

# Otero County 4-H Newsletter

July 2025



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## 4-H Meeting Schedule

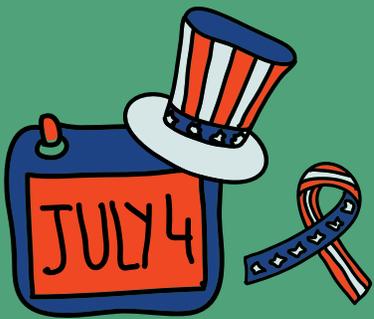
4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
<b>Alamogordo 4-H</b>	6pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Tuesday	July 8th
<b>Cloudcroft 4-H</b>	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	July 31st
<b>Heritage 4-H</b>	7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	July 14th
<b>*Mescalero 4-H</b>	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	No meeting
<b>Mustang 4-H</b>	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	July 29th
<b>**Tularosa 4-H</b>	6pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	July 8th

**\*Mescalero 4-H** will not be having a July meeting.

**\*\*Tularosa 4-H** will be having their monthly meeting moved to July 8th at 6pm!

### Got Something to Share?

We'd love to include your updates, events, or stories in our next newsletter! Submissions are welcome and should be sent to Hannah Wood at [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu) by the **20th of each month** to be considered for the following month's edition. Please note that all submissions are subject to review and may be edited for length, clarity, and appropriateness. Don't miss the chance to share your news with our 4-H community!



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# Calendar - July 2025

DATE	TIME	County Happenings
July 17	6:30pm	July County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom
July 17	2pm-4pm	Cloverbud Day @ The Extension Office / Otero County Fairgrounds <b>RSVP</b>
August 16		Otero County 4-H Achievement Day
DATE	TIME	County Project Dates
July 1	4pm	Horticulture Contest Practice @ The Extension Office
July 2	1:30pm	Baking Project <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
July 21	9am	Entomology Curation <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
July 22	9:30am	Duded Up Denim <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
August 4	TBA	Jewelry <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
DATE		NM State Happenings
July 7-10		NM State 4-H Conference @ Las Cruces NMSU
September 6-14		NM State Fair @ ABQ
September 24-28		Southern NM State Fair @ Las Cruces SNMF
September 29 - October 4		Eastern NM State Fair @ Roswell ENMF

## 4TH OF JULY FIREWORK SAFETY TIPS

- 1 Never disassemble or try to make your own fireworks
- 2 Don't point sparklers or fireworks at yourself or others-especially when they're being lit
- 3 If fireworks malfunction **DO NOT RELIGHT THEM.** Douse them with water then throw them away
- 4 Be sure fireworks are legal in your area before using or buying them
- 5 Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities and never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks
- 6 If you set off fireworks, keep a bucket of water or fire extinguisher handy in case of a malfunction or fire
- 7 **NEVER** ignite fireworks in a container, especially one made of glass or metal

### 2025 4-H Rodeos

- July 12 – 13 San Juan County - Farmington, NM
    - Entry Deadline: July 2nd
  - July 25 – 26 Quay County -Tucumcari, NM
    - Entry Deadline: July 11th
  - August 16 – 17 Sierra County – T or C, NM
    - Entry Deadline: August 1st
  - August 30 – 31 San Miguel County – Pecos, NM
    - Entry Deadline: August 8th
  - September 19 – 21
    - NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals – Farmington, NM
- Contact your extension agent for more information and entry links**

### 2025 Jackpots

#### July

- July 5-All-American Classic Jackpot (Goats & Lambs)
- July 5-Logan Smith Memorial Jackpot-La Jara, CO (Goats & Lambs)
- July 11-Catron County Jackpot - Reserve, NM (Cattle, sheep, goat, swine)

#### August

- August 2-3-Copper Classic Jackpot-Cliff, NM (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Pigs)

# July 4-H County Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:  
Thursday, July 17th, 6:30pm at  
the Extension Office

Everyone is welcome to attend,  
but be sure to send your club  
delegates!



The Otero County  
Extension Office will  
be **CLOSED** July 4th.

Good luck to our 4-H members  
competing in State 4-H contests  
this month!



