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# Otero County 4-H NEWSLETTER



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## 4-H Meeting Schedule

4-H Club	Time/Location	Monthly Meeting	Next Meeting
Alamogordo 4-H	6pm @ New Exhibit building - Fairgrounds	2nd Tuesday	Sept 12
Heritage 4-H	7pm @ Fairgrounds	2nd Monday	No Meeting
Mescalero 4-H	6pm @ first Baptist Ruidoso (Country Club Drive)	1st Sunday	No Meeting
Mustangs 4-H	6pm @ Fairgrounds Classroom	Last Tuesday	Sept 26
Sacramento Mountains 4-H	6pm @ Mayhill Volunteer Fire Department	2nd Monday	Sept 11
Tularosa 4-H	7pm @ Carroll Family Home	1st Tuesday	No Meeting
Wildcats 4-H After-School	5:30pm @ Tularosa Public Schools	3rd Tuesday	Sept 19
Holloman 4-H Club	6:00pm @ Soaring Heights Community Center @ Holloman AFB	1st Wednesday	Sept 6



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# 4-H Age Groups for the 2022- 2023 4-H Year

	<b>*Cloverbud</b>	<b>Novice</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Grade as of January 1, 2023	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, and 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
Age as of January 1, 2023	5 year olds; 6 year olds; 7 year olds; 8 year olds and 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, 2022 through September 30, 2023. 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.

## Good Standing

Members, parents and leaders, do you know exactly what 4-H members need to do to be in "good standing"? Do you know what the "good standing" requirements are? If not, please take a moment to check these out now. Don't wait until before the fair (or other events/activities) 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, 2023.

--Attends at least 40% of all club meetings held between October 1, 2022 and the date of the event or activity. Some 4-H Clubs require members to attend at least 50% of club meetings. So, be sure to check with your 4-H club leader for the minimum number of club meetings you are required to attend to be considered in "good standing".

--Follows the NM 4-H Conduct and Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adults.

## 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.

# Heritage 4-H Club

## NEW MEETING TIME AND PLACE

Heritage 4-H Club will now meet the second Monday of the month at 7pm at the Otero County Fairgrounds beginning October 9th.

## Club Report

Heritage 4-H had their August meeting on August 8th. There was a sheep and goat practice show for members with experienced showman helping the 4-Hers. During our meeting, we discussed what to bring to fair. Afterwards, we played an animal science game.

Submitted by Gavin Blankenship

# Livestock Exhibitor Clean up Day

Fair clean-up is scheduled for September 16th at 8:00am. It will begin with a mandatory exhibitor meeting in the show ring. Pen assignments will not be given until the entire barn is cleaned. If you are unable to make fair clean-up, please contact the Extension Office at 575-437-0231 or Megan Portillo at least two weeks prior to avoid being charged the fee for missing fair clean-up.



New Mexico State Fair  
September 7-17

Southern NM State Fair  
September 27- October 1

Eastern NM State Fair  
October 2-7

# Cow Patty

**\$10 a spot**

**Spots 1-100 available**

**September 23rd at 5:00pm**

Before the Livestock Sale at the Otero County Fair. Numbers will be placed at random. Please contact Sid Gordon or Kalie Gillespie at 575-437-0231 for more information or to purchase your square. This is a fundraiser to help Otero County Jr. Livestock continue to support 4-H and FFA members.

**\*\*Cash or Check ONLY\*\***

# 2023 Otero County Fair Updates from Junior Livestock Committee

## Junior Livestock Exhibitors:

We are so excited to welcome you all for the 2023 Otero County Fair and Junior Livestock Shows! We look forward to seeing you at check-in on Tuesday.

September 19th starting at 3 PM. Remember the process can take some time as the vet inspects your animals and we check your paperwork and to plan accordingly. Our Exhibitor Meeting is following classification and weigh in on Tuesday night and all exhibitors and at least one parent/guardian needs to be in attendance. We will begin weighing and classifying animals on Tuesday directly after you check in at the gate, you will need to be there with your animal in order to weigh them. The show

schedule is as follows:

### **TUESDAY 9/19/23**

- Check-in/Weigh/Classify 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Mandatory Exhibitor/Parent Meeting directly following classification.

