



September 2026

SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



Agents Notes:

Phew...we made it through County fair, congratulations to all exhibitors, now we are on to state fair good luck to all exhibitors!!!

We have alot coming up so please look out for updates.

Leader training will be happening in September and Re-Enrollment will begin on October 8th. Please call the office with any questions, also be looking out for County Council election applications.

*San Juan County
Extension Team*

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REMINDER

Club leaders don't forget to pay any outstanding club dues and submit a copy of your clubs most current bylaws by 5pm September 25th at the office or emailed to lena015@nmsu.edu



**San Juan County
Extension Office will
be closed September
7th, 2026 for Labor
Day.**



San Juan County Extension Updates



REMINDER

Family & Consumer Sciences Lettermen

APPLY NOW

ANY 4-H MEMBER WHO IS ACTIVE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS) PROJECTS CAN "LETTER" IN FCS.

APPLICATION DEADLINE TO STATE OFFICE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

THE FIRST YEAR (FIRST-TIME APPLICANT): RECEIVE A "CLOVER" LETTER.

NOVICE: BRONZE "H" PIN 
JUNIOR: SILVER "H" PIN 
SENIOR: GOLD "H" PIN 

A PLATINUM LETTER MAY BE AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT, REGARDLESS OF AGE DIVISION. 

Visit NMSU 4-H Website for more info!



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Fairboard Meeting
September 8th
6:30-7:30pm



COUNTRY STORE

IN THE AGRICULTURE BUILDING



Visit the Country Store at the New Mexico State Fair to shop a variety of locally made products, including beef jerky, salsa, pecans, chips, popcorn, root beer floats and more!

Buyer baskets are also available upon request.

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OFF
PURCHASE





San Juan County Fair 4-H



4-H Indoor Entrys Results



Addilynn Banks
Novice High-Point



Jhett Keating
Junior High-Point



Yesenia Pedroza
Senior High-Point



Best of Show Cake
Tyler Cunningham



Barn Winners



Grand Champion Goat - Dylan Thompson
Reserve Champion Goat- Ariana Acosta



Grand Champion Lamb- Kylee Thompson
Reserve Champion Lamb- Jordan Meador



Grand Champion Swine- Josiah Keating
Reserve Champion Swine- Caleb Thompson



Grand Champion Beef- Claudia Preator
Reserve Champion Beef- Ellie Halphen

poultry Dept.



Grand & Reserve Meat Turkey-
Andrew Frank



Grand & Reserve Meat Chickens-
Olivia Jones



Grand Meat Duck - Owen Jones
Reserve Meat Duck- Stacy Russell



Grand Show Waterfowl-
Yesenia Pedroza

Rabbit Dept.



Grand Champion Meat Pen-Marissa
Beaty



Reserve Champion Meat Pen-Gage
Hood



Best of Show- Yesenia Pedroza



Reserve Best of Show- Aiden
Winters

CONGRATULATIONS



to all the exhibitors that participated at The
San Juan County Fair!!!



IMPORTANT UP- COMING DATES



**New Mexico State University San Juan
Cooperative Extension Service Invites
Novices, Juniors and Seniors
to:**



Record Book Workshops



September 15th, 2026 4pm-5pm

**1. For this class we will go over the
recorebook requirment**

September 18th, 2026 4pm-5pm

**2. You can bring your in your record
books in and work on them in the
classroom.**



Be BOLD!™
**New Mexico
State University**
San Juan County
Cooperative
Extension



**Don't forget to pick up your 4-H Record Book
binder from our office! \$5 per binder**

Location: 400 Gossett Drive Aztec NM 87410

Deadline to register is September 9th, 2026

Register by calling the SJC Extension Office

505-334-9496



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IMPORTANT UP-COMING DATES



Record Books Due October 1st
Record book_forms are in office or
on the extension website.



