

Los Alamos County 4-H Clover Connection



September 2025

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Hello September!

What an amazing summer it has been for Los Alamos County 4-H members! I hope you have had a good time making memories and learning new skills. It has been so fun to watch you shine in various activities and competitions and I hope you enjoy seeing the photos and highlights captured all summer long in this newsletter. As we move into the last month of the 4-H year, remember to start organizing your achievements and participation in leadership and citizenship activities to help you compile your record books. Please reach out anytime if you need assistance, I am here to help!

Sincerely, Angela

**WE'RE
HIRING!**
JOIN OUR TEAM



**APPLY
NOW!**



HIRING POSITIONS

Family & Consumer Science Agent
<https://nmsu.link/FCSagent>

Administrative Assistant
<https://nmsu.link/CESAdminAssistant>

Contact Los Alamos Cooperative Extension: losalamos@nmsu.edu

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 11th

7:00 pm

WR Activity Center



Record Books

Due

October 31st!

Thank you

members and leaders for attending the Sportsmen's club meeting in August and sharing the impact the program has had on our youth!



GOOD LUCK!!

**Kayleigh Hollowell
Conner Hollowell
Gwen Booton
Laurel Redman**

NM 4-H Food Challenge
September 13th
New Mexico State Fair!

Save the Date!



4-H AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

5:00 P.M.

UNITED CHURCH IN LOS ALAMOS

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator.
NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating.

CLUB News

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Boots & Bridles Club

Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

White Rock Activity Center **(NEW)**

Contact Angela Prada: angprada@nmsu.edu

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 Mike O'Neill: shotgunoneill@gmail.com

or Forest Blackburn: lillbighorn@gmail.com

SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE

Rifle

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Archery

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Pistol

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Shotgun

Every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

***Participants must be enrolled in the project
and have a liability form on file.***

Boots & Bridles club members delivered baked goods
to the fire and police stations in July.



“High Country Team Summer Fun”

**by McKindrey Parkinson,
High Country Team Reporter**

During the summer season, the High Country Team participated in a native pollinators class and a woodworking workshop. District contests in Taos, as well as archery and shooting events took place. The busiest time of the summer was the last week of July and first weekend of August when Rio Arriba County and Los Alamos County had their fairs. High Country Team members enjoyed entering in the county fairs and won many first and second place ribbons for livestock and baking. There were even a few grand champions among us! They had a pizza party to celebrate everyone's hard work during fair season.

They also had some interesting demonstrations over the summer. One was by Emilia Blackburn, who presented about the Mars Rover. Calise Parkinson gave a demonstration on safe and unsafe toys for preschoolers. At our most recent club meeting, Caroline Blackburn and Angela Prada gave instructions on how to make/update record books for this year.

The High Country team is looking forward to having a booth at the Nature Center's Bear Fest and electing our leadership for the upcoming 4-H year on Aug 23, and Sept 26 respectively. It was surely an eventful summer!



CLUB

Bear Fest 2025



LEADERSHIP
PUBLIC-SPEAKING
TEAMWORK RESPONSIBILITY
CREATIVITY

High Country Team members demonstrating poultry & rabbit 4-H projects and leadership in the community!

SUMMER SHOOTING SPORTS



District and State Shoot 2025

It's always a good time at the District and State shooting competitions in Raton each year.

Eighteen Novice, Junior, and Senior members represented Los Alamos County with several top 3 individual and team finishes, including 3 individual High Point Archery winners:

Charlie Johnson – Novice (compound bow)

Emilia Blackburn – Novice (recurve bow)

Levi Harris – Junior (compound bow)

**LEARN BY
DOING**



SUMMER SHOOTING SPORTS

District & State Shoot (2025) – Whittington Center

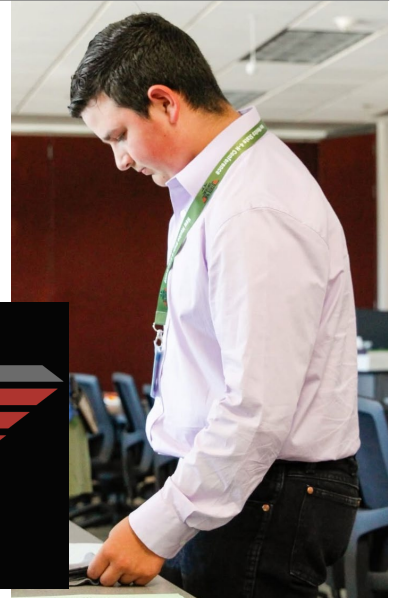


JULY Highlights



To Make the Best
BETTER

STATE 4-H
CONFERENCE



JULY Highlights

State Conference 2025 was a memorable one with many achievements including:

