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Welcome to May!

Los Alamos 4-H'er's have been busy this spring. At our County Contests in March and April, we qualified 13 Novice and Junior members to advance to District competitions and 9 Senior members to advance to State competitions. Woot woot!! Highlights can be found on pages 3 and 4. Earlier in April members attended Youth Getaway for a fun leadership focused weekend. See page 6 for highlights. As we look forward to the approaching summer, keep rollin' through 4-H! Please let us know how we can serve you!

Sincerely, Angela and Audrey



Thank  
you

On behalf of the Cooperative Extension staff and Los Alamos 4-H County Council members, we would like to thank High Country Team 4-H club for their generous donation of candy for the Easter Egg fundraiser last month. We could not have done it without you!!

## COUNTY News

### Los Alamos County 4-H Shooting Sports

Good luck to our Los Alamos County members this weekend at the New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports competition!!!



John Harris  
Benjamin Booton  
Alex Booton  
Nick Booton  
Kadin Hansel  
Maggie Johnson  
Abbie Johnson  
Penny Johnson

### NORTHEASTERN 4-H DISTRICT SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST

June 10, 2025  
Whittington Center  
Raton, NM

Archery and Rifle written tests for District Shooting Sports participants will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in May at the Extension Office.

(May 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21)

Test scores will be added to the overall competition score and will be submitted with the registration.

Registration is due in the office May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please call to schedule a time to complete the test prior to May 27<sup>th</sup>.

NORTHERN NEW MEXICO 4-H

### DISTRICT CONTESTS

JUNE 24-25, 2025  
TAOS, NM

Registration deadline  
June 2nd

#### 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 Denise Hansel: [denise0188@gmail.com](mailto:denise0188@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](mailto:jenna.e.stanek@gmail.com)

##### Team LA Young Guns (Shooting Sports)

Contact Mike O'Neill: [shotgunoneill@gmail.com](mailto:shotgunoneill@gmail.com)  
or Forest Blackburn: [lillbighorn@gmail.com](mailto:lillbighorn@gmail.com)

#### SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE SCHEDULE

##### Rifle

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

##### Archery

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

##### Pistol

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.***

# COUNTY Highlights

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	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
PRESENTATION - Ag		Gwen Booton	Johnny Johnson	Nick Booton
PRESENTATION - General			Johnny Johnson	Penny Johnson
POETRY	Tandy Parkinson Opal Johnson Liam Hollowell	Calise Parkinson Wakely Parkinson Kayleigh Hollowell Conner Hollowell	McKindrey Parkinson	
IMPROMPTU		Gwen Booton		Nick Booton
PREPARED SPEECH			Chloe Blackburn	Alex Booton
TALENT : Musical		Gwen Booton		Benjamin Booton/ Maggie Johnson
CDM		Gwen Booton Conner Hollowell Kayleigh Hollowell Julia Rodriguez	Dylan Rodriguez	Alex Booton Derek Rodriguez Sylvia Stanek
FASHION REVUE		Gwen Booton		
FAVORITE FOODS	Liam Hollowell Gemma Rodriguez	Kayleigh Hollowell Gwen Booton Conner Hollowell		Sam Prada Alex Booton
FCS SKILL-A-THON	Opal Johnson Gemma Rodriguez Tandy Parkinson	Gwen Booton Emilia Blackburn Julia Rodriguez Conner Hollowell Kayleigh Hollowell	Chloe Blackburn	Alex Booton Abbie Johnson Nick Booton Penny Johnson Sylvia Stanek
AGRONOMY				Benjamin Booton Nick Booton
ENTOMOLOGY		Conner Hollowell Charlie Johnson Calise Parkinson Emilia Blackburn Kayleigh Hollowell	Chloe Blackburn Emilie Cope	
HORTICULTURE		Conner Hollowell Kayleigh Hollowell	McKindrey Parkinson Chloe Blackburn Emilie Cope	Maggie Johnson Alex Booton (T-2nd) Abbie Johnson (T-2nd) Sam Prada Derek Rodriguez Kadin Hansel
LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON				Nick Booton
WILDLIFE		Wakely Parkinson Charlie Johnson	Chloe Blackburn Dylan Rodriguez Johnny Johnson Emilie Cope	Sylvia Stanek Nick Booton Kadin Hansel Derek Rodriguez Benjamin Booton