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EACH

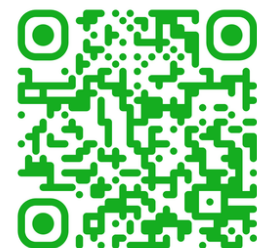
Record Book Check List

Completing your project record book completes your 4-H project. It is optional, but is an AWESOME way to learn the most about the project and get ready to do even better next year. Competing a record book puts you in the running for end of year awards, and can even qualify you for trips, scholarships and more! Record book covers can be purchased at the Extension office. All forms are on our website sanjuanextension.nmsu.edu

Record Books due Oct 1, 5pm

- ✓ Record book cover
- ✓ 4-H Record Book Award Area Form
- ✓ Photo pages
- ✓ Table of Contents
- ✓ Dividers for each section
- ✓ San Juan County Report Form
- ✓ My 4-H Story
- ✓ Project Record Sheets

**Click here or scan for
record book pages**





IMPORTANT UP- COMING DATES



4-H Club Leader Training



The annual required training for leaders and co-leaders will take place **September 18th from 10-11am** and **September 23rd from 6-7pm** at the Extension Office.

All leaders are required to attend one of the trainings in order to reopen their club for enrollment!

Join us to go over new policies and review expectations for running a 4-H club. We look forward to seeing you all there and preparing for another great 4-H year!

Please contact Lena Sanchez
(lena015@nmsu.edu) with any questions.

**CALLING ALL
LEADERS AND
CO-LEADERS!**





Club Awards:

Awards are based on completed club end-of-year report and secretary book submissions

- Promotional Award
 - Club with the most 4-H promotional events
- County Contest Participation
 - Clubs with the highest number of contest participants
- Club Organizational Award
 - Best Club Secretary Book Completed by member
 - Public Speaking Award
 - Club with the most public speaking and demonstration events
- Hands to Larger Service:
 - Club with the most community service events
- Attendance Award
 - Club with the highest percentage of meeting attendance of members
- Banner Club Award:
 - Highest scoring club from all award categories

San Juan County 4-H End of the Year Awards

Member Awards

Member awards are based on completed project record book submissions and/or nominations

- Record Book Award:
 - Members receive 4-H Project Pin and certificate
 - Award recognizes members who have successfully completed a project record book.
- Personal Achievement Award:
 - Members receive 4-H item and certificate
 - Award recognized best record book winners, one Senior, Junior, Novice, and one overall clover bud in each category
- Outstanding member:
 - One Nov/Jun/Sen Member will receive one event scholarship award for 2027 and certificate
 - Award recognizes overall recordbook winners

Program Awards

Program awards are based on nominations of members from leaders, volunteers and community members.

- Pistol Pete Award:
 - Member receives special shooting sports item
 - Award recognizes outstanding shooting sports project members
- Crimson Clover Award:
 - Nominated member that demonstrated outstanding work ethic, citizenship and leadership
 - Member receives 4-H jacket or vest
- Member of the Year:
 - One member receives custom belt buckle
 - Award recognizes one San Juan County 4-H member that has gone above and beyond 4-H member expectations. Members must be nominated by leaders, volunteers or community members.



End of Year Awards



San Juan County 4-H End of Year Awards are based on submissions of record books. Your record book is the final step to complete your 4-H project for the year.

Categories:

YOU MAY ENTER UP TO SIX (6) PROJECTS YOU WERE ENROLLED IN THIS 4-H YEAR.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

- ___ BEEF (1001, 1002, 1003, 1009)
- ___ DAIRY CATTLE (1051, 1052, 1053, 1059)
- ___ GOAT (1101, 1103, 1104, 1109)
- ___ DOG (1151, 1152, 1153, 1159)
- ___ CAT (1154, 1155, 1156, 1169)
- ___ HORSE (1202, 1204, 1209)
- ___ RODEO (1221, 1229)
- ___ POULTRY (1251, 1259)
- ___ RABBIT (1301, 1302, 1303, 1309)
- ___ SHEEP (1351, 1353, 1359)
- ___ SWINE (1401, 1409)
- ___ VET SCIENCE (1451, 1452, 1453, 1459)
- ___ SMALL PETS (1501, '02, '04, '06, '08, '09, '10)

HORTICULTURE & AGRONOMY

- ___ PLANT & SOIL SCIENCE (2001, 2009)
- ___ FLOWER GARDENING (2102, 2109)
- ___ LANDSCAPE GARDENING (2201, 2209)
- ___ VEGETABLE GARDENING (2251, 2259)
- ___ RANGE PLANT MANAGEMENT (2300, 2309)
- ___ FORESTRY (2401, 2409)

