Cloverleaf

October 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Start of New 4-H Year	2	3
4 Vermejo Club Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Springer Sunshine Club Meeting	12	13 Johnson Mesa Club Meeting	14 Trophy Banquet @6:30pm- K Bob's	15 Record Books Due by 5pm to the Extension	16	17
18	19 Rocky Mountain Club Meeting	20 Ag Explorer Day	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity / affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. "If you are an individual with a disability and need an auxiliary aid or service please contact CES office at (575)445-8071 by prior to event."

New 4-H Year Starts Oct. 1st!

Enrollment forms for the 2026-2027 4-H Year will be available after the start of the new year in the Extension Office and on our website.

Enrollment forms will be due in the Extension Office by February 4th, 2027.

Add/Drop deadline for projects will be March 4th, 2027.

Exhibits from NM State Fair are available for pick up in the office.

Southern NM State Fair

Sept. 30th-October 4th

Eastern NM State Fair

Oct. 4th– 10th

Good luck Exhibitors

Colfax County Building will be closed Monday, October 12th, 2026 for Indigenous Peoples Day

Make sure to check our Facebook page, NMSU 4-H Youth Development Facebook page, and https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/ for upcoming events and event details.



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Enrollment For 2026-2027

Enrollment forms for the 2026-2027 4-H year for both youth & adults will be available at https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html or in our office after Oct. 1st. Enrollment forms will also be emailed when they are available.

Please make sure to completely fill out your enrollment forms before turning them in. Missing information will delay your enrollment. An enrollment form must be turned in each 4-H year. When listing your projects on the enrollment form, please make sure you either use the project number from the short list or write out the name of the project with the unit number or name (ie. write photography 2 or 06202 not just photography).



	Cloverbud	***Novice***	***Junior***	***Senior***
Grade*	**K, 1st, 2nd**	**3rd, 4th, 5th**	**6th, 7th**	**8th & Up**
Age as of Jan. 1st, 2027– the current 4-H Year (October–September)	**5-8 year old**	**9-11 year old, or 8 years old in the 3rd grade**	**12-13 year old, or 11 years old on the 6th grade**	**14-18 year old**, or 13 years old in the 8th grade**



**Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September). These are standard grades based on public school general ages.*

***Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.*



Record Books Due

Thursday, Oct. 15th, 2026 by 5pm in the Extension Office. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Covers are available in the office. Project Record forms can be picked up in the office or downloaded from https://colfaxextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html and https://4hprojects.nmsu.edu/projects/projectforms.html

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Trophy Banquet

Oct. 14th, 6:30pm, K-Bob's

RSVP by Oct. 5th



Nov 27– Dec 13,



AG Exploration Day

Oct. 20th, 9am-12pm, Raton Convention Center.

Livestock checks are not available yet we will send out an email once they are ready to be picked up

Please remember you must **drop off Thank you notes (in unsealed, addressed, stamped envelopes) to the Extension Office. No exhibitors will receive their sale check until the thank you letters have been turned into the office.**

2026 New Mexico State Fair Indoor Exhibit Results



Autumn Myers

1st Place- Unit 1 Practice Board
2nd Place- Knife Sheath
2nd Place- Braiding Exhibit Board
3rd Place- Unit 1 Cake Decorating

Dakota Ryan

1st Place- Origami Exhibit

Hettie Mae Webb

2nd Place- Strawberry Scones

Maddox Chance

1st Place- Food Preservation 1 jar any variety
1st Place- SD Adv Arts Acrylic

Logan Romero

1st Place- SD Lego Kit 1,001-2,500 pieces

Junior Placings

Kodi Coca

3rd Place- Archery Exhibit
1st Place- Black & White Photo with some color added

Cameron Stevens

3rd Place- Rifle Exhibit

Natalie George

1st Place- Floral Arrangement(flowers grown by member

1st Place- Exhibit about flower gardening

1st Place- Banana Nut Bread

1st Place- 3 Cranberry Orange Refrigertor Cookies

1st Place- Strawberry Scones

3rd Place- Fruit Filled Coffe Cake

Scarlett Mayer

2nd Place- Unit 3 Still Life Photo

Mackenzie Seneff

2nd Place- Unit 1 Embroidery

Senior Placings

Jaxon Hamm

2nd Place- Unit 1 Dog Collar

Margarita Wier

1st Place- Rifle Exhibit

Parker Mayer

2nd Place- SD Adv Braiding

Adeline Yates

3rd Place- Archery Exhibit

Madi Ryan

1st Place- One Decorated Two Layer Cake

1st Place- Unit 3 Cheese Exhibit

Michaela Solis

3rd Place- Necklace

Natalee Atler

3rd Place- Unit 1 Coin Purse

1st Place- Knife Sheath

2nd Place- Unit 1 Scarf

1st Place- Pillow using granny square design

3rd Place- Photo showing good comp

1st Place- Black & White Photo w some color

2nd Place- Photo Documneting a 4-H Event

Sofia Salas

1st Place- Written Story
1St Place- Leadership 1 Poster
3rd Place- Unit 3 Still Life Photo
3rd Place- SD Adv Arts

ANATOMY OF A GOOD THANK YOU LETTER

Why write thank you letters?