# COUNTY Highlights

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SHOOTING SPORTS	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
RIFLE		Charlie Johnson	Levi Harris	John Harris
		Luke Drake	Johnny Johnson	Maggie Johnson
		Jaxson Sanchez	Chloe Blackburn	Nick Booton
				Abbie Johnson
				Penny Johnson
				Sylvia Stanek
				Benjamin Booton
PISTOL				Penny Johnson
				Alex Booton
				Abbie Johnson
				Benjamin Booton
				Maggie Johnson
ARCHERY		Kaidy Harris	Levi Harris	John Harris
		Archer Stanek	Johnny Johnson	Alex Booton
		Charlie Johnson	Luke Drake	Nick Booton
		Gwen Booton		Penny Johnson
		Emilia Blackburn		



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to all participants on your  
achievements at County  
Contests!!



All Novice, Junior, and Senior  
participants are eligible to  
advance to the District or State  
competitions this summer.

Stay tuned for registration  
details.

## 2025 Northern District 4-H Contest (Taos, NM)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

8:30 am  
9:00am  
9:45 am

**Turn in Fashion Revue entries**

**Registration**

**Welcome by Taos County Council 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

10:00 – 11:30 am

**Morning Contests**

*Entomology*

*Horticulture*

*Wildlife*

*Consumer Decision Making*

*FCS Skill-A-Thon-*

*Livestock Skill-A-Thon*

*Meat Judging*

*Hippology*

*Public Speaking (Impromptu, Prepared, Poetry, and Presentations)*

11:00 am to Noon

**Horse Bowl**

Noon to 1:00 pm

**LUNCH**

1:00 – 5:00 pm

**Afternoon Contests (only allowed to enter one contest)**

*Horse Judging*

*Favorite Foods* Novice (1:00 – 2:30 pm)

Junior (3:00 – 4:30 pm)

*Fashion Revue (Interview & Appearance)*

2:00 pm

**Workshop (FCS Bowl)**

5:00 pm – ??

**Dinner/evening activity**

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

8:30 – 11:30 am

**Morning Contest (Only allowed to enter one contest)**

*Livestock Judging*

*Talent Contest*

*See list of Tuesday A.M contests (enter as time permits)*

10:00 am

**Workshop (FCS Bowl)**

12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Awards Program and Fashion & Talent Show**

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# COUNTY Highlights



## **“Spring Happenings” by McKindrey Parkinson, High Country Team Reporter**

In March, the High Country Team had a lot of fun participating in the county Easter Egg fundraiser by contributing candy for eggs. Laurel, Alina, and Samuel Redmond presented about dog training, and brought their canine companions to help them! At the leatherworking workshop led by Nick Booton our club members enjoyed making artistic leather bracelets, coasters, and mini pouches.

In the April business meeting, members voted unanimously to change the club bylaws. According to the changes, club members must participate in at least one service project each year and attend 40% of meetings. It was also decided that the High Country Team will have a spirit table in the county fair. There was a long discussion on what to do for fun together this summer– it was finally decided to go on a hike to the Rio Grande and to also have a tea party. Everyone is very excited for the upcoming summer in 4-H. McKindrey Parkinson gave a demo on baking terms and Wakely Parkinson demonstrated how to drive a nail with a hammer. Everyone got to try it out at the end, which was very loud!

In Mid-April, several of our club members attended Youth Getaway at Glorieta Adventure Camp. They had a wonderful time at workshops and dances. Then, the lovely Angela Prada taught about vet science at the end of April. Conner Hollowell commented that it was “a great class where we learned more about reading the animal and how to respond.” Both Conner and Kayleigh Hollowell loved the animal cell activity where they got to make an animal cell from candy and cake! Thank you, Angela!



