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April 2025



Senior Leadership Retreat



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Senior Leadership Retreat—Over 200 Attended



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PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

2025

APRIL

SAT
5

COME TALK WITH 4-H AGENTS

Brittany and Madeline will discuss their vision for Sandoval County 4-H. Q&A with parents and volunteers.

CUBA - NORTH

9:30 - 11:30 am

Sandoval County Fairgrounds - Exhibit Hall

SAT
5

SAT
5

SAN YSIDRO

1:30 - 3:30 pm

San Ysidro Village Office - 389 State Rd 4

Let's build and strengthen Sandoval County
TOGETHER!!!!





COUNTY SEWING CLINIC

2025

APRIL

**MON
21**

SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Learn the parts of a sewing machine and tools.
Learn how to thread and operate a sewing machine.

SEWING PROJECTS 1 AND 2

Individuals will work on their projects

**WED
23**

**THU
24**

THREADING THE MACHINE SPEED CONTEST

We will have heats in each age group.
Prizes will be awarded.

San Ysidro Village Office
389 State Road 4, P.O. Box 190
San Ysidro, NM 87053

**1:30
TO
5:30**

Members may work on their individual projects every day. Members can attend any or all of the days. This is a come and go workshop. Daily Highlighted items will start at 1:30 each day.

COUNTY CONTESTS

To Infinity
and Beyond



Saturday April 26,
2025

9:30 am Check-In
10 am - 8 pm

San Ysidro Village
Office

REGISTRATION Due Friday April 18, 2025

Please complete the Registration using the Google Form Link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKCLJO7aTP8xFqHA2IViBaUh8HMhMmgvYlvqyBp42-ryAAEQ/viewform?usp=header>

We need 3 entries for a contest in order to offer it at county contest.

Possible contests to be offered.

Consumer Decision Making
Fashion Review
Horse Judging
Livestock Skill-a-thon
Meats Identification

Entomology
Horse Bowl
Horticulture
Livestock Judging
Wildlife Habitat

*I will have a display talking about Favorite Foods so anyone who would like to compete at District or State, please let me know.

Sandoval County



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**CLUB
LEADER
MEETING
&
TRAINING**

APRIL 29, 2025

6:30 - 8:30

SALIZAR BUILDING

SUITE 2-D

EL ZOCALO EVENT CENTER

264 S Camino Del Pueblo,
Bernalillo, NM 87004



SANDOVAL COUNTY

DISTRICT AND STATE QUALIFIERS

ARCHERY

COMPETITION



THE TEAMS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

NOVICE, COMPOUND, BARE BOW
LILY MCWENIE, AVERY DEAN, IRIS MURPHY, SYDNEY MCWENIE

NOVICE, COMPOUND, SIGHTED
SADIE BURNS, MCCABE SHENDO, SADIE ROWE, JASON MADRID

SENIOR, COMPOUND, SIGHTED
LEVI MARQUEZ NOAH, ELISE ROWE, SEBASTIAN BURNS, MACKENZIE BLACKSTEN

INDIVIDUAL ARCHERS

NOVICE, COMPOUND, BARE BOW
BAILEY DRIVER

NOVICE, COMPOUND, SIGHTED
SAVANNAH BURNS

JUNIOR, COMPOUND, BARE BOW
CONOR PADGET

JUNIOR, COMPOUND, SIGHTED
MIRACLE MCKINSTRY

SENIOR, COMPOUND, BARE BOW
DECLAN PADGET

Congratulations!

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 4-H Year and add/drop projects CLOSED March 1, 2025

for new and returning members, leaders and volunteers. Enrollment will re-open in October 2025 for the next 2026 4-H year. Contact the Extension office with any questions.

Leaders—Please go into your Club members and reach out and help those members complete their enrollments that are in process, or in pending status. You can do this during roll call at your next club meeting.

There are quite a few pending enrollments for Volunteers and Members that are not completed.

If the enrollments are not completed by May 1, we will return the enrollment and cancel for the year. Adults/youth will not be able to participate in upcoming events, enter or show at the county fair.



