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Hello 4-H families,

April kicks off the official 4-H contest season! We had a successful Rifle and Pistol county event this past weekend, and we congratulate Chloe Blackburn, Benjamin Booton, Luke Drake, John Harris, Kady Harris, Levi Harris, Calise Parkinson, McKindrey Parkinson, Wakely Parkinson, and Jaxson Sanchez for qualifying to advance to the District and State competitions. A special thank you goes out to Forrest Blackburn for organizing and hosting these contests.

Archery contests will be held during a regular practice session soon; please see Mike O'Neill or Chris Booton for more information. Registration for the State Shoot is now open for qualified senior members. Please call the office or email us by April 10th to let us know who will be competing and in which discipline(s). Youth are allowed to enter up to two (2) disciplines.

The ID portion of the County Contests will take place on Friday, April 24th, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at United Church. This will include Wildlife, Horticulture, Entomology, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and FCS Skill-a-thon. Saturday contests—including Favorite Foods, Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, Fashion Revue, and Talent—will begin at 9:00 am, with awards following the final contest. The registration form will be sent via email very soon and is due by April 15th.

Youth Getaway is right around the corner for five of our Novice and Junior members, as well as two senior members, Chloe and Sylvia, who will be serving as Counselors-in-Training for the event!

As always, please reach out if you need assistance preparing for contests or have any other questions.

Sincerely,
Angela and Monique





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LOS ALAMOS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Boots & Bridles Club
 Meets 3rd Wednesday of the odd months at 6 pm
 White Rock Activity Center
 Contact Jessica Booton:
bootonj@gmail.com

High Country Team 4-H
 Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm
 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

NMSU Aggies Corner

TIP OF THE MONTH Start prepping for finals early!

Use active recall (test yourself), try spaced repetition, and join study groups. Don't forget to attend office hours for help and make time for rest. Stay balanced and focused!

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Explore what's available at studentlife.nmsu.edu.

Go Aggies!



4-H CONTESTS - JOIN THE FUN!

GENERAL TALENT 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

**MARK YOUR
 CALENDARS**
 THE FUN STARTS SOON!





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We had a fantastic turnout at our St. Patty's Day Bingo Fundraiser! Thank you to all our 4-H members, families, and volunteers for your enthusiasm and support—we truly appreciate everyone who helped make the event such a success.





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Bake It. Make It. Love It.

LEARNING BY DOING

4-H Cake Decorating & Scrunchie Making Workshops

FREE

Novice, Junior & Senior 4-Hers Join Us to learn cake decorating & scrunchie making

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 10AM-1PM
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY EXTENSION, ABIQUIU, NM

PLEASE let us know you're coming. . .
RSVP with Barbara today at: 505-578-4523 to reserve your space OR email: jczmyrid@nmsu.edu

IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS IN NEED OF AN AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT JOY CZMYRID IN ADVANCE AT 505-578-4523 OR J CZMYRID@NMSU.EDU

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2026 New Mexico YHEC Youth Hunter Education Challenge

Open to NM 4-H members!
Scheduled for June 4th – June 7th

Step up to the challenge and grow your skills in a fun, supportive environment! Join fellow New Mexico 4-H members at the 2026 YHEC to build confidence, practice responsibility, and experience the excitement of shooting sports. Don't wait—register and be part of an unforgettable learning adventure! Check out the links below for more information.

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>
<https://www.nmyhec.com/>

Los Alamos County 4-H Pistol and Rifle Competition Results



Silhouette Pistol

Chloe Blackburn	10
John Harris	6
Levi Harris	6
Ben Booton	3



Silhouette Rifle

Chloe Blackburn	17
Ben Booton	11
Levi Harris	7



Junior/Novice Rifle

	Prone	Standing	Kneeling	Score
Calise Parkinson	88	66	71	225
McKindrey Parkinson	61	70	52	183
Wakely Parkinson	48	21	17	86

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New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarships

Members looking for assistance with registration costs for 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.

To be considered for scholarship, simply 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 and open to all members.

Registration Now Open

SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

Saturday May 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office

Address: 1510 Menaul Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM

\$ Registration fee \$65 87107 Select your track for the school:

School Includes:

Educational Materials

Hands on Learning

Showmanship Practice

Snacks and Lunch

First Aid Kit and Supplies

Toy making supplies

Choose from: rabbit,

poultry, or cloverbud



New for this year:

Beginner or intermediate level track selection

BRING YOUR ANIMAL: RABBITS AND CHICKENS ARE WELCOME

Register Below using the link or QR code for the 2026 Small Animal School
<https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr>

[eo6ull/index](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr)



Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the school

REGISTER NOW!

Space is limited!

Registration Deadline: May 8, 2026

Contact Brittany Johnson for more information at 505-867-2582

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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ALL PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF AGE, COLOR, DISABILITY, GENDER, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR VETERAN STATUS. NMSU AND THE USDA COOPERATING. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY AND NEED AN AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT SANDOVAL COUNTY EXTENSION AT 505-867-2582 BY MAY 1, 2026.

ATTENTION SENIOR MEMBERS! State 4-H Shooting Sports Competition

April 30 – May 3, 2026
Whittington Center
Raton, NM

\$100.00 per person

Event synopsis:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2026-New-Mexico-4-H-Shooting-Sports-Championships-Event-Synopsis-Accessible-.pdf>

Registration is due **April 8th** in the Extension office.
Details coming soon!



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**SUBMIT YOUR
ESSAY TODAY!**

**CALLING ALL
New Mexico 4-H Members!**

**2026 NATIONAL 4-H
BEEKEEPING ESSAY CONTEST**

THE POWER OF POLLEN

Essay Topic:

- Why is pollen important to bees?
- How has pollen availability changed?
- How do changes affect bees?
- When is pollen most & least abundant?
- How does it impact bee health & productivity?

**NEW MEXICO DEADLINE:
APRIL 24, 2026**

Email your submissions to
your County Extension Agent!

⚠️ **Only 1** entry from New Mexico
will advance to the National Contest!

NATIONAL AWARDS:

🏆 1st Place: \$750 🥈 2nd Place: \$500 🥉 3rd Place: \$250

ACTIVE 4-H MEMBERS – ENTER YOUR ESSAY TODAY!

Registration closes April 30th!

Visit: <https://nmyrm.nmsu.edu/>

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

**NEW
DATE!**



★ **RANCH CAMP** ★
JUNE 21-26, 2026
Cimarron, NM

Ages 15-19 • Camp Fees: \$400

- Learn Ranching Skills & Management
- College-Level Instruction
- Real Working Ranch Experience

**Only 30
Spots Available!**

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MORE TO COME—STAY TUNED!

NORTHERN 4-H DISTRICT CONTEST

1926  2026

Grants, New Mexico
HISTORIC ROUTE 66



JUNE 23-24, 2026

— GRANTS, NM —

Important Dates

Dates to Remember	
April 8	Registration deadline for State Shoot
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	Registration deadline for Youth Ranch Management Camp
April 30-May 3	State Shoot – Raton, NM
May 15	State 4-H Leadership Team application due
May 18	Dairy Goat project meeting – White Rock
June 9	District Shoot – Raton, NM
June 9	Registration deadline for State Conference
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)
July 27 – Aug 2	Rio Arriba County Fair
August 7-9	Los Alamos County Fair
Sept. 10-20	New Mexico State Fair
September 19	NMSF Food Challenge
October 5-10	Easten NM State Fair – Roswell, NM



Contact Us!

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