- ★ 1st place FCS team – Alex Booton, Nick Booton, Abbie Johnson, and Penny Johnson
- ★ 1st place FCS individual – Alex Booton
- ★ 3rd place Horticulture team – Alex Booton, Abbie Johnson, and Maggie Johnson
- ★ 3rd place Talent (vocal duo) – Maggie Johnson and Benjamin Booton
- ★ Retiring State Song & Rec Leader – Sam Prada



COUNTY FAIR Highlights

**RIO ARRIBA
COUNTY FAIR 2025**



**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY
FAIR
POULTRY SHOW**

Grand Champion
Archer Stanek

Champion Layer
Pen
Conner Hollowell

Junior
Showmanship
Chloe Blackburn

Novice
Showmanship
Kayleigh Hollowell



COUNTY FAIR Highlights

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY FAIR 2025



RIO ARRIBA COUNTY RABBIT SHOW

Grand Champion
Laurel Redman

Reserve Champion
Kayleigh Hollowell

Champion Meat Pen
Emilia Blackburn

Senior Showmanship
Sylvia Stanek

Novice Showmanship
Conner Hollowell



RIO ARRIBA COUNTY GOAT SHOW

County Bred
Grand Champion
Kadin Hansel



COUNTY FAIR Highlights

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY FAIR 2025



RIO ARriba COUNTY FAIR 2025 Homemade Delights Winners

Cookies

Alexa Melaschenko – 2nd place

Coffee Cake

McKindrey Parkinson – 1st place

Empanadas/Scones

Conner Hollowell – 2nd place

Yeast Bread

*** Grand Champion ***

Kayleigh Hollowell

Candy

McKindrey Parkinson – 1st place



LOS ALAMOS COUNTY FAIR INDOOR ENTRIES

High Point Novice

Kayleigh Hollowell

High Point Junior

Chloe Blackburn

High Point Senior

Alexandria Booton

STATE News



2025 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

When: Saturday, November 8

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Theme: Smile 4-H Adults are Beyond Ready

Cost: \$40 through October 15th.

\$50 through October 31st.

More information:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html>

Register here:

<https://ezregister.com/events/42280/>



REMINDER

Family & Consumer Sciences Lettermen

APPLY NOW

ANY 4-H MEMBER WHO IS ACTIVE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS) PROJECTS CAN "LETTER" IN FCS.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
October 3rd in the county office.

THE FIRST YEAR (FIRST-TIME APPLICANT):
RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER.

NOVICE: BRONZE "H" PIN



JUNIOR: SILVER "H" PIN



SENIOR: GOLD "H" PIN



- 2 PLATINUM LETTERS MAY BE AWARDED IN THE FORM OF A PLAQUE.
- PLATINUM LETTERS ARE BASED ON OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT & OPEN TO ANY AGE LEVEL.
- 4-H SENIOR AWARDEES MAY BE RECOGNIZED AT SENIOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT 2026

For more information and guidelines to apply visit the state website:
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/recognition/letterman.html>



ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

The Working with Minors training will be available October 1st and must be completed by October 31st.



NMSU Aggies Corner

TIP OF THE MONTH

Discover What You Can Study

With more than 90 majors to choose from, NMSU has something for every interest—whether you love science, the arts, engineering, or helping others. Take time to explore programs that match your passions at

nmsu.edu/majors

Go Aggies!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dates to Remember	
September 4-14	New Mexico State Fair
September 11	County Council meeting – 7 pm at WRAC
September 13	NM State Fair Food Challenge
September 17	Boots & Bridles Club meeting – NEW TIME & LOCATION!
Sept. 29 – Oct. 5	Eastern New Mexico State Fair – Roswell, NM
September 30	CLUB FINANCIALS due – more info to come via email
October 1	Enrollment opens
October 3	Deadline to apply for FCS Letterman
October 15	Early Bird Registration deadline for Adult 4-H Retreat
October 31	Last day to register for Adult 4-H Retreat
October 31	Record Books Due
October 31	Working with Minors training due for all approved volunteers
November 8	Adult 4-H Retreat – Albuquerque, NM
December 13	Awards Banquet – 5pm at United Church



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