## 4-H Age Group for the 2024 - 2025 4-H Year



	Cloverbud*	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade as of January 1, 2025	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2025	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; and 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

The current 4-H program year is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Rodeo age requirements vary slightly from other 4-H programs and can be found in the [NM 4-H Rodeo Rule Book](#) on the NM 4-H Website.

\*While the [4-H Cloverbuds program](#) is a component of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to programs and policies.



## 4-H Good Standing Requirements



Members, parents, and leaders, do you know what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? If not, please take a moment to look now. Don't wait until before the fair (or other event/activity) when you may not have enough time to meet the requirements.

**Remember! A 4-H member in good standing is one who has met the following requirements:**

- Enrolls in a 4-H Club by February 1, 2025.
- Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2024, and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. Be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of meetings you are required to attend to be in "good standing".
- Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults.

## NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship

The NM 4-H Community Service Scholarship provides financial assistance to any Novice, Junior, or Senior 4-H members participating in a state 4-H event (examples: Senior Leadership Retreat or Youth Get-Away). **The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for the state 4-H event.** In addition, the scholarship also provides \$250 of the team fees for Senior 4-H members serving as a State 4-H Officer or Ambassador. A complete description of the scholarship criteria and an application form can be obtained from the [NM 4-H website](#). A list of scholarship application deadline dates is also included on the website.



## Enrollment Changes and Meeting Attendance

Please contact the Extension Office, (575) 437-0231, if you would like to make a change to your 4-H enrollment. This includes changing to a different club, adding/dropping 4-H projects, updates to your contact information, etc. **4-H members will only receive credit for attending 4-H meetings via the club they're enrolled in through Zsuites.** 4-H youth enrolled in multiple 4-H clubs must meet the attendance requirements of all clubs they are enrolled in to be considered in good standing.

## How to become a volunteer!

This is a friendly reminder for adults interested in serving as a 4-H volunteer, the following requirements for volunteer enrollment must be met:

1. Complete volunteer background check/screening process. Forms (2) may be downloaded from the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). Submit completed forms and \$10 to the Otero County Extension Office.
2. Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and adult [liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
3. Complete the **annual** NM Working with Minors course found on ZSuites. Contact the Extension Office, 575-437-0231 or otero@nmsu.edu, for a detailed set of instructions for completing this online training course. Once you have completed the training, an email will be sent to you stating that you have completed the NM Working with Minors course. In addition, the Otero County Extension Service will be able to access your completion date of the NM Working with Minors training via Zsuite.

Please make completion of the above requirements a priority as adult volunteers may not engage in 4-H activities nor register for events until they have met the requirements. Also, adult volunteers must submit a new background check/screening process every five years.

All 4-H enrollments (Youth & Adult) require a liability waiver to be filled out and signed by hand (wet signature).  
**No typed signatures will be accepted!**

# Otero County 4-H Members of the Month

July 2025

Tularosa 4-H



Tayton Bridge

Heritage 4-H



Adeline Pike

Cloudfcroft 4-H



Alamogordo 4-H



Mustang 4-H



Mescalero 4-H



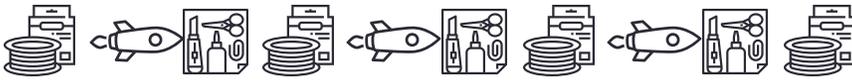
Mackenzie Coriz



## How to Nominate:

Any 4-H member, Leader, Parent/Guardian, or Volunteer may submit a youth (from any Otero 4-H club) for a Member of the Month nomination. To nominate, submit the following info directly to Hannah at [hdw@nmsu.edu](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu) by the 20th of each month:

- Name of the 4-H member being nominated
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project



## 4-H Indoor Project Exhibit Update

### Prepare Your Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits

All 4-H members who enrolled by February 1st of this year are eligible to enter exhibits in the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day at the Otero County Fairgrounds. As you prepare your 4-H exhibits for the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day be sure to follow the standards outlined in your 4-H project books and the Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits Rules and Class Descriptions. The rules and class descriptions are available from the Extension Office or can be downloaded from the [website](#).

