



DECEMBER 2025 JANUARY 2026

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Agents Notes:

Thank you all for joining us at the end-of-year award banquet! It was wonderful to see so many of you together as we celebrated our outstanding members, leaders, and community supporters. As we prepare to move into our new office, the Extension team is officially in "moving mode." From December 8-January 12, we will be seeing clientele by appointment only. If you need assistance, please call or email—our staff will be checking messages regularly. The drop box at the old office will continue to be checked daily and may be used as needed.

**Our new office address is:
400 Gossett Drive, Aztec**

Our phone number will stay the same, though calls may go directly to voicemail during the transition. Please leave a message, and it will be emailed to our staff so we can respond promptly.

We hope to see you at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 16th at 2 p.m.!

*San Juan County
Extension Team*

CLOSED

Extension office closed

December 8-Jan 12.

**Call or email for an
appointment if needed.**

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YOU'RE INVITED!
RIBBON CUTTING



**San Juan County
EXTENSION OFFICE**

**December 16, 2025
2:00 pm**

400 S. Gossett Dr., Aztec, NM

Tour the new facility!

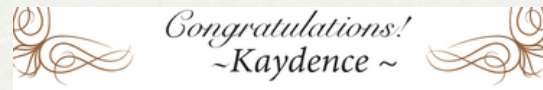




San Juan County Banquet Winners



MEMBER OF THE YEAR



FRIENDS OF 4-H

M&R Trucking & Butch Mathews
Four Corners Stockmans
Jaynes Corporation
Joyce Kneep
Heather Dostoler



2025-2026 County Council

PRESIDENT: Mary Frank
VICE-PRESIDENT: Kadence Anderson
REPORTER: Bailey Cloer

Leader of the Year

Jessie Keating- Leader Clever Clover
Jill Cunningham- Co-Leader Primetime
Brooke Klitzke- Project Leader Hop
Along

4-H Promotional Award

Clever Clovers

4-H Contest Participation Award

Country Rebels

Outstanding Secretary Book Award

Silver Dollar

Attendance Award

Prime Time

"Hands to Larger Service" Club Award"

Silver Dollar & Dreamweavers

Overall Banner Club Award

Silver Dollar

Outstanding 2024-2025

Members of the Year

Novice: Scarlett Rodas
Junior: Alandria Maciel
Senior: Ysenia Pedrosa



Congratulations to all of the award winners and participants!



San Juan County Extension Updates



The San Juan County Extension Office will be **CLOSED** from December 8-January 12, 2026 to move from the current location to the new Extension office facility. Staff will be available by appointment only during this time. Phone service will be limited; please email, or contact staff directly for requests. Response times will be slow, please be patient with requests.

New Address: 400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM 87410

December 1-12: packing current office

December 15: Operations Move to new location

December 16- Ribbon Cutting 2-4pm, Open house 4-7pm

December 17-23: Unboxing

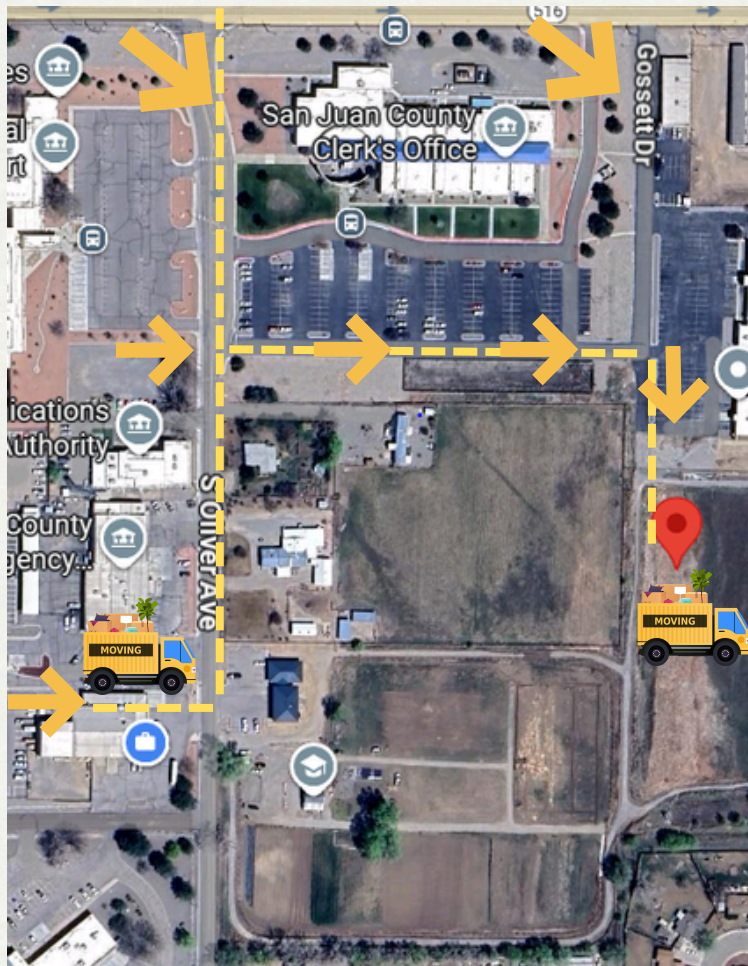
December 24-January 5 NMSU Holiday break

