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# CLOVERLEAF

## January 2026

Hello 4-Her's, Leaders and Parents,  
Happy New Year!  
We are looking forward to an exciting New Year!  
Make sure you complete your enrollment for the  
new 2025-2026 4-H year and to please invite your  
family and friends!  
If you have any questions or need any help please  
contact the Extension Office.  
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Family and Consumer Science Agent/4-H  
Angela Hurst-Extension Agricultural Agent/4-H  
Gail Villareale-Wylie - Program Assistant  
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### Happy Birthday Wishes To:

Marinea Pacheco

Jackie Young

Jaimelynn Hen-  
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Suzanne Sprague

Ryan Barnes

Samuel Montoya

Doyle Young

Jeanette Hendricks



Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service



# JOIN 4-H

Enrollment Starts October 1<sup>st</sup>



# PICK YOUR PROJECT



# ENROLL TODAY

4-H is for YOU !  
4-H is for FUN !



Shooting Sports



Enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H Year begins October 1st!

For more information on joining a local 4-H Club please contact the NMSU Torrance County Cooperative Extension Service office at 505-544-4333 or [torrance@nmsu.edu](mailto:torrance@nmsu.edu)



## 4-H Member Ages for 2025-2026 4-H Year

**CLOVERBUDS:** 5 to 8 years old AND in Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade

**NOVICE:** 9 to 11 years old or 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade.

**JUNIOR:** 12 and 13 years old or 11 years old AND in the 6th grade.

**SENIOR:** 14 -18 years old OR 13 years old AND in the 8th grade



Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2025) are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member. **4-H Ages are based on the Member's Age as of January 1, 2026**

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Extension 4-H Youth Development



**To enroll:**

1. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/> - you can use any browser, but Google Chrome works the best.
2. If you have never used Zsuites before, start by creating a new account. If you have an existing Zsuite account, log in with your username and password.
  - \*\* Detailed instruction on creating a new account can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/Creatinganewaccount.html>
  - \*\* Zsuites works off of "households," which means you will *only create one account for your entire family*\*\*
3. Add household members for each of your youth needing to be enrolled as well as any adults in your household who will be enrolling as volunteers or club leaders (i.e., your spouse)
  - \*\* Detailed instructions on adding household members can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/CreateClubMemberProfiles.html>
  - \*\* Adults that are approved volunteers will need to enroll as VOLUNTEERS, unless you are the primary club leader for that particular club. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact the Extension office for an application. If you are not planning to work with youth as a volunteer, you will register as a PARENT.
4. Enroll each youth and adult volunteer or parent.
  - \*\* Detailed instructions for enrolling can be found here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/Enrollment.html>

Make sure to download the medical form, fill it out, and then upload the signed copy to each household member's accounts. *You will not be approved on the county level until those forms are attached to your enrollment and complete with signatures. You can also auto sign if you have the Adobe feature.*  
Once you have completed enrollments, you will be approved by the county OR state (for volunteers).

Here is the link to see available projects: <https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/projects/index.html>

If you do not have access to a computer, ZSuites is very mobile-friendly, so that you can do all of this on your phone. It is recommended not to use the app as it does not update in a timely manner. Instead, follow the instructions to add to your mobile device here: <https://zsuite.s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/static/Help/ZSuiteHelp/AddingZSuitetoyourMobileDevice.html>

If you do not have accessible internet or phone access, you are welcome to come into the office to complete a paper enrollment form.



# Greetings from the Ag Agent: Happy New Year!

## 4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources Updates:

### •4-H Equine:

- \* The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry have confirmed equine herpes myeloencephalopathy (EHM), the neurologic disease linked to equine herpes virus (EHV-1), in their respective states on November 18, 2025.
- \* The NMLB Office of the State Veterinarian recommends cancelling or postponing equine events to protect horses from further exposure until the current outbreak is determined.
- \* If you have any questions or would like more information about EHM or EHV-1, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at angeladh@nmsu.edu.

