cook some yummys, and craft.**



RSVP 1/2



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

## '24-'25 4-H Enrollment Begins!

# 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, 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 quicker.

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

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

## 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!



### 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 December Clover was located on page 9

**Congratulations to Steven McIntire!**  
**He spotted December's clover!**



### Laugh of the Month

Why couldn't the pony sing a lullaby?  
*She was a little horse!*



# EVENTS AND DEADLINES



## PROJECT WORKSHOP DAYS..

Each month we will be offering several project workshops in conjunction with each other at the extension office. Youth may choose to participate in one or both. Please note youth don't have to arrive right at 4 (let us know if coming in later) or stay till 6 (let us know and we will get them wrapped up) Below are upcoming projects.

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

### KID'S CAMP

#### JANUARY 6

**Novices & Juniors 9am - noon  
Cloverbuds & Seniors: 1-4pm**

Spend your day off from school with us to make some tasty treats, crafts, and learn about new 4-H projects.

If you have youth that are in separate time frames and would like them to come at the same time, please email Katy. [kkwright@nmsu.edu](mailto:kkwright@nmsu.edu)

### STEAM WORKSHOPS

#### JANUARY 9 & 16

Join us January 9th & 16th 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. More information to come soon. Keep an eye on your newsletters & email.

### 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

January 13th 4:00 - 6:00  
February 10th & 17th 4:00 - 6:00

#### Wednesday

January 22nd and 29th 2:30 to 5:00  
February 5th & 26th 2:30 to 5:00

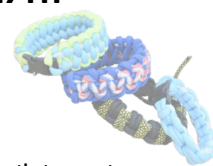


### Braiding Workshops

#### FEBRUARY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH

3:00pm

You will need to bring:  
10 yards of parachute cord  
(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](mailto:atrowland73@gmail.com)

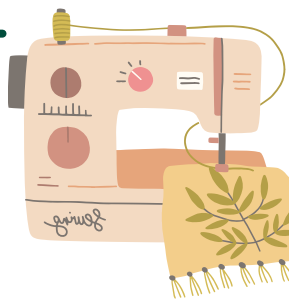
### CLUB OFFICER TRAINING FRIDAY JANUARY 3, 2025



**Elected As A New 2024-2025 Club Officer?**

Join us to learn, prepare for the year ahead and have some fun!

**1PM-5PM EXT AUDITORIUM**



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



# EVENTS AND DEADLINES



## Contest Round Robin

**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.



**the First Monday of each Month**

- Jan. 6th 4:30 - 7 (come and go as needed)
- FCS Bowl
- FCS Skill-A-Thon
- Horticulture
- Wildlife



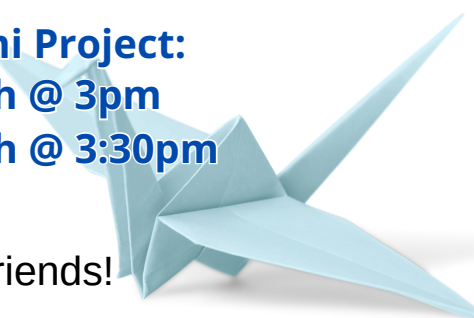
**Come Learn About the Origami Project:**

**Roswell: Wednesday, Jan. 8th @ 3pm**

**Hagerman: Wednesday, Jan. 15th @ 3:30pm**

Supplies will be provided

Open youth ages 5-18, so bring your friends!