NATURAL SCIENCE

- ___ ENTOMOLOGY (3051, 3052, 3059)
- ___ WILDLIFE (3101, 3102, 3103, 3104, 3109)
- ___ SHOOTING SPORTS (3201, '02, '03, '04, '06, '09)
- ___ SPORT FISHING (3401, 3409)

ENGINEERING SCIENCE

- ___ ELECTRIC ENERGY (4151, 4152, 4153, 4154, 4159)
- ___ SMALL ENGINES (4251, 4252, 4253, 4259)
- ___ WELDING (4301, 4302, 4309)
- ___ ROCKETRY (4401, 4409)
- ___ WOOD SCIENCE (4451, 4452, 4453, 4454, 4459)

ROBOTICS

- ___ ROBOTICS SELF DETERMINED (4469)

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

- ___ WELCOME TO NM 4-H (5001, 5009)
- ___ HEALTH (5029, 5039, 5040, 5049)
- ___ LEADERSHIP (5201, 5203, 5205, 5209)
- ___ SPEAKING (5301, 5309)
- ___ CITIZENSHIP (5351, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5355, 5359)
- ___ CLOWNING (5401, 5409)
- ___ CULTURAL EDUCATION (5311, 5501, 5502, 5503, 5509)
- ___ COMPUTER (8109)

CREATIVE ARTS

- ___ LEATHERCRAFT (6001, 6002, 6003, 6009)
- ___ BRAIDING (6011, 6012, 6013, 6019)
- ___ FIBERCRAFT (6041, 6051, 6055, 6061, 6065, 6071, 6081, 6099)
- ___ DUDED UP DENIM (7163)
- ___ CERAMICS (6101, 6109)
- ___ PHOTOGRAPHY (6201, 6202, 6203, 6204, 6299)
- ___ SCRAPBOOKING (6206, 6209)
- ___ JEWELRY MAKING (6111)

HOME ECONOMICS

- ___ QUILTING (6030, 6039)
- ___ CLOTHING (7002, 7003, 7101, 7102, 7103, 7104, 7105, 7106, 7153, 7154, 7155, 7156, 7157, 7199)
- ___ BAKING (7280, 7282, 7284, 7286, 7300, 7299)
- ___ CAKE DECORATING (7301, 7302, 7303, 7304)
- ___ FOOD & NUTRITION (7257, 7380, 7382, 7384, 7386, 7399)
- ___ DAIRY FOODS (7310, 7312, 7314, 7319)
- ___ FOOD PRESERVATION (7401, 7403, 7405, 7407, 7499)
- ___ HOUSING & INTERIOR DESIGN (7501, 7530, 7509)
- ___ CONSUMER EDUCATION (7551, 7552, 7553, 7559)
- ___ FAMILY LIFE (7601, 7602, 7603, 7609)
- ___ OUTDOOR COOKING (7386, 7387)

ARTS AND CRAFTS

- ___ ARTS & CRAFTS SELF-DETERMINED (7659)

CLOVERBUD BOOK

- ___ 5-8-YEAR-OLD CLOVERBUD (Non-Competitive Entry)



AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 1ST



San Juan County 4-H Member of the Year Nominations

Do you know a 4-H member who has gone above and beyond this year? We encourage clubs, leaders, and families to submit a nomination for the San Juan County 4-H Member of the Year for the 2025-2026 program year.

Nominees must be members in good standing with their 4-H club and demonstrate outstanding leadership, service, and involvement throughout the year. The selected 4-H Member of the Year will be recognized at the End-of-Year Awards Banquet and receive a custom belt buckle.

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize a deserving 4-H member for their hard work, dedication, and positive impact on our 4-H program and community!

[Click here to complete the online form](#)

San Juan County 4-H Leader of the Year Nominations

Dedicated volunteers are the foundation of a strong 4-H program. Help us recognize those individuals who go above and beyond to support San Juan County 4-H youth by submitting a nomination for the San Juan County 4-H Leader of the Year Award for the 2025-2026 program year. From the nominations received, one Club Leader or Co-Leader and one Project Leader will be selected for recognition. These outstanding volunteers demonstrate exceptional commitment, leadership, mentorship, and service to 4-H members throughout the year. The 2026 Leader of the Year recipients will be recognized at the End-of-Year Awards Banquet.

