APRIL 2026

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Agents Notes:

We want to thank all those who participated in Little and Big Day Camp; we had a great turnout! County Carnival was a hit at the New Growers Market in Farmington.

Please remember that the last day to add/drop a project is May 1st.

County and district contests are coming up.

Remember, the BEEF TAG IN is on April 18th, 2026.

8 am-12 pm at McGee Park (Beef Barn)

GOAT, LAMB & SWINE is on May 9th, 2026, 8 am-12 pm. Mcgee Park

San Juan County Extension Team

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Click here to complete the NM State 4-H Volunteer Survey

A Note from NMSU

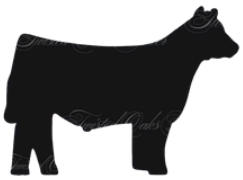
NMSU Admissions Tip:

April – Celebrate Your Decision! National College Decision Day is May 1, and it's your time to celebrate your choice! If you've decided on NMSU, be sure to confirm your spot and sign up for New Student Orientation. Let the countdown to college begin! Start at awo.nmsu.edu.

San Juan County Extension Updates

REMINDER

Please bring Proof of Ownership/ Bill of Sale
Brand Inspectors will be availbe during Tag In



Steer/ Heifer Tag IN
April 18th 2026
8 am-12 pm
McGee Park (Beef Barn)

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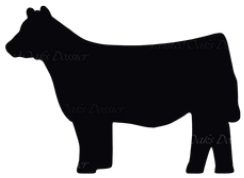

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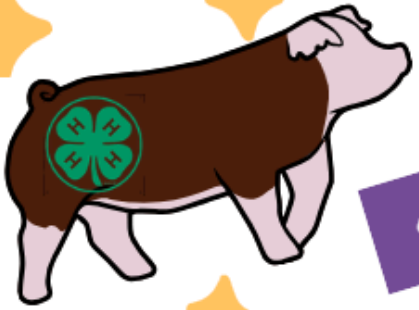

4-H SWINE PROJECT!

TAFFNIE ANDERSON & CALEN WILKINS, YOUR NEW 4-H SWINE PROJECT LEADERS, ARE THRILLED TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO JOIN US IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE CLASSROOM! 🏫 WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST YEAR OR YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE TO SHARE, COME JOIN US TO LEARN AND GROW YOUR SWINE SKILLS TOGETHER!

💡 KEY FOCUS AREAS FOR THE YEAR
INITIAL CARE
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
RECORD KEEPING
SUMMER CARE MANAGEMENT

CLASSES AND SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES. WE MAY ALSO ADD EXTRA SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE SESSIONS ALONG THE WAY!

BARN VISITS BY APPOINTMENT!

CONTACT

Taffnie Anderson 505-793-1518
Calen Wilkins 505-947-4844

🐖 SWINE PROJECT SCHEDULE

🌱 MARCH 26 6:00PM-7:00PM
GETTING READY FOR THE YEAR
·SALES ·PAPERWORK
· PIG BREEDS & IDENTIFICATION

🏡 APRIL 9 6:00PM-7:00PM
BIOSECURITY & BRINGING PIGS HOME
· CLEANING/ SANITIZING
· BONDING & TRAINING

🎯 April 23 6:00pm-7:00pm
LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON
· PRACTICE & PREPARATION

🏷 MAY 7 6:00PM-7:00PM
PREPARING FOR TAG-IN
· LINE UP · PAPERWORK
·EAR NOTCHES · WASHING & CARE

📓 MAY 28 6:00PM-7:00PM
READY SET GO
· GOAL SETTING & RECORD KEEPING
· CLIPPING & FITTING

☀️ JUNE 18 6:00PM-7:00PM
HEAT OF THE SUMMER
· SUMMER CARE & MANAGEMENT

⏳ JULY 16 6:00PM-7:00PM
GETTING READY FOR COUNTY FAIR
· RULES & EXPECTATIONS

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San Juan County Extension Updates

4-H SEWING WORKDAYS

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn to work on your 4-H sewing project, with help from our 4-H Sewing Project Leader, Shanna Parsons (505)-419-5191. Please get in touch with the Extension office for more information. 505-334-9496

April Schedule

Tuesday 7th 4:00- 5:30 pm

Tuesday 14th 4:00- 5:30 pm

Tuesday 21st 4:00- 5:30 pm

Tuesday 28th 4:00- 5:30 pm

May's Schedule will be in May's Newsletter!