### •4-H Shooting Sports:

- \* **Shooting Sports Safety Meeting for the 2026 4-H year** will be **January 26th at 5-6:30 pm**. All interested students must attend the safety meeting before starting practice.
- \* The **2026 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training** is scheduled for February 20-22 in Truth or Consequence, NM. If you are a 4-H adult who would be interested in being trained to teach one of our Shooting Sports disciplines, please contact our office for information on how to attend Leader Training.



- \* Registration is open and will close February 8th. Cost to attend is \$100/participant
- \* The **2026 NM 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit** will be held March 20-22 at the Whittington Center in Raton, NM. Application information is posted to the State 4-H Website.
- \* This is for Sr. aged students and primarily focuses on Leadership skills within the Shooting Sports Project. Application information is due to the county office by February 12th.

### •4-H Livestock:

- \* Tag In Days have been set by the Torrance County Fair Board. They are the following:
  - ◊Beef April 15th, 4-7pm
  - ◊Small Animals June 6th, 7-11am; Make up June 10th 5-7pm
- \* Additionally, the Fair Board will be offering monthly weigh-ins starting in April and leading up to the County Fair. The time will be from 7-11am and the dates are:
  - ◊April 25th
  - ◊May 30th
  - ◊June 27th
  - ◊July 18th



# ART & CRAFT



WORKSHOPS

We will be starting up our creative arts project classes on the following Wednesdays:

February 11th

Sewing  
Leather Craft  
Arts and Crafts



February 25th

Ceramics  
Leather Craft  
Arts and Crafts

2:30 pm-  
5:00 pm



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If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Debby Maberry in advance at (505) 544-4334 or [maberryd@nmsu.edu](mailto:maberryd@nmsu.edu).

# Kitchen Creations

## FREE Diabetes Cooking Classes!



### Class Details

**DAY OF WEEK:** Thursdays

**DATES:** April 3, 10, 17 & 24

**TIME:** 9am till noon

**LOCATION:** Torrance County Fairgrounds  
700 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Estancia, NM 87016

**INSTRUCTORS:** Debby Maberry, County Program Director  
Elizabeth Galbraith, RDN, LD  
Cindy Davies, MA

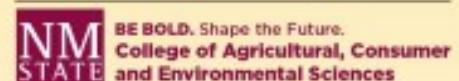
**TO REGISTER:** Call 505-544-4334 or email  
[maberryd@nmsu.edu](mailto:maberryd@nmsu.edu)

**[kitchencreations.nmsu.edu](http://kitchencreations.nmsu.edu)**

Please join us for this **FREE** series of 4 classes!

- Learn how to plan meals that help manage diabetes.
- Practice cooking foods in healthier ways.
- Enjoy the support of others who are living with diabetes.

**Provided by:**



For more information about  
**Paths to Health NM** programs,  
call the NMHealth Helpline:  
1-833-SWNURSE (1-833-796-8773)

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## 2025 RECORD BOOK ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**SENIOR**

**DENNY TURNER – CURRY COUNTY**

**JUNIOR**

**CHLOE BLACKBURN – LOS ALAMOS COUNTY**

**NOVICE**

**SCARLETT RODAS – SAN JUAN COUNTY**



**Beyond  
Ready**



**Senior Leadership Retreat**

**2026**

**Coming to**

**NMSU Las Cruces, NM**

**January 23-25, 2026**

**More information coming soon!**

# Save The Date: FCS SCHOOL



**March 13-15th, 2026**  
**Location: ABQ, NM**  
**(Bernalillo CES Office)**  
**Registration: January 2026**



## NMSU Aggies Corner

### December – Families Matter Too

Your support system is a big part of your college success. NMSU offers resources to help families stay informed and involved throughout your journey. Share [families.nmsu.edu](http://families.nmsu.edu) with your loved ones to help them stay connected.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**2025-2026**