4-H members entering indoor 4-H project exhibits at the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day are eligible to win many awards including ribbons, rosettes, and plaques. In addition, a belt buckle and duffle bag will be awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion exhibitors in each age division, Novice, Junior, and Senior.

Remember: posters, display boards, vertical displays, project specific boards, and photography exhibits all have specific size rules that can be found in the Indoor 4-H Project Exhibits Rules and Class Descriptions. A 4-H member must be in good standing with their 4-H Club to be eligible to enter indoor 4-H exhibits. Also, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the respective projects for exhibits entered. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor and completed during the current 4-H year ('24-'25).

4-H members are strongly encouraged to pre-register their exhibits and a registration form is now posted on the [Otero County Extension Service website](#). 4-H members not pre-registering exhibits will be responsible for completing their entry tags upon delivery of exhibits to the Extension Office. If you have any questions regarding indoor 4-H exhibits contact Kelly in the Extension Office, 575-437-0231

### Delivery Days for Otero County 4-H Achievement Day

Indoor 4-H project exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Monday, August 11, 2025, 8am-7pm, except nutrition/baking exhibits. Nutrition/baking exhibits are to be delivered to the Extension Office on Thursday, August 14th, 8am-7pm, or Friday, August 15th, 7:30am-10am. If the scheduled delivery days do not work for you, please contact Kelly in the Extension Office, to make other arrangements for early delivery of your 4-H project exhibits.

### Viewing of Exhibits and 4-H Family Night

Viewing of exhibits and an awards program will be held on Saturday, August 16th. Viewing will start at 5:00pm, awards will be held at 6:00pm, pizza and tasting of baked good exhibits will follow.

## 4-H FCS Lettermen

Any 4-H member who is active in Family and Consumer Sciences Projects may "letter" in Family and Consumer Sciences. All that is necessary to "letter" is to complete the requirements in their age level and submit the appropriate forms to the Otero County Extension Office by September 1. A member must be enrolled in 4-H for at least two years before they can letter (regardless of age) and FCS projects (and other related projects). The first year a member letters they receive a "clover" letter as you would see on a lettermen jacket. Bronze, Silver, and Gold pins in the shape of the letter "H" are awarded in the respective age levels. A member can "letter" at any time, even if they did not begin as a Novice, but they will receive the pin for the appropriate age level.

In addition, two platinum letters will be awarded each year. The platinum letters are based on overall achievement and may be received at any age level. Platinum awards are selected from all applications submitted in that 4-H program year. For information on how to "letter" and appropriate application forms, refer to the [NM 4-H website](#).



### 2025 New Mexico 4-H Adult Retreat

When: Saturday, November 8

Where: Albuquerque, NM

Theme: Smile - Adults are Beyond Ready

More information to come about registration and schedule in August!



# OTERO COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD DAY

THIS FUN EVENT IS DESIGNED FOR OUR YOUNGEST 4-H MEMBERS. IT WILL BE HOSTED BY THE OTERO COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS WHO HAVE PLANNED ENGAGING ACTIVITIES, TIME TO SOCIALIZE, AND LIGHT SNACKS FOR THE KIDS TO ENJOY.



THURSDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM  
2:00-4:00 PM  
OTERO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



IT'S A GREAT WAY TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, MAKE PROJECT PIECES FOR OTERO COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY (AUGUST 16TH), AND EXPLORE WHAT 4-H IS ABOUT!



**COST: \$5 PER CHILD + ONE NON-PERISHABLE CANNED GOOD**  
**WHO: OTERO COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD MEMBERS**

## IMPORTANT!!!

PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PREPARE SUPPLIES AND SNACKS! LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING BY CALLING 575-437-0231 OR EMAILING [HDW@NMSU.EDU](mailto:HDW@NMSU.EDU). IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR RSVP. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE OUR CLOVERBUDS THERE FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON!

## New Mexico State Fair / Livestock Update

- NMSF issued Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) coupon codes leftover from last year are no longer available for use. Please contact the Extension Office to request coupon codes for exhibitors to use.
- YQCA coupons will need to be requested by July 15th and the exhibitor will need to include their new certification number with their entries that are due August 1st.
- Please email Erin Dorsey [nmsf.livestock@expo.nm.gov](mailto:nmsf.livestock@expo.nm.gov) with your questions regarding YQCA requirements at the New Mexico State Fair.