# LEARN BY DOING



## **Boots & Bridles Club Report By Julia Rodriguez**

"This month we had county contests in Los Alamos. We got to participate in FCS Skill-A-Thon, Horticulture, Consumer Decision Making, Favorite Foods and a lot of others. It was a lot of fun seeing all of our members compete. Good job to everyone! We also met for our monthly meeting and will be discussing a new community service project next month."

**The County Council Easter fundraiser was a success raising more than \$500 for the county program!**





## County Highlights

Alexa, Laurel, Chloe, Emilia, McKindrey, and Calise joined more than 300 4-H members from across the state at Youth Getaway in April. Participants explored project areas, learned new skills, and made friends over the weekend. Great job representing Los Alamos County! Sam served on the State Leadership Team to help lead the recreation activities and deliver the event.





# STATE 4-H



New Mexico 4-H Leadership Team applications are available on the state 4-H website. Ambassadors and Officers are selected at State 4-H Conference in July and open to Senior members in good standing. Let us know if you are interested in running for the state team!

Applications can be found at:  
<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/leadership/youth.html>  
 and are due in the county office on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**.



**Soar Through the Sky with 4-H**  
**Registration is now open and due**

The 7 meals provided for State Conference are:

- Monday dinner in Taos on campus
- Tuesday breakfast/lunch in Taos on campus, with dinner provided by ACES college on campus
- Wednesday breakfast/lunch in Taos on campus and dinner is County Night Out (individual counties will provide dinner for their group)
- Thursday traditional breakfast at the Las Cruces Convention Center (dress up occasion)

The State 4-H Conference will offer attendees an opportunity to participate in contests, workshops, recreational/social activities, election of new officers, community service and attend tours. The event concludes on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> Awards breakfast (dress up event)

**Northern Livestock School**  
**JUNE 20 & 21, 2025**  
**AT THE TORRANCE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN ESTANCIA, NM**  
*TRACK SELECTIONS: LAMBS, MEAT GOATS, & SWINE*  
**REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1ST AND CLOSES JUNE 6TH**  
**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
[HTTPS://FS28.FORMSITE.COM/KALANDER/14HKILZQLX/INDEX](https://fs28.formsite.com/KALANDER/14HKILZQLX/INDEX)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00  
 LUNCH PROVIDED ON SATURDAY FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS (ADDITIONAL MEALS CAN BE ADDED SEE REGISTRATION LINK FOR DETAILS)  
 DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE



CHECK IN BEGINS: 10:00 A.M.  
 INSTRUCTION BEGINS: 1:00 P.M.  
 ONCE REGISTERED YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH CONFIRMATION AND FULL DETAILS



## Northern Livestock Schools

<b>MAY 17</b>	<b>SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: RABBIT</b> Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office	
<b>MAY 18</b>	<b>SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: POULTRY</b> Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office	
<b>JUNE 20 &amp; 21</b>	<b>NORTHERN LIVESTOCK SCHOOL</b> Location: Torrance County Fair Grounds	



## DATES TO REMEMBER

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May 1-4, 2025	State Shooting Sports Contest – Raton, NM
May 17, 2025	Small Animal School: Rabbits – Bernalillo County
May 18, 2025	Small Animal School: Poultry – Bernalillo County
May 27, 2025	<b>Registration Deadline:</b> District Shooting Sports Contest
June 2, 2025	<b>Registration Deadline:</b> District Contests
June 4-6, 2025	Southern Regional Livestock School – Capitan, NM
June 10, 2025	Northern District Shooting Sports Contests – Raton, NM
June 20-21, 2025	Northern Livestock School – Torrence County
June 21-23, 2025	Dog School – Albuquerque, NM
June 24-25, 2025	District Contests – Taos, NM
July 7-10, 2025	State Conference – Las Cruces, NM

### *NMSU Aggies Corner*

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

#### *Get Involved, Get Connected*

One of the best parts of college is building friendships and finding your community. Whether you're into sports, volunteering, gaming, or leadership, NMSU has over 200 student organizations to explore. Start connecting now at [student-life.nmsu.edu](http://student-life.nmsu.edu)

## *Go Aggies!*



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