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Congratulations to the 2026 NM 4-H State Portfolio Finalists!



These 11 outstanding 4-H members are eligible to attend the 2026 NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS in Atlanta, GA, this fall!



Eli Norsworthy
Marisol Tang Rasmussen
Lacey McCollum
Haidyn Barnard
Sylvia Stanek
Shane Henry
AnnMarie Anaya
Alexis Rosales
Maddie Adams
Cash Priest
Crayton Dane Scott



Member Spotlight

Congratulations to Sylvia Stanek for receiving a Top State Record Book award! She will join 4-H'ers from around the state at the National Congress event in Atlanta, GA this fall!

4-H JEWELRY WORKSHOP



Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of hands-on bead design. Bring your imagination, your creative ideas, and any tools or supplies you would like to use. Beads, string, closures, and some tools will be provided. Open to Novice, Junior, and Senior members!

FEBRUARY 16
WHITE ROCK LIBRARY
1:30 - 3:30 PM

\$10 PER PERSON

Call the Extension Office to RSVP by February 11th



BE BOLD. Shape the Future. New Mexico State University

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Los Alamos Cooperative Extension Service in advance at (505) 662-2656 or losalamos@nmsu.edu.

Punstawaney says six more weeks of winter! But he has been wrong before. Nonetheless, the next couple of months promise to be packed with lots of 4-H opportunities. In this newsletter, you will find dates and deadlines for upcoming local and state events like FCS School and Youth Getaway. Join us for bingo on Valentine's day at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall. Proceeds will go to support Boots & Bridles club. Mark your calendars bingo on March 21 to benefit the County Council. In the meantime, don't miss the Dairy Goat project and Jewelry project workshops happening in February and March. Project materials will be ordered in the second half of March. Please submit one order form per family to the Extension office along with a check payable to your club by March 15th. You may bring your flash drive to the office and update your digital projects anytime.



Happy February,
Angela

County News

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Boots & Bridles Club
Meets 3rd Sunday of the month at 12 p.m.
St. Joe's in White Rock
Contact Jessica Booton:
bootonj@gmail.com

High Country Team 4-H
Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.
at the White Rock Activity Center
Contact Jenna Stanek:
jenna.e.stanek@gmail.com

Team LA Young Guns (Shooting Sports)
Contact Forrest Blackburn:
lillbighorn@gmail.com

IT'S TIME TO ORDER PROJECTS!

Price list can be found on the website at:
<https://losalamoextension.nmsu.edu/documents/Literature-Order-Form-County-1.17.2024-2.pdf>

Fill out one order form per family and return with your payment to the Extension office by **March 15th**.

Order forms can be found on the website at
<https://losalamoextension.nmsu.edu/documents/Project-order-form-fillable.pdf>

ZSUITE

ENROLLMENT Deadline March 1st



4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

NEW MEXICO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION TRAINING

February 20-22, 2025
Truth or Consequences, NM
Cost is \$100.00 per person

Registration form and payment are due
February 4th in the Extension office.

Club News

Boots & Bridles club officers

President: Ben Booton
Vice President: Dylan Rodriguez
Secretary: Sam Prada
Treasurer: Derek Rodriguez
Song & Rec: Gwen Booton
Historian: Gemma Rodriguez
Reporter: Nick Booton
Parliamentarian: Julia Rodriguez



Club News

County Council report by Chloe Blackburn

The 4-H County Council had a fantastic 2024-2025 4-H year! We hosted our Annual Banquet this December at the United Church and it was really a blast! After recognizing all of our members and handing out many awards, we recognized our incoming 4-H County Council members. After holding a vote at our last County Council meeting, the positions are:
President: Derek Rodriguez
Vice President: Sam Prada
Secretary: Sylvia Stanek
Treasurer: Dylan Rodriguez
Reporter: Chloe Blackburn
Song and Recreation: Ben Booton
Parliamentarian: Nick Booton
With the help of our beloved county extension agent Angela Prada, the County Council will grow and shape this coming 4-H year.



High Country Team 4-H report by Archery Stanek

We helped set up and run our bingo night fundraiser which raised a lot of money for our 4-H club and was a lot of fun. Our club also made Valentine's Day cards for the veterans as a community service project.





4-H CONTESTS



Save the Date!