Take this opportunity to show appreciation for the volunteers who make a lasting difference in the lives of San Juan County 4-H youth!

[Click here to complete the online form](#)

San Juan County Friend of 4-H Nominations

Who Has Made a Difference in San Juan County 4-H?

Every year, members of our community step forward to support 4-H youth through their time, resources, mentorship, and encouragement. Help us recognize these valued partners by submitting a nomination for the San Juan County Friend of 4-H Award for the 2025-2026 program year.

[Click here to complete the online form](#)



MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS



*4-H End of
the year
Banquet*

When : November 13th, 2026

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: McGee Park

Dance to follow banquet till 10pm

Theme: Black & White

RSVP by: November 3rd, 2026

Call 505-334-9496



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COUNTY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS



October Club Scarecrow Contest



October 28th, 2026 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm.

Judging at 5:45 pm

Extension Office

Participating clubs need to RSVP by Oct. 15th

Scarecrow frame and straw will be provided. Clubs must bring all other supplies.

October County Council Meeting

October 28th, 2026

6-7:00 PM Regular County Council Meeting

Extension Office

2026-2027 Council Officer Elections

Each Club may have up to three voting delegates to vote in the elections.

Voting Delegate must be youth members and present to vote.

4-H County Council Elections

County Council Officer applications are due on October 15, 2026 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 County Council Officers can be found in the County Council Officer Handbook and the 4-H Website.

How do I become a County Council Officer?

- Review application on the SJC 4-H Website (click [HERE](#))
- Clubs may Nominate up to Three County Council nominees before the deadline.
- Submit an application by October 15, 2026, signed by the member, parent and club leader. Officer speeches must be turned in with application.
- Attend the October County Council Meeting on Oct 28th 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.

QR code to
Council
webpage



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Leader Updates



Closing out the 4-H Year October 1:

Required: by Oct 1:

- Club End of Year Review (google doc)
- Club Secretary Book documents-if not already completed monthly
- Club Dues for 2025/26 Paid
- Update all financial records with Shelly per requests
- Record Books Due by 5pm
- Award Nominations and Documents:
 - Friend of 4-H Nominations
 - Member of the Year
 - Adult Leader/Project Leader of the Year
 - Crimson Clover Member Award Nomination
- 10/15: County Council Applications Due
- 10/28 County Council Elections

Club leader due dates:

Optional:

- End-of-Year Award Application- October 15, 2026

National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2026

A week that will rally, inspire and connect 6 million 4-H'ers, 3,500 educators, 500,000 volunteers and 35 million alumni. Events in every county and state celebrating and amplifying the 4-H mission: preparing youth to be Beyond Ready for life and career.

Learn more:

4-H.org/4-HWeek

DAY 1: GO GREEN MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H State spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H programs being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint—anything green goes. Let's paint the nation **GREEN**, on Monday, October 5th!

Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag National 4-H, your State 4-H program, and use [#4HBeyondReady](#) [#National4HWeek](#)

DAY 2: THANKFUL THURSDAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the mentors, educators, and volunteers who are making positive impact on you people's lives in 4-H. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference on Thursday, October 8!

Share your 'Thankful' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use: [#4HBeyondReady](#) [#National4HWeek](#)

2026/2027 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. 12
 - Clubs will hold space for returning members until 11/19/26



San Juan County Extension Updates



POULTRY CLINIC

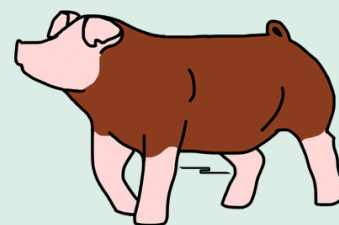
FIRST MEETING IS OCTOBER 14 FROM 6:30-7:30PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

*COME LEARN AND PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING
SHOW IN ST. JOHN'S ON OCTOBER 30TH & 31ST AT THE
APACHE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.*