**The following hotel reservation 4-H rate link is for those attending NMSF:**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=ABQMTHX&groupCode=CHHNM4&arrivaldate=2025-09-02&departuredate=2025-09-14&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

## 2024-25 NM 4-H & FFA Livestock Project Animal Ear Tags

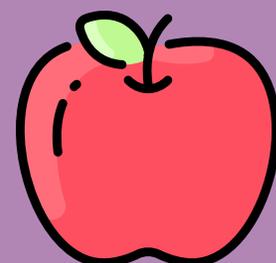
All New Mexico Fair Tags (NMF) for 4-H & FFA livestock project animals will be NM State 4-H issued, electronic USDA 840 series tags per species. New Mexico Fair (NMF) tags are only available through NM County Extension Offices. NMF tags are to be placed in the appropriate ear of each members designated project animal(s) for the current show season at an official 4-H / FFA tagging, within the County or School District of 4-H or FFA membership, by a NM County 4-H Agent / Designee, or FFA Instructor.

## NM 4-H & FFA Ear Tag & DNA Guidelines

- <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2025-New-Mexico-Guide-for-Livestock-Exhibitors.pdf>
- <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2025-NMSF-Junior-Livestock-DNA-and-Nomination-Procedures---RM.pdf>

## Heritage 4-H Club June Report

We did an apple tasting activity at our June meeting, and then Edward talked about his poultry project.



Charli Ramsey, 4-H Secretary

## Livestock Insurance:

Insuring your animals is never a bad idea. We have reached out and were sent information about Farm Bureau Animal Mortality Insurance. Her contact info is listed below, please reach out to her, Farm Bureau Financial Services, or your 4-H agent for help applying for coverage.



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## 4-H Workshops

Multiple project workshop opportunities are happening this summer for Novice, Junior and Senior 4-H members. **Space is limited and pre-registration is required to attend.**



### Jewelry (bookmarks, earrings, and keychains)

A jewelry making project workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on Monday, August 4th, 10:00am – 12:00noon. 4-H members will create three items (bookmarks, earrings, and keychains) from the jewelry project. 4-Hers are welcome to bring their own beads, but not required. In addition to beads, the Extension Office will provide tools, wire, and other supplies needed to complete these projects. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the workshop. Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members are eligible to participate. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, kelknight@nmsu.edu. All finished projects may be exhibited in the annual 4-H Achievement Day in August.



### Baking

A workshop will be held at the Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1:30pm to 4:30pm for the Baking 4-H project. 4-H members will make two baking recipes which may be exhibited in annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the cost of the ingredients. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, kelknight@nmsu.edu.



### Duded Up Denim

A workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on Tuesday, July 22nd, 9:30am to 12:00noon, for the Duded Up Denim 4-H project. 4-H members will create two items from the denim project, a denim pocket frame and magnetic board. Both items may be exhibited in annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$5.00 for the cost of the magnetic board. Please register with Kelly by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, kelknight@nmsu.edu.



### Entomology Collection

A curation workshop will be held at the Otero County Extension Office on July 21st starting at 9am for the entomology project. 4-H members will curate insects to create an exhibit box consisting of 30 specimens from at least 10 different orders that may be exhibited in the annual 4-H Achievement Day in August. There is a supply fee charge of \$10 for the cost of the insect capture and curation materials. Please register with Hannah for the workshop by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, hdw@nmsu.edu.



### What is a 4-H Record Book?

A workshop will be held on July 18th at 2pm to discuss what a record book is for your 4-H projects. Most of you are just getting started in your projects and knowing what to record and how your books will be judged may help you plan your record book better for this year! Bring all of your record book questions and we can get things figured out. Please register with Hannah for the workshop by calling 575-437-0231 or sending her an email, hdw@nmsu.edu.

# SHOOTING SPORTS



**Way to go and Congratulations to all of our Otero County 4-H members who have competed in Otero County 4-H Contest, Southeast District 4-H Contest, and State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest!**

(A complete list of all contest results will be published in August Newsletter after State 4-H Conference in July)



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