

# Otero County 4-H Newsletter

August 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	August 12th
<b>Cloudcroft 4-H</b>	6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School	Last Thursday	August 28th
<b>Heritage 4-H</b>	7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building	2nd Monday	August 11th
<b>Mescalero 4-H</b>	5pm @ Empowerment Complex	1st Sunday	August 3rd
<b>Mustang 4-H</b>	6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center	Last Tuesday	August 26th
<b>Tularosa 4-H</b>	6pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	August 5th

### 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 - August 2025

DATE	TIME	County Happenings
August 1-31st		Otero County Fair Livestock Entries <u>ONLINE</u>
August 16		Otero County 4-H Achievement Day
August 20	6pm	4-H Club Leader Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom
August 21	6:30pm	August County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom
October 16th		4-H Project Record Books Due to Otero County Extension Office
DATE	TIME	County Project Dates
August 4	TBA	Jewelry <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
August 8	8am-5pm	Achievement Day Registration Form Due to Extension Office
August 11	8am-7pm	4-H Exhibit intake (No nutrition or baking projects)
August 14	8am-7pm	Deliver Nutrition/Baking 4-H Exhibits (classes #1217-#1407) to Otero County Extension Office
August 15	7:30-10am	Deliver Nutrition/Baking 4-H Exhibits (classes #1217-#1407) to Otero County Extension Office
August 16	5pm	Awards and exhibit viewing
August 22	2pm	What is a record book <b>Workshop</b> @ The Extension Office <b>RSVP</b>
DATE		NM State Happenings
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

If your livestock animal loses it's yellow 840 EID tag, contact Hannah and let her know for a retag!  
hdw@nmsu.edu 575-437-0231

## Heritage 4-H Club July Report

At our July meeting, we made posters before and had fun! Edward brought his Border Collie, Glance, and talked about the 4-H Dog Project. It was great to watch!

-Thank you, Charli



Pay attention to project classes and requirements!

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Achievement  
Day information!

Viewing and Awards  
August 16th

# August 4-H County Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:  
Thursday, August 21st, 6:30pm at  
the Extension Office Classroom

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

The Otero County Extension Office will have interrupted hours when all agents have out of office work as we have no admin assistant. Please call before heading over for unscheduled visits to confirm office is open.



## 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

August 2025

Cloudcroft 4-H



Tularosa 4-H



Hector M

Heritage 4-H



Gavin B

Alamogordo 4-H



Mable R



Mustang 4-H



Mescalero 4-H



## 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 Achievement Day Schedule:

**Friday, August 8, 2025, 8am – 5pm**

Submit Completed Registration form to the Otero County Extension Office (4-Her's not submitting registration form by August 8th will be responsible for completing their entry tags upon delivery of exhibits to the Extension Office.)

**Monday, August 11, 2025, 8am – 7pm**

Deliver 4-H exhibits (except nutrition/baking, classes #1217-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office

**Thursday, August 14, 2025, 8am – 7pm or Friday, August 15, 2025, 7:30am – 10am**

Deliver Nutrition/Baking 4-H Exhibits (classes #1217-#1407) to the Otero County Extension Office

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

4-H Family Night @ Fairgrounds

5pm Building Opens for Viewing of Exhibits

6pm Awards Program, Pizza, and Tasting of Nutrition/Baking Exhibits



## 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, [kelknigh@nmsu.edu](mailto:kelknigh@nmsu.edu). All finished projects may be exhibited in the annual 4-H Achievement Day in August.

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

A workshop will be held on August 22nd 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](mailto:hdw@nmsu.edu).

### 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.

Registration Scholarships and other info can be found at:

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



# Otero County Contest Awards

## Otero County 4-H Contest

### CDM

Alyssa S. - Heritage Senior - Blue Award  
Sierra A. - Mescalero Senior - Blue Award  
Mable R. - Alamogordo Novice - Blue Award  
Charli R. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award

### Fashion Review

Mable R. - Alamogordo Novice - Blue & Blue  
Adeline P. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award  
Charli R. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award

### FCS Skill-a-thon

Charli R. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award  
Mable R. - Heritage Alamogordo - Blue Award

### Horticulture

Mable R. - Alamogordo Novice - White Award  
Grant W. - Mescalero Junior - Red Award  
Adeline P. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award  
Charlie S. - Cloudcroft Senior - Red Award  
Sierra A. - Mescalero Senior - Red Award  
Cord W. - Mescalero Senior - Red Award  
Siena C. - Cloudcroft Senior - Red Award

### Wildlife

Adeline P. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award

### Entomology

Gavin B. - Heritage Senior - White Award  
Caleb R. - Heritage Senior - White Award

### Prepared Public Speaking

Caleb R. - Heritage Senior - Blue Award  
Charli R. - Heritage Junior - Blue Award

### Prepared Presentation

Siena C. - Cloudcroft Senior - Blue Award

### Favorite Foods

Cord W. - Mescalero Senior - Red Award

### Rifle

Jacob M. - Alamogordo Novice - Red Award  
Mattison M. - Alamogordo Novice - Red Award  
Logan H. - Tularosa Junior - Red Award  
Izzy M. - Alamogordo Junior - White Award  
Sarina Y. - Alamogordo Junior - White Award

## Otero County 4-H Contest Cont.

### Archery

Chase J. - Heritage Novice - White Award  
Jacob M. - Alamogordo Novice - White Award  
Mattison M. - Alamogordo Novice - White Award  
Isaiah S. - Heritage Novice - Red Award  
Demetrio C. - Tularosa Junior - White Awards  
Logan H. - Tularosa Junior - White Award  
Ava I. - Tularosa Junior - White Award  
Izzy M. - Alamogordo Junior - White Award  
Adeline P. - Heritage Junior - White Award  
Sarina Y. - Alamogordo Junior - White Award  
Ryatt S. - Tularosa Junior - Red Award

### Shotgun

Apollo I. - Tularosa Senior - Red Award

## District Contest - Curry County, Clovis NM

### Top 5 Results:

#### 5th Place Archery Team

Logan H. - Tularosa Junior  
Demetrio C. - Tularosa Junior  
Ryatt S. - Tularosa Junior

#### 2nd Place Individual Sewing Mix & Match

Charli R. - Heritage Junior

#### 2nd Place Individual Prepared Speech

Charli R. - Heritage Junior

## Senior 4-H State Conference, Las Cruces NM

### Top 5 Results:

#### 2nd Place Prepared Speech Individual

Caleb R. - Heritage

#### 3rd Place Ag Presentation Individual

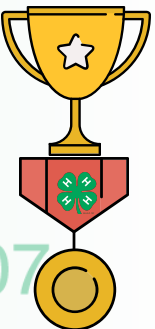
Siena C. - Cloudcroft

#### 3rd Place Horse Judging Team

Alyssa S. - Heritage  
Hartley G. - Cloudcroft  
Peyton C. - Heritage  
Garrett G. - Cloudcroft

#### 5th Place Horse Judging Individual

Hartley G. - Cloudcroft



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