



# SEPTEMBER 2025



## SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

### Agents Notes:

We hope you all have recovered and rested after a fantastic County Fair! Our staff was blown away by the hard work, dedication, and true 4-H spirit demonstrated at the fair. We are proud of each and every participant, way to go SJC 4-H!

#### A few updates:

The new Extension office building is **AHEAD** of schedule. The staff is anticipating a move around mid-November. This development has forced us to bump up some deadlines and events to prepare for the big move.

As we prepare to enter the new 4-H Program Year October 1, we look forward to seeing club leadership thrive and to watch 4-H grow across San Juan County. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to 4-H throughout the year, and can't wait to see what the new year brings!

*San Juan County  
Extension Team*

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### REMINDERS

- Qualified State Fair baked goods must be delivered to the Extension office between 7-9am on Sept 2.
- 4-H Enrollment Opens  
October 8 Enrollment Opens
  - Re-enrollment ENDS  
11/14/2025
- Record books are due  
10/8/25 by 5pm
- Awards Banquet Save the date: Nov 14 McGee Park

**DON'T FORGET**





# County Council Communicator

August/September  
2025

The Latest in 4-H News

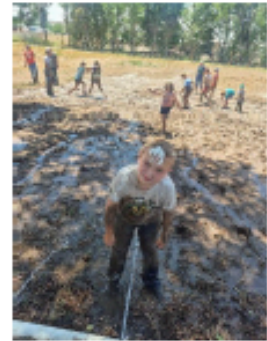
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San Juan County Council Reporter

## Field Day

Field Day was a blast, we had many fun activities like a fun run, playing in mud, shaving cream tag, and more, it was so much fun and definitely a day to remember!



## County Council Meeting

We had a short county council during field day where we voted for the end of year banquet theme: Barn Lights & Bright Farm Futures-A Country Holiday!

## Good Job at Fair!

Reminder:

Don't forget to  
get started on  
Record books  
they are due in  
October!!







# San Juan County Fair Results



## Congratulations to All Barn Winners!

Grand Champion Swine- Kylee Thompson  
Grand Champion Steer- Sweetpea Halphen  
Grand Champion Goat- Heath Finch  
Grand Champion Lamb- Kylee Thompson  
Grand Champion Poultry- Tzeitel Manuelito  
Grand Champion Meat Rabbit- Marissa Beaty  
Grand Champion Turkey- Andrew Frank  
Grand Champion Waterfowl- Yesenia Pedroza



## CONGRATULATIONS TO INDOOR HIGH POINT BUCKLE WINNERS



Yesenia Pedroza- Senior  
Indoor High Point



Alandria Maciel- Junior  
Indoor High Point



Scarlett Rodas- Novice  
Indoor High Point



Best of Show cake  
Kevin Cunningham





# UPCOMING 4-H EVENTS



## Record Books due Oct 8

RECORD BOOKS DUE: OCT. 8, 5PM

WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 29

4-6PM @ SJC EX. OFFICE

EVENT IS COME AND GO BUT SPACE IS LIMITED, CALL TO RSVP

BRING YOUR RECORD BOOK MATERIALS.

COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY ANYTIME.

RECORD BOOK FORMS ARE IN OFFICE OR ON THE EXTENSION WEBSITE



## October County Council Meeting

October 21, 2025 5:30pm

Growing Forward Farm

5:30-6:00 Club Scarecrow Contest

Scarecrow frame and straw will be provided.

Clubs must bring all other supplies.

6-7:00 Regular County Council Meeting

End of year budget report

2025 Council Officer Elections



## San Juan County 4-H Annual Awards Banquet

*"A Country Christmas"*

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

November 14, 2025 6-8pm

McGee Park Convention Center







# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Calling all youth leaders!

County Council Officer applications are due on October 15, 2025 by 5pm to the Extension office.

### ***What is a County Council officer?***

The San Juan County 4-H Council is an elected team of 4-H members that serve as representatives, ambassadors, and planners for 4-H activities throughout San Juan County.

The responsibility of the 2025/2026 County Council Officers will begin with attending the quarterly County Council Meetings Jan 28, 2026; April 29, 2025; July 22, 2026 and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **How do I become a County Council Officer?**

- Review application on the SJC 4-H Website ([click HERE](#)).
- Clubs may select up to TWO County Council nominees by their October meeting.
- Submit an application by October 15, 2025, signed by the member, parent and club leader if nominated by club. Officer speeches must be turned in with application.
- Attend the October County Council Meeting on Oct 21 to run for positions. Members will present an election speech to the voting delegation. If elected, members will be installed into office at the awards banquet.



### **A Note from NMSU**

#### **NMSU Admissions Tip:**

September – Come See for Yourself  
There's no better way to picture your future than visiting campus!  
Join us for a tour to explore our facilities, meet current students, and see what life at NMSU is really like. Schedule your visit at [admissions.nmsu.edu/visit](https://admissions.nmsu.edu/visit).