We have 3 spots available to members enrolled in the sewing project (NO Cloverbuds)

Bring your own equipment, Fabric, Sewing Machines and etc.

San Juan County Extension Office 400 Gossett Drive. Aztec NM 505-334-9496 to sign up. Space is limited

Jewelry Making Classes

Shanna Williams will be holding the meetings at the Little Red School House in La Plata, the First Wednesday of every month, @ 6 pm for 1 hour to 1 Hour and 30 minutes

April 1

Jewelry supplies, Design basics, and inspiration

May 6

Earrings and Keychain, Show and tell (bring something you have made based on what you know)

June 3

Leather Bracelet, Necklace, Exhibit presentations, tips, and tricks

July 1

bookmark, additional Project Ideas, Marketing and introduction, Project Records, and Ready for Fair Q&A

Contact Shanna Williams to get signed up 505-419-4432

San Juan County Extension Updates

4-H Fundraisers for April:

LaPlata Blue Ribbon 4-H Club- Chili Cook-Off 12 pm-4 pm
April 25th, 2026 @ The Laplata School House
Contact Amy Hadden 505-486-1072

Shotgun Team
Selling Raffle Tickets for $10.00.
Drawing will be help April 26th, 2026 to pay entry fees & ammunition.
Jourdyn Hockenhull 505-330-4149

Don't forget all club and project club fundraisers must be approved

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign April 17th – May 3rd. Clubs may sign up for a minimum of 2-hour shift. First come first serve. Contact the Extension Office at (505) 334-9496 to get signed up. Participating Clubs will evenly split funds raised.

Come test out our new kitchen! Spaces are limited and the classes are filling fast. Call to reserve your seat.

Baking with Rick

April 13th Chocolate Chip Cookies @ 4 PM
April 20th Crepes @ 4 PM
May 11th Turnovers @ 2 PM
May 18th Muffins @ 2 PM

Classes are open to Youth 12+ and Adults

Space is Limited RSVP to the Extension Office by calling 505-334-9496

Location:
San Juan County Extension Office
400 Gossett Drive Aztec, NM 87410

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Extension Canning Classes

April 10th Strawberry Jam @ 10 AM
April 17th Pickles @ 10 AM
May 15th Mangos @ 10 AM
May 22nd Peach - Orange Marmalade @ 10 AM

Supply Fee: $20 per participant, Cash or Check only payable to NMSU. Pay to the extension office or at the door

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fairboard Meeting
April 14th 2026 @ 6:30 pm
McGee Park

San Juan County Fair theme this year is 250 years RED, WHITE & BLUE

County Council Meeting:

APRIL FOOLS

April 29th 6-7pm @the Extension Office

April Fools Costume Contest! Wear your silliest costume

Save the date for County Events

County Contest:

May 15th, 4-5:30 pm Horse Bowl
May 15th, 6-8 pm Hippology
May 16th, 9-1 pm Horse Judging with live horses

Open Contests May 26 th & 27th 3-7 pm
Judged Contests June 3 rd & 4 th, 3-7 pm

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLATINUM SHOW FEED

IFA

IFA YOUNG PRODUCER

IFA SHOW FEED SEMINAR

Come learn about new ingredient technologies and proven results.

Tuesday, April 14th @ 6 PM

NMSU Extension Office
400 Gossett Dr., Aztec, NM

See how IFA's Platinum Show Feed helps your animal achieve their maximum finish and development. Also learn what IFA can offer you from Show-Rite, Purina and Stock Show Secrets.