### **WEDNESDAY 9/20/23**

- Pig Show 6:00pm

### **THURSDAY 9/21/23**

- Lamb Show 1:00pm
- Goat Show- 30 minutes after Lamb Show
- Old Fashion Fair Night 6:00pm (starting with Queen Coronation)

### **FRIDAY 9/22/23**

- Poultry Show 12:00pm
- Rabbit Show- 30 minutes after Poultry Show
- Cattle Show 5:00pm

□ Disposition forms due 1 hour after completion of cattle show

### **SATURDAY 9/23/23**

- Buyer's Supper 4:00pm
- Bovine Bingo 5:00pm
- Junior Livestock Sale 6:00pm

4-H Clubs and FFA chapters are responsible for cleaning up after each show;

Wednesday Swine Show- Heritage and Sacramento 4-H

Thursday Lamb/Goat Show-Alamogordo and Tularosa FFA, High Rolls 4-H

Friday Poultry/Rabbit Show- All those participating exhibitors

Friday Cattle Show-Mescalero and Tularosa 4-H

Saturday Sale Set up/Clean up- ALL exhibitors in the sale

# 2023

## OLD FASHION FAIR NIGHT & QUEEN CORONATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 @ 6:00 PM  
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RING

WILL BEGIN WITH:

### • QUEEN CORONATION CEREMONY

ACTIVITIES TO FOLLOW:

### • WATERMELON EATING CONTEST

\$5/person (all ages)

### • PIE EATING CONTEST

\$5/person (all ages)

### • PeeWee Fun Show

Free- limit 15 (ages 3-7)

### • OLD-TIMERS SHOW-

PIG, LAMB & GOAT

\$20/nomination (age 19+)

(NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE USED-TO-BE OR WOULD-LIKE-TO-SEE ADULT FOR COMPETITION. NOMINEES CAN BUY OUT FOR \$20. LIMIT OF NOMINATIONS AT 2 TIMES/NOMINEE. YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH A JUNIOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR FOR THE USE OF THEIR ANIMAL PRIOR TO SHOW. WE WILL NOT BE PROVIDING LIVESTOCK.)

ENTRIES/NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF FAIR

This year we have arranged for all animals going through the Junior Livestock Sale to go to A&M Meats processing facility in Alamogordo. All animals going to A&M Meats will leave on a truck on Sunday. If your buyer would like to use a different processor that is fine, however those arrangements will need to be made with your buyer on Sale Night and Junior Livestock will not be responsible for the animal or the processing if done elsewhere. That arrangement is with you and your buyer. Make sure to thank your buyer that night and remember you will need to deliver Buyer's Photos to each buyer when they come in. It is your responsibility to know who purchased your animal and what arrangements are being made for the processing of that animal.

### **Superintendents and Assistants :**

**Cattle-Sid Gordon & Gerald Green**

**Goats-Danielle Fleming**

**Poultry- Esther Jensen & Amalia Montoya**

**Rabbits-Megan Portillo**

**Sheep-Misti Orr & Ruthe Wold**

**Swine-Alejandro Cardiel & Cody Carell**

# Record Books

Record keeping is an important life skill and all 4-H members are encouraged to keep written records of their 4-H club year. These records are turned into the Extension Office each year and evaluated. Each member

receives helpful feedback and may receive an award for their effort and achievement. Record Book judges will select 4-H members for the following awards:

Outstanding Novice 4-H Member

Outstanding Junior 4-H Member

Outstanding Senior 4-H Member

Leadership Award (Senior 4-H Members Eligible)

Novice 4-H Member Project Awards

Junior 4-H Member Project Awards

Senior 4-H Member Project Awards

County 4-H Record Book forms and guidelines may be downloaded from the Otero County Extension website.

The website has everything you need to know about assembling your 4-H Record Book and submitting it for judging. Be sure you are working on your record book in order to have it ready to turn in to the Extension Office by the October 19th deadline.

**Don't wait! Work on your 4-H Record Book today!**

# Award Nominations Wanted!

The Meritorious Award and Outstanding 4-H Leader Award will be awarded through a nomination process. Later this year, during the annual 4-H Awards Ceremony, Otero County 4-H Council will provide the following awards:

- Outstanding 4-H Leader Award- an adult volunteer that is an enrolled 4-H Leader in Otero County and has demonstrated outstanding service and contribution to the Otero County 4-H Program.
- Meritorious 4-H Award- an Otero County group, organization, business, or individual, outside of 4-H, who throughout the years has donated significantly of their time and effort to the Otero County 4-H Program.