### **2025 4-H Buckle**

If you would like order a 2025 NM 4-H Buckle please complete the order form and mail payment to the state 4-H Office.  
\$80/buckle







# LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Close out this year:

- 10/8 Record Books Due: Turn in record book to receive end-of-year awards.
- 10/10: Friend of 4-H Nominations due and will be voted on at the County Council Meeting
- 10/10: Member of the Year Nomination Due
- 10/10: Adult Leader of the Year Nominations Due
- 10/15: County Council Elections Applications Due
- 10/21 County Council Elections-GFF

### Club leader due dates: October 1 by 5pm

- End of year review-required
- Club Secretary Book-for awards only
- End-of-Year Reports/award application-for awards only

Click [HERE](#), or see SJC 4-H Website for forms

## 2025/2026 Enrollment


### Enrollment for new year:

- 10/8: Zsuites Open for NEW and RE-ENROLLMENT
- RE-enrollment 10/8-11/14
  - Enrollment includes completing Zsuites household /individual member enrollment and uploading your medical release/code of conduct form.
  - Clubs will hold space for returning members until 11/14/25

## NM 4-H Adult Retreat




### NM 4-H Adult Retreat

 Saturday, November 8, 2025  
Bernalillo County Extension Office,  
Albuquerque, NM

\$ Early Bird Registration: \$40  
(through October 15)

\$ Regular Registration: \$50  
(October 16–31)

 T-shirts: \$20 (available with registration)

Online Registration:

<https://ezregister.com/events/42280/>

More Info:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/volunteer/adult.html>

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR APPLICATIONS ARE



**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS  
FOR YOUR CLUB MEMBER OF THE  
YEAR!**

**[CLICK HERE TO NOMINATE YOUR  
MEMBER](#)**





# LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Fundraising**

All 4-H fundraisers must be approved by the office 2 weeks before fundraising begins. All funds raised in the name of 4-H must return to an official 4-H account. [Click here or visit the NMSU website for the form.](#)

### **Current Approved Fundraisers**

Tractor Supply Catch the Clover  
Nov 28-Dec 14  
Contact local Tractor Supply Manager to set up time.

## **McGee Park Policy**

### **McGee Park is booking up quickly.**

All events at McGee Park need to be requested through the SJC Extension Office 6 months prior to event. This request will be submitted through our new McGee Park Request Form on our website or in office.

## **Scheduling events at the New Extension Office:**

The Extension team will start scheduling events beginning January 5, 2026 at the new Extension office. 4-H Clubs will have the opportunity to schedule regular club meeting dates through their end of year leader survey.







## San Juan County Shooting Sports Leaders

### SHOTGUN

DAVID MEADOR  
(505)258-5924  
DAVID RHODES  
(505)860-1173

### ARCHERY

JOURDYN HOCKENHULL  
(505)330-4149  
JORDAN HOCKENHULL  
(505)716-1939

### RIFLE

AMBER JAMES  
(505)860-7265  
GREG CRESSWELL  
(505)320-3039

Shooting sports are gearing up for a new year. If you would like to join please contact the coaches to get additional information, and be sure to select the shooting sports project in your Zsutes enrollment. If you need further assistance, please contact the Extension office.

[Check out the NM 4-H Shooting Sports Page](#)

### What is the 4-H Shooting Sports Program?

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and archery, and much more. The activities of the program and the support of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics. 4-H Shooting Sports is a national program with over 300,000 young people taking part, thus making it one of the largest shooting education programs in the United States. New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports involves a diverse group of youth and continues to grow annually.

### **Estimated Shooting Sports Schedule:**

The 4-H shooting sports program runs throughout the winter and spring months. Members must be enrolled in a 4-H Club and maintain good standing to participate. Members must also attend regular shooting sports practices as set by the leaders to qualify for competition events.

### **Estimated competition dates (subject to change)**

San Juan County Contest: March-April   State Contest (seniors): Early May   Northern District Contest(Jun/Nov):  
June

**Shotgun: Where:** San Juan Wildlife Federation Range   **Est. Practice start date: November**

Archery: To be announced

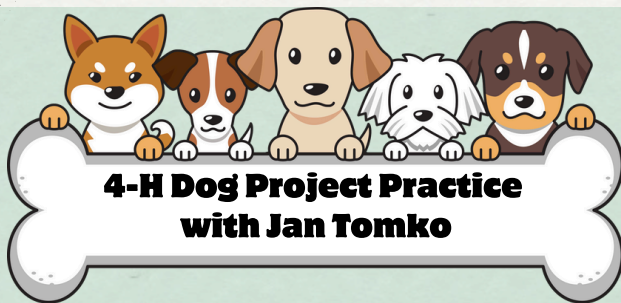
Rifle Senior: To be announced

Rifle Junior/Novice: To be announced





# SMALL LIVESTOCK



**GROWING FORWARD FARM**

**September 9<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**6:45pm**

**216 South Oliver Aztec NM**

**McGee Park Lamb Barn**

**October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**McGee Park Rabbit Barn**

**January 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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.

Cloverbuds through Seniors are welcome!