Tip of the Month

Attending college is a great investment in your future.

Research shows that earning a college degree can open the door to higher earnings, more career opportunities, and even better health and job satisfaction. With so many benefits, there's no better time to see how New Mexico State University can help you reach your goals and set you on the path to success. Be bold and explore your future at admissions.nmsu.edu today!

Tag Dates and Location has Changed!

Due to Memorial Holiday Weekend and County High School Graduations

➔ Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2025

LIVESTOCK TAG DAYS

Friday, May 30, 2025 – 4pm to 6pm

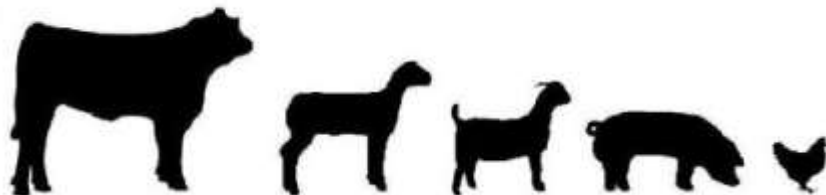
*Extension Office Courthouse Back Parking Lot
711 Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo*

Saturday, May 31, 2025 – 10:00am to Noon

Sandoval County Fairgrounds

Saturday, May 31 2025 – 1:00pm to 2:00pm

*Steve Lucero Barn (NOT Village offices)
1219 Hwy 4 – San Ysidro, NM*



SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIR July 28 to August 3, 2025

In order to show your 4-H Livestock or other 4-H project in the Indoor/Jr. Livestock Exhibits, you must be enrolled.

You MUST have attended at least 40% of your 4-H Club Meetings, AND you must participate in the Sandoval County Fairgrounds Cleanup on **July 26, 2025**, which is part of our 4-H community service requirement.

Put these dates on your calendars!

TAG DATES HAVE CHANGED—SEE ABOVE!!



Mindfulness Mondays - 2nd Monday of Every Month

NATURE JOURNALING

Monday, April 14, 2025

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

El Zocalo Event Center

264 S Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo, NM 87004

North entrance

Learn how to record your observations in nature to improve mental health and the health of your garden, farm or landscape.

Bring your own journal, or make one with us! Supplies provided.



For information on future sessions or other educational programs, visit the Sandoval County Extension website at sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/

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Cooperative Extension Service**

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FCS/4-H Agent

Bethany Abrahamson
Agriculture Agent

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2025 4-H Essay Contest

The Importance of Youth in Beekeeping: How 4-H Members Can Make a Difference!

For this essay, a 4-H student should answer these questions: Why youth is important in beekeeping? How can 4-H members make a difference? How can more young people involved in beekeeping? What are your future plans as a beekeeper? What is a major contribution a young beekeeper has brought to the industry?

Eligibility: The 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition is open to active 4-H Club members only. Any 4-H Club member who placed first, second or third in previous years of the national competition is NOT eligible to win in 2025; however, state competition winners remain eligible to enter the national competition. Essays entered must encompass the designated topic only. There will be no exceptions.

Competition Rules & Essay Requirements: Any 4-H Club member interested in writing an essay should contact their local 4-H office for competition details. The state selection process must be completed through the 4-H system.

Failure to meet any one of the essay requirements will result in disqualification.

Essay Requirements for National Judging: Essays must be typewritten or computer-generated on single-sided pages and formatted following standard manuscript format using double-spaced type and 12pt font in a legible font face.

Essays must encompass the designated topic in 750 to 1,000 words. Word count does not include sources, works cited, or the writer's biographical statement.

All factual statements and interview references must be cited in a "sources" or "bibliography."

Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research, 40%; (b) accuracy, 30%; (c) creativity, 10%; (d) conciseness, 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic, 10%.

On a separate page, please include a brief biographical statement of the writer including mailing address, email address, and phone number.

The deadline for national submission to the NM State 4-H Office is April 25, 2025.

Please email submissions to: samlowry@nmsu.edu

Each state may submit only ONE entry. Decisions made by the trustees of the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees during national judging are final. All national competition entries become the property of the foundation and may be used as it sees fit. No essays will be returned.

