

Otero County 4-H Newsletter

March 2025



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4-H Meeting Schedule

| 4-H Club | Time/Location | Monthly Meeting | Next Meeting |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Alamogordo 4-H | 6pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building | 2nd Tuesday | March 11th |
| Cloudcroft 4-H | 6pm @ Cloudcroft Middle School | Last Thursday | March 27th |
| Heritage 4-H | 7pm @ Fairgrounds Exhibit Building | 2nd Monday | March 10th |
| Mescalero 4-H | 5pm @ Empowerment Complex | 1st Sunday | March 2nd |
| Mustang 4-H | 6pm @ High Rolls Senior Center | Last Tuesday | March 25th |
| *Tularosa 4-H | 7pm @ Carroll Family Home | 1st Tuesday | March 11th |

***Tularosa 4-H meeting moved from March 4th to March 11th, same time and place as usual.**

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 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 - March 2025

| DATE | TIME | County Happenings |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| March 13 | 5:30pm | Shooting Sports Meeting @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn |
| March 19 | 5:30pm | SLR Pre-Trip Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom / Zoom |
| March 20 | 6:30pm | March County Council Meeting @ Extension Office Classroom |
| March 29 | 8am-6pm | County Contest Open House @ Fairgrounds New Exhibit Building |
| April 6 | 10:30am | Senior Shotgun County Contest @ Roadrunner Trap Club |
| April 13 | 1pm | Senior Rifle County Contest @ Roadrunner Trap Club |
| DATE | TIME | County Project Dates |
| March 2 | 1pm | Shotgun Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club  |
| March 3 | 3pm | Sewing Project @ Extension Office  |
| March 6 | 6pm | Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn  |
| March 9 | 1pm | Rifle Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club  |
| March 9 | 3pm | Horse Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds  |
| March 10 | 3pm | Sewing Project @ Extension Office  |
| March 13 | 6pm | Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn  |
| March 16 | 9am | Shotgun Practice @ Roadrunner Trap Club ATA Shoot  |
| March 17 | 3pm | Sewing Project @ Extension Office  |
| March 20 | 5:30pm | Parliamentary Procedure Workshop @ Extension Office  |
| March 24 | 3pm | Sewing Project @ Extension Office  |
| March 27 | 6pm | Archery Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn  |
| March 30 | 3pm | Horse Practice @ Otero County Fairgrounds  |
| March 31 | 3pm | Sewing Project @ Extension Office  |
| DATE | NM State Happenings | |
| March 21-23 | Senior Leadership Retreat @ Glorieta Adventure Camp | |
| April 11-13 | Youth Get Away @ Glorieta Adventure Camp | |
| May 1-4 | NM State Shooting Sports Championship @ Raton | |
| May 17-18 | Small Animal School @ Bernalillo | |
| June 4-6 | Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School @ Capitan | |
| June 17-19 | SE District Contest @ Clovis/Portales | |
| 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 | |

| Upcoming Deadlines | Date Due |
|--|----------------|
| Senior Leadership Retreat Deadline | March 3, 2025 |
| Youth Get Away Deadline | March 10, 2025 |
| Otero County 4-H Member of the Month Monthly Submission Deadline | March 20, 2025 |

March County 4-H Council Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for:
Thursday, March 20th, 6:30pm at
the Extension Office

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

Unsure of what contest there are
in 4-H or what you want to do?

County Contest Open House March 29th, 2025

Otero County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building

Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members compete at county level contest to qualify for district (N,J) and state (S) contest.

Come try out the contest before
you have to compete, sign up for
practices!



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 exactly what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? If not, please take a moment to check these out 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.

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.



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.



4-H Volunteer Leader Enrollment Reminder

This is a friendly reminder for adult volunteers interested in serving as 4-H volunteer leaders with Otero County 4-H, the following requirements for enrollment must be met:

- 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.
- Complete and submit an [adult enrollment form](#) and adult [liability form](#) to the Otero County Extension Office.
- 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

March
2025

Tularosa 4-H



Payton Moore

Heritage 4-H



Peyton Corvin

Cloudfcroft 4-H



Macie Seaman



Alamogordo 4-H



Kimberlee Orr

Mescalero 4-H



Sierra Ahidley

Mustang 4-H



Andres Cardiel

How to Nominate:

4-H members may nominate themselves or others (from any Otero County 4-H club) for Member of the Month. To nominate, please submit the following information by the 20th of each month:

- The name of the 4-H member you are nominating
- A recent photo of the nominee
- A brief description of their favorite 4-H memory or project