January 6-9: All Agents in Las Cruces

January 12: Office re-opens for official business

Oliver entrance
at stop light, left
turn into county
admin parking,
right turn at stop
sign

Gossett entrance, right turn off
HWY 516, straight shot



4-H Packing Days

If your club would like to come help pack or unpack, call the office to schedule.

Dec 8-12 packing
Jan 5-9 unpacking

CLUB GINGERBREAD CONTEST MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 6PM MCGEE PARK COUNTY COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE CARDBOARD BASE AND ONE BOX GRAHAM CRACKERS PER CLUB. EDIBLE PRE-MADE MEMBER CREATED DECORATIONS AND/OR STORE BOUGHT ALLOWED. RSVP TO EXTENSION OFFICE BY DEC 4



APPROVED 4-H CLUB FUNDRAISERS:

- **TRACTOR SUPPLY CATCH THE CLOVER CAMPAIGN- NOV 28-DEC 14 CALL SHELLY TO RESERVE YOUR DAY**



- **CLEVER CLOVER DANCE: FARMINGTON ELKS LODGE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2025 7-10 PM \$5.00 PER PERSON 5 YRS & UNDER FREE**
CLEVER CLOVER 4-H IS HOSTING A 4-H DANCE OPEN TO ALL 4-H CLUB MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS. WILL HAVE SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR SALE! PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE DJ AND HANGOUT AND HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB



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

**Check out the NMSU ACES Fall Magazine for a
feature article about the Growing Forward Farm**



NM STATE A Note from NMSU

NMSU Admissions Tip:
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 with your loved ones to help them stay connected.



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WINNER OF THE BEEF GRANT IS.....
ALLYSSA WILKINS**

THE IFA YOUTH ANIMAL NUTRITION GRANT PROJECT IN COOPERATION WITH SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H

A PROGRAM OF NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION IS.....



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences
Cooperative Extension Service
Extension 4-H Youth Development

*COME PICK UP YOUR APPLICATION AT THE
EXTENSION OFFICE!*



DUE DATES

SWINE, SHEEP/GOAT: FEB. 6TH

APPLICATION IS ONLY OPEN TO SAN JUAN COUNTY NM
4-H MEMBERS.

THIS IS A BLIND SELECTION PROCESS. WINNERS WILL
BE ANNOUNCED TWO WEEKS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

San Juan County 4-H Bylaws Review Meeting



join us to review and provide
feedback on the proposed changes
to the San Juan County 4-H Bylaws.

December 17th 6:30 PM

ZOOM link: SJC Bylaws Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/86255435432>

Link to draft of proposed changes to the San
Juan County 4-H Bylaws on the SJC 4-H website

County Council Meeting

January, 28th

6:30 PM

**Extension Office Classroom
400 Gossett Drive, Aztec NM
87410**

**Voting on
updated
bylaws**



Please **ENROLL** in shooting sports projects **ZSUITE**s and contact the coaches prior to attending practice.

Air Rifle/ .22 Small Bore Rifle

Amber James 505-860-7265

Greg Cresswell 505-320-3093

The first meeting for both Senior Air Rifle and Senior .22 Smallbore will be held on November 5 at the San Juan Wildlife Federation Range at 7:00 pm.

Contact Amber James (505-860-7265) or Greg Cresswell (505-320-3039) with any questions.

*Novice and junior rifle meeting will be held in January.