## Sweetheart Dance

**WHEN: FEBRUARY 15 @ 8 -11 P.M.**

**WHERE: FARM BUREAU BUILDING**



# CHAVES COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM

## CHAVES COUNTY FRIEND OF 4-H

Honored by Chaves County 4-H Council: **Cody Schubert**  
 Honored by Chaves County 4-H Council: **Kenon & Natalie Swinney**  
 Honored by Berrendo 4-H Club: **Kara & Steven Hiemark**  
 Honored by Kountry Kids 4-H Club: **Travis Hicks**  
 Honored by Rustic Arrows 4-H Club: **Todie Armstrong**  
 Honored by LB/OC 4-H Club: **Laura Ridge**  
 Honored by Shepherd's Flock 4-H Club: **Kecia Hopper**  
 Honored by Spurring to Success 4-H Club: **Dr. David Orton**

## RECORD BOOK WINNERS

Overall Novice – **Steven McIntire**  
 Overall Junior – **Kason Hopper**  
 Overall Senior – **Molly Pirtle**  
 Agriculture- **Mackenzi Bayes**  
 Home Economics – **Molly Pirtle**

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jessie Hale  
 Blake Heimark  
 Charlie Heimark  
 Zayleigh Navarrette  
 Leanna Navarrette  
 Skylar Ervin  
 Mackenzi Bayes  
 Sean Bayes  
 RileyAnne Bell  
 Brady Dennis  
 Caleigh Scott  
 Bailey Swinney  
 Dub Swinney  
 Katie Gallagher  
 Sara Knight  
 Savannah Trammell  
 Caden Brink  
 Joshua Dodson  
 Mazie Pirtle  
 Molly Pirtle  
 Emmett Pirtle  
 Josie Pirtle  
 Audrey Perry  
 Rowdy Gray



## PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Achievement

Molly Pirtle  
 Josie Pirtle  
 Steven McIntire  
 Kason Hopper

### Agriculture

Caden Brink  
 Kason Hopper  
 Mackenzi Bayes  
 Jessie Hale

### Citizenship

Molly Pirtle  
 Jessie Hale  
 Mackenzi Bayes  
 Mazie Pirtle

### Leadership

Jessie Hale  
 Mackenzi Bayes  
 Molly Pirtle  
 Emmett Pirtle

### Fashion Revue

Molly Pirtle  
 Kymber Boggs  
 RileyAnne Bell  
 Josie Pirtle



## CLOVERBUD RECORD BOOKS

Blake Heimark

## COMPLETION PINS

Charlie Heimark - 1 year  
 Cooper Campbell - 1 year  
 Sean Bayes - 1 year  
 RileyAnne Bell - 1 year  
 Kymber Boggs - 1 year  
 Jacob Meehan - 1 year  
 Caleigh Scott - 1 year  
 Steven McIntire - 1 year  
 Emmett Pirtle - 1 year  
 Olivia Dennis - 1 year  
 Brady Dennis - 2 years  
 Nathaniel McIntire - 2 years  
 Jessie Hale - 3 years  
 Hunter Ervin - 4 years  
 Caitlin Campbell - 4 years  
 Josie Pirtle - 4 years  
 Kason Hopper - 5 years  
 Mazie Pirtle - 5 years  
 Caden Brink - 6 years  
 Dub Swinney - 7 years  
 Molly Pirtle - 7 years  
 Mackenzi Bayes - 8 years  
 Bailey Swinney - 9 years



## OTHER AWARDS

Chris Harshey Memorial Swine Award  
**Mackenzi Bayes**  
 Flaxie Mitchell Memorial Horse Award  
**Josie Pirtle**  
 Jewell Limacher Memorial Clothing Award -  
**Josie Pirtle**  
 Patrick Pirtle Memorial Diary Award -  
**Caitlin Campbell**  
 I Dare You Award – **Caleigh Scott**

## OUTGOING AMBASSADORS

Bailey Swinney - Beef Ambassador  
 James Forrest - Welding Ambassador



# 4-H LIVESTOCK UPDATES



## Horse/Rodeo Safety Meeting

**Thursday, January 30th**

6 pm Ext. Auditorium

### Reminder:

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



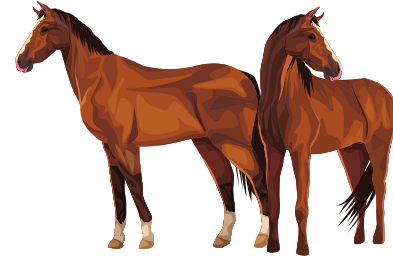
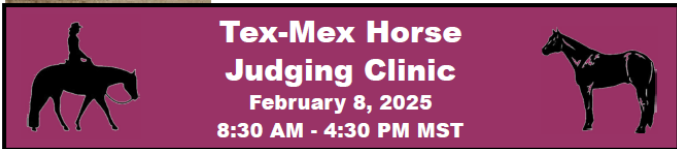
**Rodeo Assumption of Risk Forms are due February 1st**

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.