Child must be able to control dog on leash.



## Hop Along

Hop Along meetings  
will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly  
6:30-8pm



Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Intro to the Rabbit Project (no  
rabbits)

Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: Safe Handling, Rabbit Basics (yes  
rabbit)

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Showmanship, flipping rabbit  
(yes rabbit)

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: Grooming, sanitation and health

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>: Evaluating a rabbit, terms

Feb 19<sup>th</sup>: Breeding, gestation, meat pen  
info

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Indoor rabbit exhibits

April 16<sup>th</sup>: Tattooing

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Mock Showmanship

June 18<sup>th</sup>: Fair entry forms, mock show

July 16<sup>th</sup>: Rabbit fun day

All meetings will be held in Rabbit Barn @  
McGee Park

For questions contact:

**Brooke Klitzke**

**970-764-7036**



New Publication: How to  
read pig ear notches,  
written by Craig Painter





# 4-H GOAT MEETINGS



## San Juan County 4-H Dairy & Companion Goat Meetings for the 2025-2026 season

Are you a 4-H youth interested in raising and showing large breed dairy goats, Nigerian Dwarfs, Pygmy, or non-market whether goats? Then these meetings are for you!

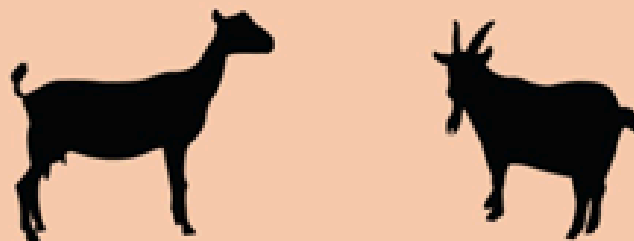
All meetings will be held at McGee Park, **6:30PM**

Sept 23, 2025: Class Room

Feb 24, 2026: Class Room

April 21, 2026: Lamb Barn

June 23, 2026: Lamb Barn



The purpose of these meetings is to equip youth to raise high quality goats and to prepare them for the showring. All 4-H families are welcome! Even if you aren't enrolled in these projects, this is a good opportunity to come learn about them.

**Contact Jason Oberholser for more info: (505) 592-2551**



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# HORSE & RODEO



## 4-H RODEO

### 2025-2026 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

**ATTENTION!!!**  
Please pay and turn in  
paperwork at least 10 days  
before each Rodeo monthly!!!  
Late Fee will APPLY



### 2025-2026 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

## Hoofbeat Gang

### Meeting dates

September 22nd  
October 27th  
November 17th  
(2025 Banquet)

### Contact

Miranda Meador  
(505)419-4355

## NEW MEXICO STATE FINALS RODEO, MCGEE PARK SEPTEMBER 19-21



## McGee Park

## 4-H RODEO

### Meetings:

Tuesdays before  
each point Rodeo  
at Day 3 Church in  
Farmington New  
Mexico  
6 PM



Is only open for public riding and barrel practice on certain days and times they are as follows:

Barrel Practice Monday and Wednesday 9:00am-9:00pm

Public Riding ( NO BARRELS) Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am-9:00pm

There are times we have events scheduled and close public riding/ barrel practice but its not very often and they can always call 505-325-5561 to double check.





# EXTENSION ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIVESTOCK FIRST AID TRAINING WORKSHOP

PRESENTED BY:  
DR. WENZEL, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION  
VETERINARIAN



SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 | 8:00AM-5:00PM

📍 **MCGEE PARK** SAN JUAN COUNTY MCGEE PARK, 41 RD 5568, FARMINGTON, NM 87401

SCAN THE  
QR CODE TO  
REGISTER



UNABLE TO SCAN THE QR CODE? PLEASE  
VISIT OUR SITE AT [HTTPS://NSA.NMSU.EDU](https://nsa.nmsu.edu)  
TO REGISTER, UNDER UPCOMING EVENTS.

REGISTRANTS (PER  
FAMILY) WILL RECEIVE  
ONE (1) LIVESTOCK  
FIRST AID BAG AT THE  
END OF THE WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

LUNCH  
PROVIDED



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RISK  
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# 2025

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 State Fair drop off 7-9am	3	4 NM State Fair	5	6
7 NM State Fair	8	9 Dog Practice GFF 6:45	10	11	12	13
14	15 NM State Fair Indoor check out	16	17	18 Hop Along 630pm Shiprock Fair	19 4-H State Finals Rodeo McGee Park	20
21 4-H State Finals Rodeo McGee Park	22 Hoofbeat meeting	23 Dairy Meeting 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28 Dog Practice GFF 6:45	29 Record Book Workshop 4-6	30				

## UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

Oct 1- New 4-H Year opens  
Oct 8-Record books due  
Oct 10- End of Year award applications due  
Oct 21-County Council Meeting/Elections-GFF  
Nov 14- Awards Banquet, McGee Park



San Juan Extension Website



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