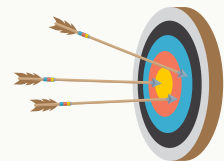
PLEASE CONTACT THE COACHES FOR MORE INFORMATION



Archery Program

David Meador 505-419-4355

David Rhodes 505-860-1173



Senior Safety Orientation December 6 (weather permitting)

Call or text coaches for time and location

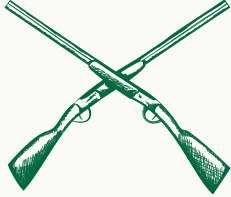
Orientation January 2026 at Expert Archery, Practice TBA

The 2026 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training is scheduled for February 20-22 in Tor C, NM.

Contact Bonnie Hopkins Byers if you are interested in becoming certified as a coach.

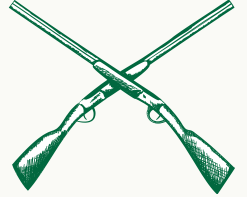


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Shotgun Program

Jordan Hockenhull 505-716-1939
Jourdyn Hockenhull 505-330-4149



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H SHOTGUN SCHEDULE (2025/2026)

<i>October 2025</i>	<i>November 2025</i>	<i>December 2025</i>	<i>January 2026</i>
NO PRACTICE FOR THIS MONTH	16th Safety Orientation prior to practice 12:00 PM @SJWF Range	7th Safety Orientation prior to practice 12:00 PM FOR SENIORS SIGNED UP BEFORE 11/26	4 th Practice 12:00 PM
	23 rd 12:00 PM	14 th 12:00 PM	11 th Practice 12:00 PM
	26th LAST DAY FOR SENIOR SIGN UPS AT 4H OFFICE		25 th Practice 12:00 PM

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

*JR DISTRICT SHOOT TBD *

JR PRACTICES FOLLOWING THE STATE SHOOT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE

*COUNTY SHOOT MARCH 15th *

EVERY SENIOR SHOOTER MUST ATTEND AT LEAST HALF OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED PRACTICES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE TEAM

EVERY SHOOTER MUST ATTEND A SAFETY ORIENTATION AND SIGN A COPY OF THE RULES FOR THE SHOTGUN PROGRAM BEFORE SHOOTING

EVERYONE MUST BE SIGNED UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE SHOOTING



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, 6:30pm

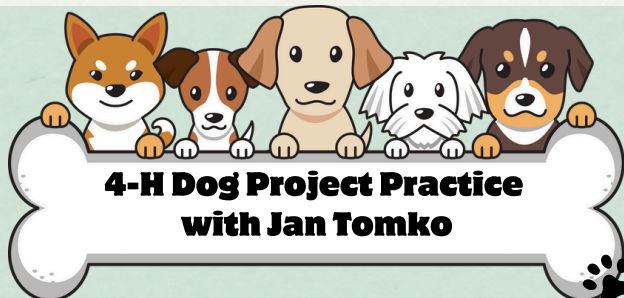
February 24, 2026 Classroom

April 21, 2026 Lamb Barn

June 23, 2026 Lamb Barn

Dairy Goat Project Leader---

Jason Oberholser 505-592-2551



**4-H Dog Project Practice
with Jan Tomko**

McGee Park Lamb Barn

November 11th @ 6pm

McGee Park Rabbit Barn

January 13th & 27th

February 10th & 24th

March 10th & 24th

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
6:30-8pm**

Dec 18th: Grooming, sanitation and health

Jan 15th: Evaluating a rabbit, terms

Feb 19th: Breeding, gestation, meat pen info

March 19th: Indoor rabbit exhibits

April 16th: Tattooing

May 21st: Mock Showmanship

June 18th: Fair entry forms, mock show

July 16th: Rabbit fun day

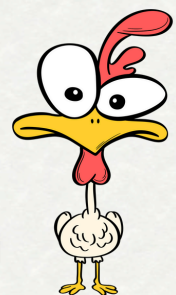
All meetings will be held in Rabbit Barn @ McGee Park

For questions contact:

Brooke Klitzke

970-764-7036

Interested in showing poultry? Be sure to sign up for the poultry project in zsuites to be notified of our upcoming workshops!





SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO



2026 SCHEDULED RODEOS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>
February 7th	Indoor
March 7th	Indoor
April 18th	Indoor
May 9th	Indoor
June 09th	Indoor
July 11th	Indoor

TBA State 4-H Rodeo

4-H RODEO

ATTENTION!!!