### New Mexico 4-H Event Dates

**\*Tentative Schedule more information to follow**

Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	January 15
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	February 12
4-H FCS National Championship and Conference – San Antonio, TX	January 14-16
State Portfolios Due at SLR	January 23
Senior Leadership Retreat - Las Cruces NM	January 23-25
Parliamentary Procedure Contest	January 23
4-H Day at the Roundhouse	TBD
Shooting Sports Training (Sierra County)	February 21-22
New Agent Training NMSU, Las Cruces	February 10-12
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12
FCS School – Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 13-15
Thinking Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 12
Ignite Conference	March 25-29
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	March 20-22
Thinking Thursday Zoom Training	April 9
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	April 17-19
National 4-H Conference (Arlington, Virginia)	April 10-15
Small Animal School	TBD (May)
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	June 21-26

## Pioneers 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Wednesday @ 5:30 PM  
E. Torrance Soil & Water Bldg.

Estancia

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Angela Ferguson

505-401-3105

[HunniBearAngel@gmail.com](mailto:HunniBearAngel@gmail.com)

## Mustang Wranglers 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Monday @ 6:30 PM

Mountainair High School FFA

Agricultural Building

Brenda Cain (505) 847-0966

[drblmack@aol.com](mailto:drblmack@aol.com)

Jill Encinias (505) 321-9553

[jillyroge@yahoo.com](mailto:jillyroge@yahoo.com)

## Moriarty Desperados 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6PM

Moriarty Civic Center

202 Broadway St South

Moriarty NM 87035

Leslie Chavez (505) 328-5837

[zack2006@msn.com](mailto:zack2006@msn.com)

## Tumbleweeds 4-H Club

Meets 2nd Thursday @ 6PM

Enchanted Legacy

1011 Allen Ave, Estancia

Kaycee Chavez (505) 301-9676



## ATTENTION 4-H YOUTH:

The 4-H County Council has voted to continue to provide all current Torrance county club members the opportunity for sponsorship of \$100 towards their chose of District, State, or National 4-H Event or Activity. To qualify you must be of 4-H age and be a Member in Good Standings (see below) and not owe any money to your club or county council.

### The State 4-H Leaderline

A quarterly newsletter for 4-H volunteer leaders to provide you with the latest 4-H news in New Mexico.

Available at:

<http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/newsletters.html>

### MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

According to State 4-H policy, a 4-H member shall attend at least 40% of all club meeting and activities. If a 4-H member does not meet this requirement, they will not be a member in good standing.

Current Torrance County 4-H By-Laws state for a member to remain in good standing the member must complete the following :

1. **Attend 50% (6) regular club meetings during the current 4-H year and attend (4) prior to County Fair.**
2. **Keep records of projects and turn them into the club leader.**
3. **Give a demonstration or illustrated talk.**
4. **Participate in two or more community service projects and two or more club activities and two or more club or county fundraisers.**
5. **Meet all of the requirements before exhibiting any projects. Members must be enrolled in the projects they are exhibiting.**
6. **Exhibit projects at County/State Fair**

4-H is a **community** of **young people**  
 **across America** who are learning  
**leadership, citizenship and**  
**life skills.**

### Working With Minors Training - New Year started October 1

As we begin the new year, it is time for our volunteers to take the Working with Minors module for 2021-2022 year. To make this process easier, a reset button has been added. Please share these steps with your volunteers.

Once the volunteer is in his/her/family Zsuite account and has selected his/her profile follow the steps below:

1. Click on Clover Academy on left menu bar
2. Launch Clover Academy
3. Open NM Working with Minors (even though it says completed)
4. Under 'You have earned a certificate' is a button that says "Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)'
5. Click on the blue 'Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)'
6. Start Course

Complete course and a certificate will be available with the completion date. The county 4-H Zsuite administrator should be able to see the volunteer completion on his/her county page.



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**facebook**

## NMSU 4-H Youth Development Facebook Page



This page shares club, county and state events, pictures, upcoming activities, community service projects, individual and club successes and much more. The 4-H Facebook page wants to show off what the states 4-H clubs and counties have done. If your club or county has a page, you can simply go in to like the NMSU 4-H Youth Development page <https://www.facebook.com/NMSU4H/> and begin posting things. If you don't have one just send the information to [azemler@nmsu.edu](mailto:azemler@nmsu.edu) and it will be put on the page.

Find more great information to help make your life easier on the NMSU Pinterest boards. CHECK IT OUT HERE <https://www.pinterest.com/nmcoopext/>



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