## Online Horse Bowl Tournament:

NM 4-H Online Horse Bowl Tournament at 7 and 10 pm MST, Monday through Friday, between January 27 to 31, 2025.

Email Katy if you are interested in participating: [kkwright@nmsu.edu](mailto:kkwright@nmsu.edu)

**Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic**  
February 8, 2025  
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST

**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.

### Topics

- Halter
- Reining
- Hunter Under
- Saddle
- Ranch Riding
- Notes
- Reasons
- Scoring

Registration fee: \$50/youth  
\$15/adult to cover lunch costs.

Please register online: <https://easnr.nmsu.edu/>

Registration opens 12/10/24 and closes at 5pm on 1/28/25.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:  
Dr. Christy Adams, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach [cadams@wtamu.edu](mailto:cadams@wtamu.edu)  
Dr. Jason Turner, NMSU Extension Horse Specialist [jltturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jltturner@nmsu.edu)

## LIVESTOCK DAY

**February 15th, 2024**

**Eastern New Mexico State Fair Grounds**

**Time TBD**

Join us Saturday Feb. 15 to learn the basics of livestock preparation and care.

**Introduction to 4-H Livestock Projects Rotations by species**

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





# Chaves County Sharp Shooters

## Archery Practice

@ Killshot Outdoors

820 N Garden Ave

**8, 15, 22 & 29 5:00 pm**

@ ENMSF - Southside

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

## Hunting Practice

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Ext Auditorium

See you next season  
pending interest

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

## Shotgun Practice

**Shotgun Meeting**

January 4th, 8am

**Chaparral Trap & Skeet Club**

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

**11 & 25 @ 9am**

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

## .22 & Air Rifle Practice

Air Rifle @ ENMSF - Rabbit Barn

**14th & 28th 6pm**

.22 Rifle @ Chisum Cowboys

**12th & 26th 1pm**

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

## Muzzleloading

(Seniors Members ONLY)

Stay Tuned for New  
Season's Schedule

Robbie Scott 575-420-1901

## .22 & Air Pistol Practice

(Seniors ONLY/ ages 14-18)

.22 Pistol @ Roswell Gun Club/  
Chisum Cowboys

**20 @ 1pm**

Air Pistol @ Killshot Outdoors

**16 @ 5pm**

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

## SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION

Cost: \$100  
Deadline: January 10

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

February 7-9, 2025  
Roswell, NM

Contact the extension office if you or someone you know would like to attend.



## SHOTGUN MEETING

Jan 4 8am Extension Auditorium

All members participating in shotgun must attend the meeting or contact Justin for updates & information

## 2025 SAFETY MEETINGS

January 10th 6pm  
February 22nd 9am  
March 24th 6pm

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

## SENIOR COUNTY CONTESTS

- Sr. Rifle March 23rd 1pm Chisum Cowboys
- Sr. Air Rifle March 25th 6pm ENMSF Rabbit Barn
- Sr. Air Pistol March 19th Killshot Outdoors
- Sr. Pistol March 23rd Roswell Gun Club
- Sr. Shotgun April 12th
- Sr. Archery TBD
- Sr. Muzzleloader TBD

## 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!

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/education/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



## Spurring to Success Reporter: Sara Knight

Spurring to Success met at 6:30 on December 3rd. We discussed old business and new business. In our November meeting we decided to donate care packages to Mission Arch. At this meeting each member brought items to donate. We gathered it all together and made 20 bags full of essential items. The meeting was adjourned after a round of left, right, center. We then met on Saturday December 7th at Mission Arch to donate our care packages. The residents there were very appreciative of the gifts.