GENERAL CONTESTS

Friday, April 24th (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Horticulture

FCS and Livestock Skill-a-thon

Wildlife

Entomology

Saturday, April 25th (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Favorite Foods

Public Speaking

Fashion Review

Consumer Decision Making

RIFLE & PISTOL CONTEST

Saturday, March 28th

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

ARCHERY CONTEST

TBD

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Open to **NOVICE, JUNIOR, and SENIOR** members enrolled in the project
Registration details coming soon!



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

Tex-Mex Horse Judging Clinic
February 14, 2026
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM MST

Come learn from World Champions and get ready for the 2026 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 12/15/25 and closes at 5pm on 2/4/26.

Hosted by Roosevelt County Cooperative Extension Service.

For more information, contact:

Dr. Christy Adams, WTAMU Horse Judging Team Coach cadams@wtamu.edu

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

Topics
Halter/
Showmanship
Rail Classes
Ranch Trail
Horsemanship/Eq
Scoring
Reasons



HANDS to larger SERVICE



New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarships

Youth members who are looking for a way to assist with registration costs with state events can apply for the New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship. The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, State 4-H Conference, 4-H International Exchange, FCS School, 4-H Dog School or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer or Ambassador.

Create an original community service plan or work with an organization to create a new program that will have an impact on the community. The project must be designed and organized by the youth member and implemented within one year of approval. Applications are due two months before the event registration deadline.

Senior Leadership Retreat 2026



Our members joined hundreds of 4-H'ers from around the state for a memorable (and wet) SLR in Las Cruces where they gained valuable leadership skills and shared meaningful connections throughout the weekend. Thank you, parents for supporting our youth!



State News

NEW MEXICO 4-H DAY AT THE ROUNDHOUSE

Monday, February 9, 2025

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Come learn about Citizenship with 4-H members from around the state!

Participant Zoom Orientation

February 4th at 6:00 p.m.

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82792875657>

THE GAME OF 4-H
YOUTH GET AWAY
2026

SAVE THE DATE
April 17-19, 2026
Glorieta Activity Camp

\$190.00/person.

Registration coming soon!

NMSU Aggies Corner

TIP OF THE MONTH

Submit your FAFSA

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** helps you access grants, work-study, and student loans to help pay for college. It's free to fill out—and it can make a big difference. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible at studentaid.gov using NMSU's school code: **002657**.

Go Aggies!



**NM 4-H
FGS SCHOOL OF
REAL LIFE SKILLS:
MARCH 13-15, 2026**

**\$60/
PERSON**

**BERNALILLO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
OFFICE (ABQ, NM)**

**OPTIONAL: 4-H CONTEST PASSPORT NIGHT
MARCH 13TH @ 6:00 PM (DINNER PROVIDED)**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 2026**

**Junior Instructor Apps Due
February 4th**

**JOIN the
FUN!**



**Shooting Sports
Youth Leader Summit
Whittington Center (Raton, NM)
March 20th – 22nd
\$250.00 per person
Registration Deadline is February 6th**

Important Dates

Dates to Remember	
February 4	Registration deadline for FCS Junior Instructors
February 4	Registration deadline for Shooting Sports Leader training
February 6	Registration deadline for Shooting Sports Youth Summit
February 9	4-H Day at the Roundhouse – Santa Fe, NM
February 11	Registration deadline for Jewelry workshop
February 14	Boots & Bridles Club Bingo fundraiser (IHM church)
February 16	Jewelry Making workshop (WR library)
February 18	Registration deadline – FCS School
February 20-22	Shooting Sports Leader Training – Truth or Consequences, NM
February 23	Dairy Goat project meeting
March 10	Registration deadline for Youth Getaway
March 13-15	FCS School – Bernalillo County Extension Office
March 15	Deadline for Project orders
March 21	County Council Bingo fundraiser – IHM church
Mar 20-22	Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit – Raton, NM
March 23	Dairy Goat project meeting – White Rock
March 28	Rifle & Pistol County Contest
April (TBD)	Registration deadline for Youth Ranch Management Camp
April 15	Registration deadline for County Contests
April 17-19	Youth Getaway – Glorieta, NM
April 20	Dairy Goat project meeting
April 24-25	County Contests (<i>tentative</i>)
April 30-May 3	State Shoot
May 18	Dairy Goat project meeting – White Rock
June 9	District Shoot – Raton, NM
June 21-26	Youth Ranch Management Camp – Cimarron, NM
June 23-24	District Contests – Grants, NM
July 14-17	State 4-H Conference – Las Cruces, NM (New Date)



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