



MAY2026



**May
flowers**



Committee Meetings:

Horse Council: June 4 2026 6pm
County Council: June 4, 2026 7pm
Fair Board: May 11, 2026 6pm
Shooting Sports Committee: May 14, 2026 6pm

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COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

WILL BE HELD ON

THE 3RD MONDAY-5:30PM-8PM

THE SATURDAY MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE
4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

MAY MEETINGS WILL BE ON

MONDAY, MAY 18 2026

5:30PM-8PM

AND

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

3PM-6PM

Sewing

ceramics



Baking

Leathercraft

and more

Project Leaders Needed

We are in need of Project Leaders! Project leaders are an important part of the 4-H program as they guide youth through the project and help them grow in their skills and understanding.

Here are some project areas that need leaders:

Cake Decorating

Baking

Rocketry

Electronics/Electricity

Interior design

Jewelry Making

Leather Craft

Origami

Scrapbooking

New Mexico Flavor

Food Preservation

Wood Working

If none of these appeal to you please ask for the full list of projects offered .

Please contact Phillip Alden at palden@nmsu.edu if you would like to be a leader or if you would like more information.

County Council

June 4, 2026 @ 7pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/96633701732>

Horse Council

June 4, 2026 @ 6pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

May 14, 2026 @ 6pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

Bernalillo County 4-H Fair Board Meeting

May 11, 2026 @ 6pm

Bernalillo County Extension Office

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/87009009671>



SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT MEETING

**Saturday May 23, 2026
4-H CENTER**

1pm-Poultry

2pm-Rabbit

No fiber sheep today

3pm-All other small pets

SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

Saturday May 16 - 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Location: Bernalillo County Extension Office



Address: 1510 Menaul Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM

\$ Registration fee \$65

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Select your track for the school:

School Includes:

Educational Materials

Hands on Learning

Showmanship Practice

Snacks and Lunch

First Aid Kit and Supplies

Toy making supplies

Choose from: rabbit, poultry, or cloverbud



New for this year:

Beginner or intermediate level track selection

BRING YOUR ANIMAL: RABBITS AND CHICKENS ARE WELCOME

Register Below using the link or QR code for the 2026 Small Animal School
<https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr>

[eo6ull/index](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/6kytr)



Parents are encouraged to stay for the duration of the school



Space is limited!

Registration Deadline:

MAY 11, 2026 9PM

Contact Brittany Johnson

for more information at

505-867-2582



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Bernalillo County Contest 2026

May 21st 5-8 pm
Speaking Contests

May 22nd 5-8 pm
Fashion Review & Favorite Foods

(9am-12pm) will be held in succession starting at 9am
Horse Bowl, FCS BOWL, Horse judging, Livestock Judging,

Open Contests

May 23rd 9am-2pm

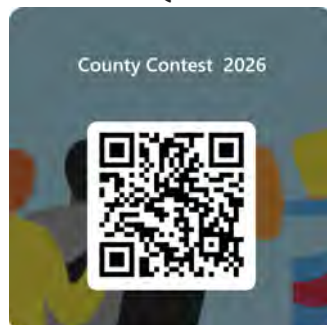
this will be a come as you can. this is also in conjunction with
small animal project meeting at its normal times.

Awards at 4:00pm

Registration link Below:

[County Contest 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Or QR CODE



Registration Deadline: May 18th @ 4:00 pm

You only need to participate in one contest to qualify for Northern District Contest (novice and juniors) or State Conference (seniors)., but you must participate in ONE.



Bernalillo County 4-H

AUCTION



MARKETING

Meeting

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE, MARKET, AND SUPPORT OUR 4-H AUCTION AND MARKET SALE!



MAY 23RD



11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



DURING COUNTY CONTEST

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:



Learn about buyer outreach



Create marketing materials to present to prospective buyers



Sponsorship and promotional ideas



Community partnerships and support



Please provide digital photos of your projects, animals, and show experiences.

These photos will be used during the meeting to help create marketing materials, buyer presentations, social media content, and promotional outreach!