Awards: Three cash prizes will be awarded in the 2025 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. The author of the highest-scoring essay will win first prize. The author of the second-highest scoring essay will win second prize. The author of the third-highest scoring essay will win third prize.

First Prize: \$750 **Second Prize:** \$500 **Third Prize:** \$250 The three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping, or honey

**For full consideration, entries must be emailed to samlowry@nmsu.edu
no later than April 25th.**

Only one entry from New Mexico will be entered in the National contest.

Northern Livestock Schools

SAVE THE DATES

2025

**MAY
17**

SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: RABBIT

Location:
Bernalillo County Extension Office



**MAY
18**

SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL: POULTRY

Location:
Bernalillo County Extension Office



**JUNE
20 &
21**

NORTHERN LIVESTOCK SCHOOL

Location:
Torrance County Fair Grounds



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SAVE THE DATES!



NORTHERN NEW MEXICO 4-H

DISTRICT CONTESTS

JUNE 24-25, 2025

TAOS, NM

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON

District Contest is for Novice and Junior 4-H members who qualified at County Contest. Parents are responsible for lodging.

Coming July 7-10, 2025



NMSU Campus, Las Cruces, NM



QUISHING

Quishing, short for QR code phishing, is a type of cybercrime where scammers use QR codes to redirect users to malicious websites or applications, often disguised as legitimate offers or requests.

Examples:

Fake invoices: Scammers send emails with QR codes that redirect users to take payment pages to steal their financial information.

QR code login: Some apps and software offer QR code logins, which can be exploited for scammers to gain access to user accounts.

Promotional offers: QR codes on flyers or posters can lead to fake websites offering enticing deals or giveaways, designed to trick users into providing personal information.

Corporate HR Scam: Employees receive an email appearing to be from their work, HR, with a QR code linked to a “mandatory survey,” which is actually a phishing site designed to steal credentials.

NEVER

scan suspicious QR codes

from random sources!

Leaving Digital Footprints

Every time we are on the internet, we leave a trail of information behind us known as “digital footprints”. These trails can be used to obtain personal information including demographics, religion, political affiliations, shopping interests, or more damaging purposes such as hacking into online accounts and accessing passwords.

As parents, guardians, 4-H agents, volunteer leaders, and young adult youth, it is important to understand what digital footprints are and educate youth and adults alike to recognize risks and consider if a post, share, like or search will represent them positively or negatively.

So, what is a digital footprint?

Digital footprints are data or information left behind while online. Digital footprints come in two types, passive and active. Passive footprints are made when information is collected without your knowledge. Examples include likes, shares or comments on social media posts and search history. This information can be collected and used for targeted advertisements or social media group suggestions. Active digital footprints are created when sharing or providing personal information on social media or websites. Examples include photo and video uploads, posts, and blogs on public pages or sites.

It is important youth understand when something is posted online it is available to anyone to do with it what they want. Once posted, they are no longer in control of the information even with the best privacy settings. Posts allow others to save, copy, share, or comment, and can be used against them. Deleting a post, picture, or comment does not prevent the possibility of it ending up on a server somewhere. Once on the Web there is a strong chance it will be there forever.

Practice and Teach:

- I the Internet is public space with over 4 billion active users worldwide**
- I digital footprints are searched or shared**
- I always think before posting**
- I certain personal details should remain private**
- I Things can last forever**
- I we have the power to control our digital footprints**
- I digital footprints can be a positive or negative representation**
- I always log off when finished with online activities**
- I treat passwords like you should treat your toothbrush – don't share it and change it often**
- I be aware, most websites will record your visit and track your internet activity before and after visiting their website**
- I notify an adult if you read or see anything making you uncomfortable, worried, or upset**