OUR PANEL OF EXPERT SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

BRYCE ROHOLT
IFA Feed & Animal Health Marketing Manager

Bryce Roholt is the Feed & Animal Health Division Marketing Manager at IFA, where he oversees marketing initiatives for feed and animal health programs. He is nearing completion of an M.S. in Animal Science at USU and is committed to strengthening the livestock industry, supporting producers, and sustaining the agricultural heritage of the Intermountain West.

DENNIS CHRISTENSEN M.S., P.A.S.
IFA Bagged Feed Sales

Dennis Christensen grew up on a grain and livestock farm in northern Utah and earned a B.S. in Animal and Dairy Science from Utah State University. He joined IFA in 1999 and now focuses on the success of IFA branded feeds and Platinum Show Feeds. Dennis knows that proper nutrition and health are essential for animals to achieve their full genetic potential.

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MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The San Juan County Extension office will be bringing the Hoof Trimming Table to the Beef Tag on April 18th, 2026, at McGee Park, 1-3 pm. If you would like to be added to the list, please get in touch with the extension office. 505-334-9496. SPOTS are LIMITED

Check out equipment available by reservation only, max 2-day rental, first come first serve. Reserve today to secure equipment for Spring. Contact Missy for reservations

Livestock Pig Scale & WEIGHTS	$10.00 RENTAL FEE
New Tilt Table (white)	$10.00 RENTAL FEE
Livestock Box (Popper)	$20.00-RENTAL FEE
Large 4-H Brand	$5.00 RENTAL FEE
Goat Stand (NEW SILVER)	$5.00 RENTAL FEE

Poultry Clinic

Are you interested in raising chickens or learning about poultry? Join us for a fun and educational workshop!

Topics We'll Cover:

Basic poultry care & Housing
Feeding & Nutrtion
Breed Selection
Health & Disease Prevention
Egg Production Basics
4-H Poultry Project Information

Poultry Clinic Dates:

April 8th
May 13th
June 10th
July 8th

Time: 6:30-8 pm
Where: McGee Park Poultry Barn

Do you know who should attend?
Kids enrolled in a 4-H project.

For information, Contact: Chloe Kaiser, 505-392-1932, or Kevin Kaiser, 505-359-2113

SMALL LIVESTOCK

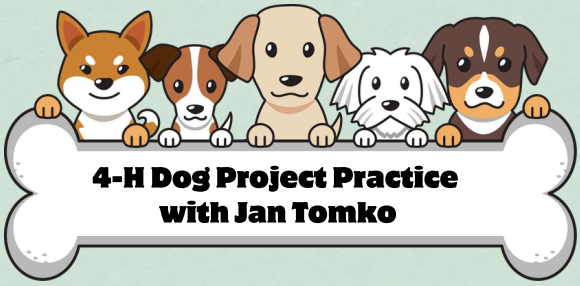
Dairy Goat Meetings

Members who are interested in raising and showing large breed dairy goats, Nigerian Dwarfs, Pygmy goats, or non-market goats are encouraged to attend the Dairy Goat meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to equip youth to raise high-quality goats and prepare them to show at the County Fair and other show events. All 4-H Families are welcome!

All meetings are held at McGee Park, 6:30 pm

April 21, 2026, Lamb Barn

Dairy Goat Project Leader---
Jason Oberholser 505-592-2551



McGee Park Lamb Barn
McGee Park Rabbit Barn
April 14th & 28th
May 12th

Contact Jan Tomko 505-632-8008 for more information.
Bring: collar, leash, water bowl, and soft dog treats.
Dogs must be 6 months or older and child and dog friendly.
No breed restrictions.
Novice through Seniors are welcome!
Child must be able to control dog on leash.

Hop Along

Hop along is the 4-H Rabbit project group. The leaders help members enrolled in the rabbit project learn about showing their rabbits, health, nutrition and more.

Hop Along meetings will be the 3rd Thursday monthly 6:00pm

April 16th: Tattooing
May 21st : Mock Showmanship
June 18th : Fair entry forms, mock show
July 16th: Rabbit fun day

All meetings will be held in Rabbit Barn @ McGee Park
For questions contact:
Brooke Klitzke
970-764-7036

ITTY BITTY JACKPOT

MCGEE PARK

MAY 29–30 2026

BEGINERS WELCOME
Open to all youth ages 4-19

Entry Fees:
$10 per Child
$5 per Animal
$5 per Showmanship Species

Registration Deadline:
May 22, 2026 by 5pm to
the San Juan County Exten Office
400 Gosset Dr. Aztez NM 87410

Call us for more info: 505-334-9496

Scan me!