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

Late Fee will APPLY



2026 PRACTICE DATES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Arena</u>
February 5th	Indoor
March 5th	Indoor
April 16th	Indoor
May 7th	Indoor
June 4th	Indoor
July 9th	Indoor



NOTICE

**MCGEE PARK IS CLOSED
TO ALL EQUINE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

THANK YOU AND SORRY
FOR ANY INCONVINCE



4-H RODEO

Rodeo Awards Banquet
December 17th
at the Poultry Barn
McGee Park

6 pm

Meetings:

Tuesdays before each point Rodeo
at Day 3 Church at the Extension Office, Aztec
6 PM

Contact the Extension
office prior to any horse
related event for closure
update.



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H HOOF BEAT GANG



The San Juan County Hoofbeat Gang is a 4-H Horse project group that focuses on developing horse riding skills and promoting safety. The club is all about learning, riding, and having fun with horses while building lifelong skills. Members learn about horse care, safety, riding, and showmanship even if they don't own a horse! Through hands-on activities, clinics, and shows, you'll develop responsibility, confidence, and teamwork. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced rider, this club offers a supportive place to grow your knowledge, meet friends, and share your love of horses. Competitive participation in horse shows is optional but encouraged for members to demonstrate their skills.



HOW DO I JOIN THE HOOFBEAT GANG?

- ENROLL IN THE HORSE PROJECT IN ZSUITES
- CONTACT THE PROJECT LEADERS FOR MORE INFORMATION

LEADER
MIRANDA MEADOR
(505)419-4355



SKILLS:
ENGLISH RIDING
BARRELS/POLES
EQUINE NUTRITION
HIPPOLOGY
TRAIL RIDING
AND MANY MORE...

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NOVICE, JUNIOR AND
SENIORS
NO HORSES REQUIRED
MEET AT MCGEE PARK
RIDING ARENA

MEETING DATES:

JAN. 26TH

FEB. 23RD

MAR. 23RD

APR 27TH

MAY 18TH

EQUINE SKILLS: JUNE
22ND

HALTER SHOWING JULY
20TH

SHOWMANSHIP SEPT.
28TH

EQUIPMENT FITTING OCT.
26TH

GROUND WORK NOV.
16TH

CO LEADER
LILY EAVENSON
(505)402-9518



LEARN, COMPETE, AND GROW — JOIN OUR 4-H HORSE JUDGING, HIPPOLOGY, & HORSE BOWL TEAMS!



Have a child who loves horses — or is just curious about learning more? You don't need to own a horse to join any of these exciting 4-H equine education contests! These events are open to Novice, Junior, and Senior 4-H members and are designed to build knowledge, confidence, and teamwork while having fun.

HORSE JUDGING

Participants learn to evaluate horses based on conformation, movement, and performance.

Members study balance, muscling, breed characteristics, and how well horses perform in various classes such as Western Pleasure, Reining, or Trail.

Novice & Junior members can compete at County and District Contests.

Senior members advance to State Contest, with top teams earning a chance to compete nationally. Judging helps youth develop public speaking, decision-making, and confidence — all without needing to own or ride a horse.

HIPPOLOGY ("STUDY OF THE HORSE")

This hands-on event combines everything from horse anatomy and nutrition to tack identification and equine health. Youth rotate through stations, complete written tests, and may participate in team problem-solving scenarios.

Hippology brings classroom learning to life, encouraging teamwork and critical thinking.

Members gain skills useful in veterinary science, equine therapy, and animal management careers.

HORSE BOWL

If your child enjoys trivia or competition, Horse Bowl is a fast-paced, buzzer-style game show covering all aspects of horse science and 4-H materials. Teams face off to answer questions quickly and accurately — a fun and energetic way to learn!

Horse Bowl is a team-based event that encourages camaraderie, quick thinking, and deep horse knowledge.

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

Novice (ages 9–11): County and District contests

Junior (ages 12–13): County and District contests

Senior (ages 14–18): County and State contests, with opportunities for national qualification

All contests follow New Mexico 4-H and NMSU rules and resources — materials and practice guides are provided during practices!




TRAVELING HORSE JUDGING TEAM

In addition to county-level opportunities, we're building a Traveling Horse Judging Team for members ready to take their skills to the next level! The traveling team will represent San Juan County 4-H at events such as:

 Arizona Nationals

 National Western Stock Show (Denver)

 Oklahoma Youth Expo
...and more!

Team members will grow through real-world judging experiences and represent our community at some of the biggest youth competitions in the country.