Share and Use These Tips for Managing Digital Footprints

1. Search yourself online: search your name and see what shows up. If you find something you dislike, try to remove it. Google Help Center provides tips on how to remove personal information from Google.
2. Manage privacy settings: know what information is being shared on websites and social media. Manage privacy settings so you control, as much as possible, including who and where posts are shared. Be mindful, digital footprints are also **affected by your friend's content and settings.**
3. Think, think, and think again before posting: before posting anything, be sure you are comfortable with everyone seeing it. Consider how you would feel if someone posted something similar about you. Remember, everyone reads, sees, and interprets things differently.
4. Deactivate and/or delete: when no longer using a social media profile or website, take time to deactivate and/or delete your account. In doing so, your content is no longer live and should not be searchable online. This removes the risk of accounts being hacked without your knowledge.
5. Create a positive footprint: plenty of examples exist of negative footprints left behind online. Creating a positive footprint is the best defense in protecting online reputations. Think through what is appropriate to share and what is important to keep private.

Create an awe-inspiring footprint

Hopefully you have a better understanding of digital footprints and take the appropriate steps in teaching youth to build strong, positive representations of their true self. The digital world is here to stay. If youth decide to participate or continue participating in online activities, have them think of footprint development as a lifelong process. The strongest trees are those that invest time building a strong root system and grow slowly. Encourage youth to take advantage of that time to decide how to use the digital platform to present themselves in a positive light and represent their best qualities.

If done right, they can create some amazing opportunities. [Submitted by the NM State 4-H Office, 2021]

Livestock Sales

April

- April 5-Valencia County Pig, Lamb & Goat Sale-Belen, NM (Pigs, Lambs & Goats)
- April 5-Red Raider Sheep & Goat Sale-Lubbock, TX (Lambs & Goats)
- April 6-Dowell Show Lambs-Tucumcari, NM (Lambs Only)
- April 8 & 10-Skelley Show Goats-Causey, NM (Online Goats) showgoats.com
- April 11-NM Elite-Portales, NM (Lambs & Goats)
- April 11-The After Party-Portales, NM (Lambs & Goats)
- April 12-Klein Invitational Sale-Artesia, NM (Lambs & Goats)
- April 12-The Sort Pig Sale-Waterflow, NM (Pigs Only)
- April 12-Bi-County Livestock Sale-Prewitt, NM (Pigs, Lambs & Goats)
- April 26-Route 66 Show Pig & Goat Sale-Holbrook, AZ (Pigs & Goats)

Sandoval County

Livestock Ownership

Deadline

May 1, 2025



NEW TO 4-H?



Enroll your youth in 4-H today & watch them grow into Leaders for tomorrow!

4-H Enrollment for the 2024-2025 Year Opens October 1—March 1, 2025

New 4-H Members may choose Two (2) Projects and we will add the Project “Welcome to NM 4-H!” We want you to embrace the Awesome 4-H Program!



Project Books that are not available online will be charged to you for the Cost from State 4-H Office bills to us

Steer Ownership Deadline is March 1 • All other Livestock Ownership Deadline May 1

4-H Member Ages For 2024-2025 4-H Year Before January 1, 2025

CLOVERBUD: 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 6th grade.

SENIOR: 14 to 18 years old or 13 years old AND in 8th grade

Youth who are 19 on or by December 31 of the current 4-H year (2024) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

CLUB	Club Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact Leader	Contact TEXT ONLY PLEASE
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each Month	6:30pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Kelly Garcia Megan Padgett	(505)366-8113
Corralitos	1st Monday Each Month	6:30pm at The Corrales Community	Corrales Next to Fire Station	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3rd Monday each Month	5:30pm	Sandoval Co. Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	(505) 320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2nd Thursday Each month	5:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Rosanna Garcia	(505) 379-7532
Jemez Red Rockers	3rd Friday each Month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Village Offices	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo.com
Placitas Bullsnares 4-H Club	1st Sunday Each Month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Madeline Gurney	mgurney@nmsu.edu
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1st Thursday Each month	5:30 pm	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com
Torreón Wolfpack	2nd Sunday Each Month	2:00pm	Torreón Chapter House	Lee Johnson	(505) 330-5881
Sandoval County Cooperative Extension sandoval@nmsu.edu (505) 867-2582		Brittany Johnson County Program Director 4-H / Ag Agent brittmjo@nmsu.edu	Madeline Gurney Family & Consumer Sciences 4-H Agent mgurney@nmsu.edu	Elizabeth Hackett Extension Administrative Assistant ehackett@nmsu.edu	SANDOVAL COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WEBSITE https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/