*CONTACT LACY GREER (602)686-1817 FOR ENTRY
FORMS*



4-H SWINE PROJECT **MEETINGS**

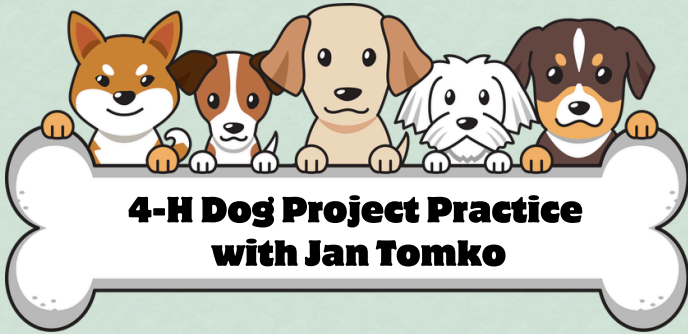


Back by popular demand Taffnie Anderson and Calen Wilkins will be hosting swine project meetings for all 4-H members enrolled in the swine project.

Schedule for 2026-2027 to be announced soon, check next months newsletter for updates!



SMALL LIVESTOCK



**Interested in the dog project please
give us a call!**

**Sept 4th & Sept 22nd at 5:45pm
Growing Foward Farm**

**New Schedule for the NEW 4-H Year
will be in October Newsletter**

2nd Tuesday of Every Month

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.

**Starting in October 15th
2026**

**All meetings will be held
in Rabbit Barn
@ McGee Park
For questions,
contact:**

**Brooke Klitzke
970-764-7036**

**New Schedule will be
posted in the
October Newsletter!**



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H RODEO



4-H RODEO

San Juan County State Finals Rodeo Qualifiers

Novice:

- Macee Chavez
- Rio Fifer
- Kessey McConnel

Junior:

- Ebah Basile
- Loudin Bitsui
- Braxton Cagle
- Kaylee Eklund
- Reiner McConnel
- Lily Rightmire

Senior:

- Laylee Darnell
- Skkye Dombrowski
- Caly Ortiz
- Chevi Roberts



Congrats!

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.

August 24th



Notice:

Rodeo is now on Facebook! Search San Juan 4-H Rodeo and follow the page to make sure you don't miss any updates.

[Click here to follow the Facebook Page](#)



SAN JUAN COUNTY 4-H HOOF BEAT GANG



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:

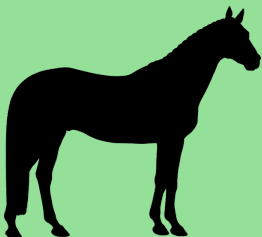
September 28th

October 26th

November 16th

Horse Judging

The schedule for 2026-2027 horse judging is soon to be announced, please check back soon for updates.





NM STATE 4-H EVENTS



NMSU 4-H State Events



Ignite by 4-H is a four-day interactive summit that helps teens find their spark through **inspiring speakers**, **hands-on workshops**, **off-site experiences**, **career exploration** and **connecting with peers**. Ignite is a step forward in the journey of **becoming beyond ready**.

If you are a Senior 4-Her, 14 years and older, and would like to be considered to represent New Mexico 4-H at the Ignite by 4-H Conference, **apply today!**



WHEN

March 17-21, 2027



WHERE

Washington, D.C.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

September 15, 2026

HOW TO APPLY

Email your completed application to emadrid@nmsu.edu

Be sure to include "Ignite by 4-H" in the subject line of your email.



CONNECT

Build lasting friendships.



DISCOVER

Explore your passions.



LEAD

Grow your leadership.



IMPACT

Make a difference in your world.

NEW EXPERIENCES. REAL CONNECTIONS. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.



New Mexico 4-H Presents:

FOOD CHALLENGE

Contests available at:

NM State Fair
&
Southern New Mexico State Fair



Registration Fee: \$25

Registration Due: September 4, 2026

Counties may only participate in one contest

NM State Fair:

ABQ. NM

September 19, 2026

Southern NM State Fair:

Las Cruces. NM

October 3, 2026



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September

2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	 Office Closed for Labor Day	7 State Fair dropoff Fairboard 6:30	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Club Leader Training 10- 11am
19	20	21	22	23 Club Leader Training 6-7pm	24 Shiprock Fair	25 Club Dues and Bylaws due to Extension Office
26	27	28 Hoofbeat	29	30		

UPCOMING COMING EVENTS:

September 10-20 NM State Fair

San Juan Extension Website