## Berrendo Reporter: Morgan Hobson

The Berrendo 4-H Meeting was held on Thursday December 5th at the Cheap skates skating rink at 6:30pm. Along with conducting our regular business meeting, members were roller skating and participated in a gift exchange. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 7:00pm at Chaves County extension office.



## County Council Christmas Party



## Diamond H Reporter: Ethan Manneman

The Diamond H 4-H Club called to order December 4th at 7:02 PM. After conducting our regular club business meeting The Club participated in our Christmas party with a lot of games and prizes. We also had a special guest, Katy Wright our 4-H extension agent. Our last game was called "Barnyard Mystery Menu" We had to pick from this list what we wanted to eat. Pitchfork, irrigation tube, Critter slop, goat grub, slop bucket, raft, Bunny treat, Cow Snot, Mama's apron, chicken, scratch, And donkey dander. If you check all of them, you got spaghetti and meatballs with sauce, garlic bread, Parmesan cheese, green salad with dressing. We ended our meeting with a delicious spaghetti dinner. Diamond H 4-H club wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





# State 4-H Office News



## FCS School

Got Questions  
Ask Tamara  
tamschub@nmsu.edu

**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 1st



## 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.

**January 9th 12:30pm  
4-H Day at the Roundhouse**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Youth Get Away  
April 11-13, 2025**



**Earn a paid trip to the  
2025**

**National 4-H  
Congress**

**in Atlanta, Georgia!**

**SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS:**

**SUBMIT YOUR**

**NM STATE 4-H PORTFOLIO**

**(RECORD BOOK)**

**Deadline: January 17, 2025**

**at the**

**Chaves County Extension Office**

Instructions can be found @  
[https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/nm-4-h-portfolio-instructions\\_r-2018.pdf](https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/nm-4-h-portfolio-instructions_r-2018.pdf)

Contact Katy for more details!



## Experiential Learning



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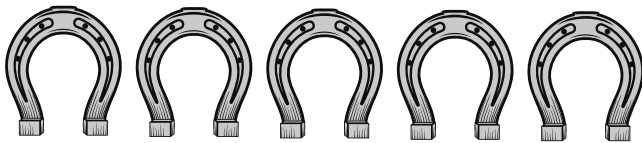
## WHY DO HORSES WEAR SHOES?

<https://animalsmart.org/kids'-zone/why-do-horses-wear-shoes>

Have you ever heard a horse go “clip, clop, clip, clop?” That sound comes from the horse’s metal shoes.

The metal horseshoes are there to protect the horse’s hooves. Horseshoes are curved pieces of metal that cover the bottom of a horse’s hoof. A person called a farrier uses small nails to hold the shoe on the hoof. These nails do not hurt the horse. The nails go into a tough part of the hoof where the horse can’t feel them. When a horse has shoes on, we say it is shod.

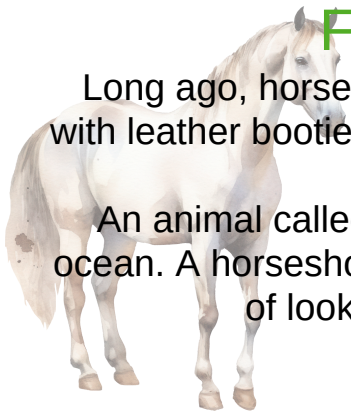
Not all horses wear horseshoes. People who own horses also hire farriers to take care of their horses’ hooves. A farrier will trim the hoof and make sure it is healthy. Horse hooves are sort of like your fingernails. You have to trim your nails so they don’t get too long. Farriers have to trim a horse’s hooves so they don’t grow too long and get injured. Horses should also eat healthy foods! A healthy diet will help a horse have strong, healthy hooves. Horses like to eat plants like oats!



### FUN FACTS:

Long ago, horse owners in Asia shod their horses with leather booties that fit all around the horses’ feet.

An animal called the horseshoe crab lives in the ocean. A horseshoe crab has a curved shell and kind of looks like a real horseshoe.



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