Sandoval County 4-H & State 4-H Scholarship Deadlines

Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship Criteria

Sponsored by Sandoval County 4-H Council

Scholarship Information

A Scholarship fund has been established by the 4-H County Council to provide financial assistance to 4-H members that wish to attend State, District, or County 4-H events. Scholarship will cover 50% of the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth-Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, FCS School, 4-H Dog School, or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or a Diplomat. The scholarship will cover 100% of the registration expenses for 4-H County Camp.

The funding may not be used to attend State 4-H Conference, State 4-H Shooting Sports Contest, nor District Contest.

Scholarship Criteria—Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member.

For Application, Link to: <https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/council.html>

- ➔ • 4-H member must submit a Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship application Form.
- ➔ • Scholarship Applications for the events are due 1 1/2 months before the event registration deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS** —Must be in good 4-H Standing

APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.

Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship Application Deadlines

4-H EVENT	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
Senior Leadership Retreat	October 25, 2024
FCS School	February 1, 2025
Youth-Get-Away	February 15, 2025
Horse School	April 1, 2025
4-H Dog School	May 1, 2025
Livestock School	May 1, 2025
Ambassador/Diplomat Officer Position	May 15, 2025

State 4-H Office Community Service & Scholarship Information

If a youth is interested in attending one of the annual events and are looking for a way to assist with registration costs they can apply for the New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship. The scholarship will cover the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, State 4-H Conference, 4-H International Exchange, FCS School, 4-H Dog School or \$250 of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer or Ambassador.

The applicant can create their own community service or if they would like to work with an organization in creating a new program that is acceptable. The project must be an activity that the youth designs, organizes and implements that will have an impact on the community. Scholarship Applications for the events are due two months before the event registration deadline. Forms must be filled out online when submitting applications. The application is approved or declined by a committee. If declined, the applicant will be asked to provide further information on the proposal.

If the applicant submitted a scholarship application for an event and received the scholarship, they need to have their community service report complete and submitted to the State 4-H Office before they can apply for the community service scholarship for any future events. The community service can be completed within a year of approval. The link for all scholarship information is here: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>



4-H Dates & Deadlines

EVENT	DATE
County Council Meeting—El Zocalo, 2nd Floor, Bernalillo, 5:30pm	April 4
Parent Volunteer Meetings	April 5
Youth Get-Away—Glorieta, NM (Registration Closed)	April 11-13
County Contests—Registration Deadline Friday!	April 18
County Sewing Clinic—San Ysidro Village Office—1:30-5:30	April 21, 23, 24
County Contest—All Other Contests—Extension Office—San Ysidro	April 26
Club Leader Meeting and Training—El Zocalo 2nd Floor—6:30—8:30pm	April 29
Sandoval County Livestock Ownership Deadline (Swine, Goat, Lamb, Poultry)	May 1
Horse Certificates due to the Extension Office—Deadline	May 1
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship—Raton, NM	May 1-4
Small Animal School—Rabbit—Bernalillo County Extension office	May 17
Small Animal School—Poultry—Bernalillo County Extension office	May 18
Sandoval County Tag Days—Extension Office/Fairgrounds/San Ysidro	May 30, 31
4-H Horse School	June—TBA
New Mexico Youth Ranch Management Camp—CS Ranch, Cimarron, NM	June 8-13
NE District Shooting Sports Contest—Albuquerque	June 13
Northern Livestock School—Torrance County Fair grounds	June 20-21
Northern District Contests	Last Week of June TBA
4-H Dog School	TBA
State 4-H Conference—Las Cruces, NM	July 7-10
Sandoval County Fair—Cuba, NM	July 28—August 3
New Mexico State Fair—Albuquerque	September 24-28



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