Register online: sjcittybitty.ezregister.com

Goat (Dairy, Nigerian, Pygmy) May 29t
Check-In 4pm
Showmanship Clinic-5pm
Show Starts-5:30pm

Poultry May 30th
Check-In Bam/coop be by 8:30am
Showmanship Clinic 9-9:30am
Poultry Judging and one-on-one questions with poultry leaders
Showmanship Contest

Rabbit May 30th
Check-In 7:45am
Show Starts 8am
Showmanship Clinic 8-8:30
Other shows will run with the show

PRIZES AND BANNERS WLL BE AWARDED

GREAT DOOR PRIZES FOR ENTERED PARTICIPANTS

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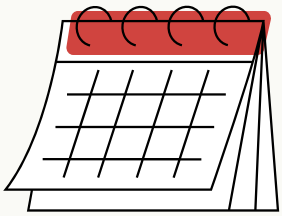
Shooting Sports competitive enrollment is closed for 2026.



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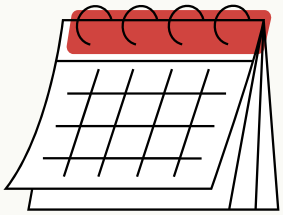

State Shoot: May 1-3

District Shoot: June 12-13

Air Rifle/ .22 Small Bore Rifle

Amber James 505-860-7265 Greg Cresswell 505-320-3093

Practice: Seniors air rifle and .22-Wednesdays 6pm

Novice and Junior: Sunday's Air Rifle 12:00 (indoor)

Sunday's .22 1:30 (outdoor)

All practices held at the San Juan Wildlife Federation Range, 5652 US 64 Farmington NM. www.sjwf.org

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Archery Program

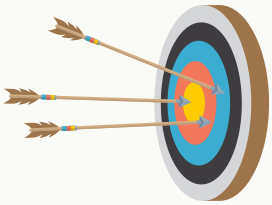
David Meador 505-258-5924

David Rhodes 505-860-1173

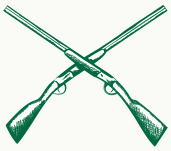
Seniors: Saturdays at 10am

County Contest:

Seniors April 4th & 11th Novice/Junior April 25th & May 9th

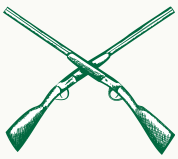


Shotgun Program



Jordan Hockenhull 505-716-1939

Jourdyn Hockenhull 505-330-4149



February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026
1st Practice 12:00 PM	8th Practice 12:00 PM	12th Practice 12:00 PM	State Shoot 1st to 3rd @ NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM
15th Practice 12:00 PM	15th County Shoot 9:00 AM	19th Practice 12:00 PM	
22nd Practice 12:00 PM	22nd Practice 12:00 PM	26th Practice 12:00 PM	

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO

4-H RODEO

ATTENTION!!!
Please pay and turn in paperwork at least 10 days before each Rodeo monthly!!!

2026 SCHEDULED RODEOS

Date	Arena
April 11th	**Indoor**
May 9th	Indoor
June 6th	Indoor
July 18th	Indoor

July 11th& 12th State 4-H Rodeo

2026 PRACTICE DATES

Date	Arena
April 9th	**Indoor**
May 7th	Indoor
June 4th	Indoor
July 16th	Indoor

4-H RODEO

Meetings:

San Juan County Rodeo Club meetings will be the Thursday before each Rodeo Practice at the New Extension office at 400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM.

April 2nd
April 30th
May 28th
July 9th

4-H RODEO

Entry Form Due Dates:

San Juan County Rodeo entry forms are due ten days before each Rodeo to the New Extension office at 400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM.