Nominations can be sent directly to your 4-H Agent Hannah Wood at hdw@nmsu.edu

Otero County Days at the Roundhouse 2025



Otero County 4-H County Council Officers and adjoining Otero County 4-H club members were invited to attend Otero Days at the Roundhouse with local representatives and community stakeholders. 6 Otero County youth were able to attend. 4-H youth assisted with clearing tables at the Otero County Days breakfast panel, got a chance to speak about their projects and time in 4-H to community members present, as well as meet representatives of our county. One of these representative being Harlan Vincent who has contributed funds to Otero County 4-H in the past and allowed us to cover half of the cost for SLR and YGA this year for participating members. The group was also invited on a memorable tour of the Roundhouse and had an enjoyable time. **Thank you to all of the parents who were able to provide transportation and such awesome kids for us to participate in this event!**



The Otero County 4-H Shooting Sports Program had 4 volunteer leaders certified at the Leader Certification held during February!

Doug Jensen - Shotgun
Tyler Jensen - Shotgun
Michael Speegle - Hunting
Hannah Wood - Archery

Southern Regional Livestock School



Capitan NM
June 4-6, 2025



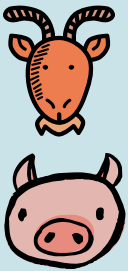
4 Species Tracks Available!
Goat Swine Lamb Beef Cattle

Registration Window: April 16th to April 30th
Registration Fee: \$150

Registration will be online at
<https://socorroextension.nmsu.edu/>

If you have any issues registering April 16th to April 30th, please contact Hannah Wood at (575)-437-0321 or hdw@nmsu.edu for assistance.

For more information contact:
Emily Bruton: (575)-835-0610
Sara Marta: (575)-894-2375
Teresa Dean: (575)-525-6649
Savannah Daniels: (575)-542-9291



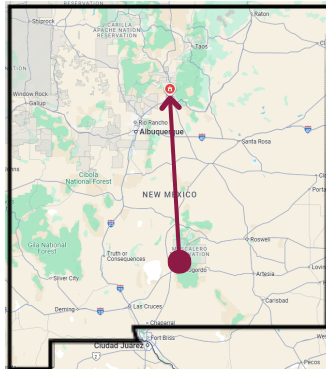
If you are an individuals with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact Sierra County Extension at (575)-849-2375 by May 15th. New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer and educator.

Santa Fe County Livestock Clinic

Saturday March 22, 2025 10am - 5pm
Held at Santa Fe County Fair Grounds

Cost: \$30 per child, lunch provided.
Parents/siblings can purchase lunch for \$15 at event.
How to sign up <https://form.jotform.com/250235263912148>
Payment accepted day of event.

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|----------|------------------------------|
| 10:00am | Opening Session |
| 10:30am | Animal Nutrition |
| 11:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00pm | Animal Selection |
| 2:30pm | Break/ Q&A |
| 3:00pm | Fitting Clinic & Showmanship |



This will be an indoor/ outdoor clinic so please be aware of the weather for the day and come prepared for whatever mother nature presents. The last session for the clinic will be a showmanship class guided and judged by Eli Meador. Traditional showmanship attire is not required, but keep in mind footwear and outerwear to allow showmanship activity.

If you already have a lamb or goat for the show season, you are invited to bring them along. Hands on Showmanship practice will benefit the 4-Her and the animal. If you do bring your own animal, we will have pens available (please bring tools to clean at end of clinic). Keep in mind, this is a 7 hour clinic and a water bucket/ hay bag might help to keep the animals calm and comfortable for the duration of the clinic. Keeping animals in show trailers is also an option. If you do not have an animal, there will be a handful available for some hands on practice, but we cannot guarantee an animal for each 4-Her through the entire showmanship class. Parents are required to attend with 4-Her.

Alamogordo 4-H Club:

We encourage all members to share any ideas or suggestions for activities or events they would like to do following our upcoming meeting. If you have recommendations for guest speakers or topics of interest that could benefit the group, please feel free to bring them up during the meeting or reach out to the club leader directly via email or group text. Additionally, we ask everyone to start brainstorming ideas for a meaningful community project we could take on as a group. Your input and engagement are vital as we plan for the months ahead.

February was great! We decorated valentines cookies after our meeting. Such an amazing turn out!!