- To give buyers recognition for their support of the program.
- To thank them for their support of your project.
- To show you care and are willing to go the extra mile.
- To make a connection even after the show ring.



Make your greeting respectful and personalized.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank them for their support of the program and specifically for their support of your project.

I would like to thank you for helping to support the Anywhere County 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction and for buying my lamb. Your support means a great deal to me personally and to the 4-H and FFA programs.

Share a little about yourself and what their support will help with.

I am a junior in high school this year, and the money that I receive from your purchase will go towards purchasing a livestock project for next year, and helping to pay for college.

Thank them again, close with a respectful salutation and sign your first and last name.

Once again, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson

Hand sign the letter!

Other things to remember:

- Use nice stationary or a notecard and handwrite your message.
- Use your best handwriting and proofread for spelling errors.
- Mail the thank you or hand deliver it, but be sure that it is received in a timely manner.

PUTTING TOGETHER YOUR COLFAX COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOK

1. **COVER** – Use the standard green 4-H Record Book Cover available at the Extension Office for a small fee or order from the National 4-H Supply catalog. No loose leaf notebooks or report binders.

2. **INDIVIDUAL PHOTO** – Print or mount one photo of yourself on a single sheet of paper. Print or type your name, age, address, town, state, zip code and county below your photo.

3. **TABLE OF CONTENTS** – On a single sheet of paper, type or print the name of each section of your record book. Page numbers are not necessary.

4. **COLFAX COUNTY 4-H REPORT FORM** – Type manually, print neatly or use the computer format available from the Extension Office to complete the form, which must be signed by 4-Her, parent and leader. **ONLY ONE 4-H REPORT FORM NEEDED REGARDLESS OF NUMBER OF PROJECTS.** Form can be downloaded from colfaxcounty.nmsu.edu, click on the 4-H tab.

5. **4-H STORY –** Your overall 4-H story should include the following:
   A. Your name, age, where you live and how you became interested in 4-H.
   B. Tell something about your projects, what you found interesting, and why.
   C. Tell about goals you set for yourself and your success or failure in reaching them.
   D. Tell some of the things your club did as a group.
   E. Tell how 4-H has made you a better person (Did it help you stick to what you started? Do you feel more comfortable giving a demonstration and talking in front of others? Did you become more knowledgeable in a certain area?)
   F. Tell what goals you hope to achieve for yourself next year.

6. **PROJECT RECORD INFORMATION**

   A. **Record Form** – Project specific record forms were included in your 4-H project packet or may be part of your project book, which may be copied for your record book. Some record forms are available electronically from the Extension Office so that they may be typed on the computer (ie. Livestock, Horse, General, and Shooting Sports)

   B. **4-H Project Story** – Write a story that is specific to your project. If provided, use the space on your record sheet. You may also type on a separate sheet on the computer or typewriter. Each project is required to have a project story.

   C. **Project Pictures, Newspaper and Newsletter Clippings** (related to the project). Pictures should have captions.

7. **<u>Repeat step 6 for EACH PROJECT.</u>**

8. **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS 4-H PHOTOS, NEWSPAPER AND NEWSLETTER CLIPPINGS –** Include photos of community service, 4-H trips and other general 4-H events and activities. Pictures should have captions.

9. **BE NEAT!** Neatness is an eye catcher for the judges.

HELPFUL HINTS

- 4-Hers need to fill out pages in their own handwriting or may type records on a typewriter or computer, but **should do their own typing.**
- 4-Hers of all ages may use the computer, typewriter, or pen/pencil to complete the record book.
- Use material **ONLY** from the current 4-H year – **October 1st to September 30th.**
- Do not include ribbons, certificates or other awards. Pictures of awards may be included.
- This is a 4-H record book, therefore it should not include information from other youth organizations or school activities. (ie. FFA, Boy/Girl Scouts, and FCCLA)
- Use dividers between sections of book. Tabs may be used.
- Do not wait until the last minute to begin working on your record book!!

County Report Form and Project Report Forms can be downloaded at

https://colfaxextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html

Use only forms from our County or State 4-H Program. Do not use forms from other county's or states.

Days Office Closed and Holidays:

Holidays:	Office Closed:
Oct. 12th– Indigenous People's Day	Oct. 12th– Indigenous People's Day
Oct. 31st– Halloween	Nov. 11th– Veterans Day
Nov. 1st– Daylight Saving Time	Nov. 26th– Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26th– Thanksgiving Day	Dec. 23rd-Jan. 1st– NMSU Winter Break
Dec. 22nd– 1st Day of Winter	
Dec. 25th– Christmas Day	
Dec. 31st– New Year's Eve	

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