We need 4-H members, leaders, and parents to submit nominations for these awards.

Nomination forms are due in the Extension Office by September 15, 2023, and can be obtained from the Extension Office or the Otero County Extension Service website.

Nominations received by the deadline will be reviewed by Otero County 4-H Council prior to the annual 4-H Awards Ceremony.

## Otero County Council Officer Elections

What: 2022-2023 Otero County 4-H Council Officer Elections

When: October 19, 2023

Where: Otero County Extension Office, 401 Fairgrounds Rd, Alamogordo

Who: Otero County 4-H members, all 4-H clubs may have four (4) voting delegates

Who can run for office:

1. Any active Otero county 4-H member who is a Novice, Junior, or Senior at the time of the elections may submit an application.
2. Candidates must turn in an application to the Extension Office by October 16, 2023. Application forms are available from the Extension Office or the Otero County Extension website. You may either mail the form, bring it by the office, or fax it into the office (fax #575-437-6134). We will not take phone applications. The form requires signatures of 4-H applicant, parent, and 4-H Club Organizational Leader.
3. The applicant may specify up to three (3) office choices he or she wishes to run for.
4. All candidates will be required to present a brief speech, no more than 3 minutes in length, prior to the election of officers during the October 20th Council Meeting. Candidate speeches should include information about why you want to become an Otero County 4-H Council Officer, experiences you have had that will make you an effective council officer, and any other information you feel is relevant.
5. If elected as an officer, you are expected to perform all office duties to the best of your ability and according to the bylaws.



# 2023 4-H Achievement Day Awards



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## Ag & Natural Science

Champion:  
 Rilinger Allen  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Caleb Ramsey

## STEM

Champion:  
 Caleb Ramsey  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Rilinger Allen

## Home & Family

Champion:  
 Abigail Crnkovic  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Rilinger Allen



## Champion Exhibitors

Novice  
 Rilinger Allen  
 Junior  
 Caleb Ramsey  
 Senior  
 Gracie Gonzalez

## Creative Arts

Champion:  
 Rilinger Allen  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Gracie Gonzalez

## Sewing & Clothing

Champion:  
 Adeline Pike  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Charli Ramsey

## Foods

Champion:  
 Charli Ramsey  
 Reserve Champion:  
 Caleb Ramsey

## Silver Shears

Adeline Pike  
 Sadaya Burnett  
 Julianna Secret

## Reserve Champion Exhibitors

Novice  
 Charli Ramsey  
 Junior  
 Sadaya Burnett  
 Senior  
 Payton Moore



## Thank You 4-H Achievement Day Sponsors!

**Alamogordo 4-H Club**  
**Casa Creations**  
**GS Tower Services**  
**Heritage 4-H Club**  
**La Luz Cart-Away**  
**Ande & Becky McFarland**  
**Misti Orr**  
**Otero County Master Gardeners**  
**R.D. Blankenship Dirt Work, LLC**  
**Tom Simpson**  
**Frank & Dori Webb**

We are grateful for your generosity & support!

# 2023 New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Where: Las Cruces, NM

What: Workshops, networking, speakers, and make and take.

Who: Adult 4-H Leaders & Parents from throughout New Mexico

How: Registration is now available on the NM 4-H website. Website also provides workshop descriptions, schedule, and scholarships available.

Cost:

- \$40 - Early Registration (Now - Oct. 15)
- \$50 - Late Registration (Oct. 16 - 31)
- \$20 - Night at the Museum (Program and Dinner)
- T-shirts will be purchased separately on the website this year.



## 4-H Exhibits at Otero County Fair

4-H exhibits entered in the annual 4-H Achievement Day will be on display for viewing during the Otero County Fair in the exhibit building of the Fairgrounds. To display all exhibits, assistance is needed on Tuesday, September 19th, with arranging displays of 4-H exhibits. 4-H adult volunteers, parents, and/or youth (preferably older youth) are welcome to assist on Sept. 19th (daytime or evening) with set up of the 4-H exhibit displays. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office, 575-437-0231.



*Good luck Exhibitors!*

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