American Youth Horse Council Registration open for 48th Annual American Youth Horse Council Symposium

The 48th Annual American Youth Horse Council Symposium, will be held April 11-23, 2025, in Tucson, Arizona. A highly anticipated annual event for horse enthusiasts, this gathering unites teens and adult leaders from all corners of the equine industry for three days of engaging demonstrations, hands-on workshops, insightful discussions, educational sessions, exhibits, and awards. More than just an event, it's a unique opportunity for youth and adult leaders to connect, exchange ideas, expand their knowledge, and strengthen the equine community—all while having plenty of fun.

Registration is open! Register by March 10, 2025 for the best rates!

The 2025 event will boast many nationally respected presenters assembled to share their keys to successful youth horse programming and horse management. Enhance your symposium experience with pre-conference tours, offering a unique opportunity to explore local equine facilities and gain valuable insight into the regional equine industry. The Tucson, Arizona, equine industry tour will feature:

- The Al-Marrah Equine Center
- University of Arizona Veterinary College
- University of Arizona Diagnostic Laboratory

Make your plans to join the youth horse industry in Tucson, Arizona...Home to the iconic saguaro cactus, breathtaking desert landscapes, and incredible hiking trails, the Saguaro National Park offers a quintessential Southwest experience. Whether you're exploring scenic drives, watching a sunset over the Sonoran Desert, or spotting diverse wildlife, Tucson's natural wonders make it a must-visit destination. Plus, the city boasts a rich blend of Native American, Mexican, and Old West history, adding cultural depth to its outdoor adventures. Join us for the 48th Annual AYHC Symposium, Visit ayhc.com/symposium for a full list of speakers, workshop details, and registration information.

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EL PASO, TX



HORSE SHOW

MARCH 29-30, 2025



SATURDAY: CLINIC
SUNDAY: HORSE SHOW

- RANCH REINING
- RANCH COWHORSE
- RANCH PLEASURE
- RANCH TRAIL

DIVISIONS OFFERED: OPEN, LIMITED OPEN, NON PRO, LIMITED NON PRO, NOVICE, YOUTH 14 - 18, YOUTH 9 - 13

FOR RULES AND INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE MEMBERSHIPS AND HORSE COMPETITION LICENSE:

[HTTPS://WWW.AMERICANSTOCKHORSE.ORG](https://www.americanstockhorse.org)

- COVERED ARENA
- LIMITED OUTDOOR STALLS AVAILABLE ON SITE
- INDOOR STALLS AVAILABLE NEAR BY

**FOR MORE INFO
CONTACT JOBY
PRIEST- (575)202-3646**

RODEO

PLAY DAY

★ 29 MARCH, 2025 ★

CYCLONE CENTER STANLEY NM



Events

- Barrels
- Flags
- Poles
- Keyhole
- Goat Tying
- Ribbon Pull
- Dummy Roping

**\$25 PER KID INCLUDES ALL
EVENTS**

BOOKS OPEN 8:00AM

START TIME 9:30AM

PRE-ENTRY ENCOURAGED

Age Groups
5& under Leadline
5& under
Independent

- 6-9
- 10-12
- 13-15
- 16-19

Register
NOW



**STARTS AT 9:30 AM GOES UNTIL THE DUST SETTLES
CONTACT [SUNNYF@NMSU.EDU](mailto:sunnyf@nmsu.edu) FOR QUESTIONS OPEN TO ALL**

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Youth Get Away (YGA) 2025

YGA is an exciting opportunity for Novice and Junior 4-H members to grow, learn, and have fun in a supportive environment! It brings together youth from across New Mexico for hands-on activities, leadership development, and new friendships. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make memories and be part of the 4-H family. Sign up today and be ready for an out of this world adventure!



When: April 11-13, 2025
Where: Glorieta Adventure Camp
Theme: Be Out of this World With 4-H
Registration Deadline: March 10, 2025
Registration Cost: \$100

How to register: Get in touch with your county 4-H agent, Hannah Wood, for up to date registration information at hdw@nmsu.edu or (575) 437-0231.



Youth Ranch Management Camp
June 8-13, 2025

CS Ranch | Cimarron, New Mexico
Youth Age 15-19 | \$400 Cost
"Educating tomorrow's leaders in ranch management, today."

The registration site opened on February 4th! A total of 30 participants will be invited to this year's camp, with three of those openings for out-of-state youth, age 15-19.

Application site will close April 17, 2025. Completed applications will be reviewed by the NMYRMC Committee and applicants notified of acceptance by April 22, 2025. The registration fee or payment arrangement is due on or before May 24, 2025. More info can be found [online](#) or by contacting Sid Gordon, sgordon@nmsu.edu, 575-437-0231, or at the Otero County Extension Office.