April 1st
April 29th
May 27th
July 8th

Notice:

We want to thank Rory Eavenson for his time and dedication to the San Juan County Rodeo Program during his time as President of the Adult Committee.

We welcome Sean Mills into the position as President.

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H HOOF BEAT GANG

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Hoof Beat

Leader: Miranda Meador (505)419-4355
Co Leader: Lily Eavenson (505)402-9518

General Information: Novice, Junior and Seniors. No horses needed. Meet at McGee Park in the riding arena or indoor barn.

Meeting Dates:
April 27th
May 18th
June 22nd
July 20th
September 28th
October 26th
November 16th

Dr. Jason Turner NMSU Equine Specialist

We are deeply saddened at the loss of Dr. Turner, NMSU Equine Specialist. He was an incredible educator, who brought passion and true dedication to his Extension work. Our hearts and prayers are with his family, friends, and for our NM Extension family. We will be making a care package for the family, if you would like to bring a token, gift card, or note for the family to send please drop them off at the Extension office by April 7th

NM 4-H Horse ID Certificates, NM 4-H Horse Futurity/Versatility Nomination Forms are due by April 27th!

These forms will be available at the San Juan County Extension Office

Some of our favorite Equine Publications by Dr. Turner: (click to read)

- Are You Ready to Own Your Own Horse? Basic Essentials of Equine Ownership
- Evaluation of Equine Hoof Care
- Documents Required to Transport Horses in New Mexico
- Locoweed Poisoning of Horses
- Vesicular Stomatitis Virus in Horses

Check out all of his publications on the NMSU website here

Horse Judging

Leader: Audrey Winters (505)419-1238
Novice, Juniors and Seniors

Practice Dates:
April 13th, 20th, and 27th
4-5:30pm

May 4th and 11th
4-5:30pm

NM STATE 4-H EVENTS

nmyrm.nmsu.edu

Enter your photos to have a chance of winning the 2026 State 4-H Photo Contest. Photos in either film or digital can be submitted through mail or Facebook by August 1st. (If picture is placed on Facebook, make sure to include the information below with the post). Photos submitted will then be placed on a link and voted on by the public. The information for the voting link will be made available on August 11th. The first, second and third place in each category will receive a rosette. The first-place winner in each category will receive a camera case and his/her photo will automatically be entered in the contest for overall winner. The overall winner will be chosen by a set of judges and will be awarded an overall rosette and a cash prize of a $100. For more info click here: https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/photo-contest.html

NMSU 4-H State Events

Northern District Updates

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 April Fools! Jewelry @ La Plata School House Rodeo Entries Due	2 Rodeo Meeting 6-7	3 Spring Holiday- Office Closed	4
5	6	7 Sewing @ Ext. Office 4-5:30	8 Poultry Clinic @ Poultry Barn	9 Swine Project 6-7 Rodeo Practice	10	11 SJC 4-H Rodeo, McGee Park
12	13 Horse Judging Practice	14 Dog Practice IFA Feed & Nutrition 6-8pm Fairboard meeting 6:30	15	16 Hop-Along Rabbit Practice	17 YGA Glorietta	18 Beef Tag In
19 YGA Glorietta	20	21 Sewing @ Ext. Office 4-5:30 Dairy Goat Meeting 6:30 @McGee Park	22	23 Swine Project 6-7	24	25 Horse Show, Sheriff's Posse Arena
26	27 Hoofbeat Meeting	28 Sewing @ Ext. Office 4-5:30	29 Rodeo Entries Due County Council Meeting 6pm	30 Rodeo Meeting 6-7		

UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

May 1-3 Senior 4-H State Shoot

May 1- Add or Drop 4-H Projects

May 9: SJC Fair Swine, Lamb, Goat Tag in

May 16: Small Animal School

May 29-30 Itty Bitty Jackpot, McGee Park

May 29, Nov/Junior District Shoot Reg DUE

June 12: District Shoot, ABQ

June 23-24, District Contest, Cibola County

July 13-17 NM State 4-H Conference

June 19-20: Northern District Livestock School

August 10-15, San Juan County Fair

San Juan Extension Website