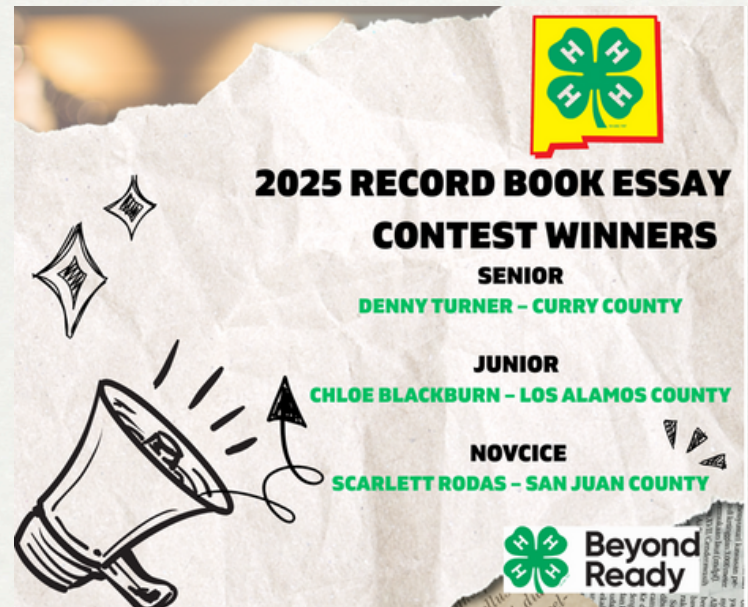
INTERESTED?

Whether your child dreams of working with horses or simply wants to learn more about them, these programs offer incredible life skills and leadership growth.

For more information or to sign up, contact:
Horse Judging Coach: Audrey Winters –
(505) 419-1238



NM STATE 4-H EVENTS



*Congratulations
Scarlett!*

Buckle Order



**2026 New Mexico State 4-H
Buckles will be available for order!**

**Next order will be placed on
March 1, 2026!**

**See details and order form on the
website home page.**



New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the US Department of Agriculture cooperating.



Rick Griffiths is Co-Chairing the Healthy Living EXPO, February 21st @ McGee Park. Last year it was attended by over 800 community members. Rick would like to invite:

1. You to share this invite with anyone you know who runs a Business, non-profit, or other organizations that might want to have a booth at the event. (There is no cost to having a booth.)
2. Attend the event as a family and discover the various ways to live healthily in San Juan County.

If you have any questions or want more information, call Rick at the Extension Office

3RD ANNUAL

Healthy Living EXPO

Saturday February 21, 2026
10 am to 3 pm @ McGee Park



To register for a booth



<https://form.jotform.com/sjhealth/2026-hlexpo>

Brought to you by
San Juan Health Council and
San Juan Regional Medical Center

EAT YOUR VEGGIES

STAY ACTIVE!

Let's Learn How To

RECHARGE YOUR MIND AND BODY

BE KIND TO YOUR MIND

SLEEP WELL



2025

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Archery Senior Safety Orientation
7	Gingerbread ⁸ house Competition 6pm	Fairboard ⁹ 6:30pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	Ribbon ¹⁶ cutting 2pm Open house 2-7pm	County ¹⁷ Council Bylaw meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	NMSU HOLIDAY Dec 24-Jan 2		

MERRY
Christmas



NEW ADDRESS:
SJC EXTENSION OFFICE
400 GOSSETT DR.
AZTEC NM
PHONE: 505-334-9496
(SAME)

*The Extension team wish you and your family a Merry
Christmas and happy new year!*

January



2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 NMSU HOLIDAY Dec 24-Jan 2	2	3
4	5	6	7 Agents in Las Cruces	8	9	10
11	12 Extension office re-opens	13 Fair board	14	15 Hop along	16	17
18	19 MLK Day Office Closed	20	21	22	23 Senior Leadership Retreat--	24
25 -----	26 Hoofbeat Indoor Arena	27 Dog Practice	28 County Council Meeting	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5 Rodeo Practice	6 IFA Scholarship Due	7 Rodeo

UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

February 5 Rodeo Practice, Indoor

February 7-First SJC 4-H Rodeo, McGee Park

March 13-15 FCS School, ABQ

April 17-19 Youth Get-Away, Glorietta, NM

April 18- SJC Fair Beef Tag in, McGee Park

May 1-3 Senior 4-H State Shoot

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

May 29-30 Itty Bitty Jackpot, McGee Park

May 29, Nov/ Junior District Shoot

June 23-24, District Contest, Cibola County

July 13-17 NM State 4-H Conference

San Juan Extension Website