4-H Project Materials

In 4-H, there are numerous projects available to members. Projects include animal science, gardening, photography, foods, clothing, public speaking, creative arts, Cloverbuds and more. A complete list of projects is available on the [NM 4-H website](#). Project materials are available for each 4-H project which include manuals and record forms. Members receive materials by enrolling in the project and requesting materials from the Otero County Extension Service. Leaders may also request project materials to facilitate 4-H project meetings.

Many of the 4-H project materials are available as a digital file (free of charge). In Otero County, the first three printed project materials are provided free of charge to 4-H members and any additional projects cost \$4.00 each. If you would like to request digital or printed project materials, please call (575-437- 0231) or email (otero@nmsu.edu) the Otero County Extension Service. There is no deadline for adding a project to your enrollment during the 4-H program year.



Sugar Daddy Show Pigs Farm Sale March 22, 2025

5210 W Cotton Road, Roswell NM
Bruce Gammill: (575)-626-1403



Barn Opens at Noon
Bids Open at 1pm
Bids Close at 2pm

Horse Judging

Horse Judging will state in March.
Please contact Sid at (575)-437-0231
or sgordon@nmsu.edu now if you
want to judge horses.



Dates for practice will be announced
after we organize.



4-H Sewing Projects

4-H sewing workshops will be held on Monday afternoons in March at the Otero County Extension Office. All Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members may participate in the sessions. If you are interested in participating in the sessions, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office, 575-437-0231 or kelknigh@nmsu.edu. Kelly will provide assistance to 4-H families for selecting a 4-H sewing project. Sewing options include garments, tote bags, aprons, quilts, to name a few. All sewing levels are welcome, beginners to advanced. Sewing machines will be provided for 4-H members to use or 4-H members may bring their own machines to the sessions. There is no fee for participating. However, 4-H members are responsible for purchasing some supplies such as fabric, thread, patterns, buttons, elastic, etc.

Last 4-H year we had a growing number of 4-H members participating in the sewing sessions. If the numbers continue to grow, we will need more adults to stay and assist 4-H members during the sessions. Parents are always welcome to attend the sewing sessions and help their child(ren). Parents do not have to be experts in sewing to help, they simply need to be willing to learn and help. The agent and volunteer leaders will provide direction and assistance to 4-H members during the sessions, but we may need additional adults to attend with their youth. An adult who is an enrolled 4-H leader is welcome to assist any of the 4-H youth. Parents who are not enrolled 4-H leaders may assist their own child(ren) during the sewing sessions. We have 10 sewing machines available each week for sewing. If we have an occurrence of not having enough machines for the number of youth attending the sessions, then we may need to look at requiring 4-H families to RSVP for the sewing sessions.

The purpose of the 4-H sewing project is to provide 4-H youth with a lifetime skill. Youth will learn skills that can save them money throughout their lifetime. They can replace a lost button or sew a seam that ripped open. They will also gain self-confidence, patience, perseverance, problem-solving and they'll have an opportunity to express their creative side through sewing. 4-H'ers will enter their completed sewing items in the Otero County 4-H Achievement Day (usually scheduled in August) and may participate in 4-H Fashion revues (summer months).

Please contact Kelly at the Extension Office if you have any questions regarding 4-H sewing projects, 575-437-0231 or kelknigh@nmsu.edu.

2025 Tag Dates & Information

Pigs, Lambs, & Goats

Thursday, May 29th - 5pm to 7pm

Saturday, June 14th - 8am to 10am

Held at the Otero County Fairgrounds

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Face Papers with Ear Notches (Pigs ONLY)
3. Scrapies tag for females (Lamb & Goats ONLY)

Out of State Purchases:

1. Health papers with Vet Inspections (Pig's must have ear notches on them)
2. Bill of Sale

Reminder: If you are unable to make the designated tag days, it is your responsibility to contact Hannah to make arrangements no less than **ONE WEEK** prior to the final tag day to ensure they are tagged by the **NMSF June 15th deadline**. There will be no exceptions/extensions.

Cattle

There will be no scheduled tag day for cattle at the fairgrounds. You will be responsible for contacting the 4-H Agent, Hannah Wood, at (575)437-0231 to schedule a farm visit. **Cattle must be tagged and paperwork turned in to Hannah no later than June 11th, 2025.**

Required Documents

In State Purchase:

1. Bill of Sale (birthdate must be on BOS for breeding heifers)
2. Letter from brand owner giving permission to use their brand OR must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA.

Out of State Purchases:

1. Bill of Sale
2. Must be branded with your own NM registered brand or 4-H/FFA brand.
3. Health papers with vet inspection.

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