STRONG YOUTH STRONG COMMUNITY STRONG FUTURE

Northern Livestock School

JUNE 19 & 20, 2026

HOSTED AT THE: BI-COUNTY

FAIRGROUNDS IN PREWITT, NM

TRACK SELECTIONS: LAMBS, MEAT GOATS, & SWINE

REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 12TH!

REGISTER ONLINE:

[HTTPS://FS28.FORMSITE.COM/KALANDER/MAS7SSTTPT/INDEX](https://fs28.formsite.com/kalander/mas7ssttpt/index)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00

**LUNCH PROVIDED ON SATURDAY
FOR REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS
(ADDITIONAL MEALS CAN BE
ADDED SEE REGISTRATION LINK
FOR DETAILS)**

DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE

CHECK IN BEGINS: 10:00 A.M.

INSTRUCTION BEGINS: 1:00 P.M.

LIVESTOCK SCHOOL TOPICS:

SHOWMANSHIP

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

LIVESTOCK FEED GUIDELINES

HOW TO FIT FOR SHOW



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**For more information contact Kathy Landers at 505-863-3432 or
Sierra Cain at 505-565-3002**



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EXTENDED

SAVE THE DATE

NEW MEXICO 4-H HORSE SCHOOL

**STARTS MAY 29TH AT 4:00PM | ENDS
MAY 30TH AT 4:00PM**

Location | Student Learning Center | 3170 Knox Street
Las Cruces, NM 88001

- Registration fee includes stall space for one horse
- County designated 4-H chaperons attend free
- Participation fee \$125
- No dogs allowed!
- More information coming soon



Email Questions to Sam Lowry
samlowry@nmsu.edu

Register youth &
adults through
your county
extension office!
Registration
closes Thursday
May 14th at
5:00pm

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4-H DOG PROJECT

EVALUATION & TRAINING SCHEDULE

MANDATORY EVALUATION

Sunday, March 8

(Evaluation only – all handlers and dogs should attend)



DOG TRAINING UNIT – MARCH THROUGH JULY

Training will continue **every two weeks** following the evaluation. **No holiday breaks** are scheduled.

Training Dates

- Sunday, **March 22**
- Sunday, **April 5**
- Sunday, **April 19**
- Sunday, **May 3**
- Sunday, **May 17**
- Sunday, **May 31**
- Sunday, **June 14**
- Sunday, **June 28**
- Sunday, **July 12**
- Sunday, **July 26**

Training Focus

- Obedience
- Rally
- Showmanship
- Handling and control

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Attendance is strongly **encouraged**
- Consistent participation helps ensure success for both handler and dog
- Times, locations,** and any adjustments will be discussed during class

Let's show up, stay consistent, and make this a strong and successful 4-H dog project season through July!

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4-H Dog Project

Equipment List & Requirements

Classes Will Cover

- **Obedience Class:** Heel, sit, stay, down, come, finish
- **Rally Class:** Heel, sit, stay, down, come, finish
- **Showmanship:** Grooming, showing, presenting dog
- Dog Project Record Book

Required Equipment

- Six-foot soft leather leash
- Slip chain (choke chain) sized to dog
- 20-foot soft cotton control line
- Showmanship lead
- Treats your dog LOVES (for "Come" command only)
- Dog pouch
- Dog waste bags
- Comfortable chair (for parents)
- Treat pouch
- Dog waste bags
- Dog bowl and water
- Comfortable chair (for parents)

Optional Items:

- Dog muzzle (for aggressive dogs)
- Bitter Apple (for puppies who chew)

Vaccinations (Mandatory)

- All shots must be current
- Rabies required
- Vet certificate must be provided

Schedule

**Every other Sunday
at 3:00 PM**

Locations will be
announced in class.



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Doña Ana County 4-H Horse Show



May 31, 2026

NMSU Student Learning Center
3170 Knox St. Las Cruces, NM 88003

Entries will be accepted the day of the event.
Entry fees are \$15 per class, plus a \$10 office fee.

A limited number of stalls will be available—please contact us in
advance if you need one.

Awards will be presented to participants.



This show is included in the State Horse Show Series.
4-H Horse Show Rules will be followed!



SAVE THE DATE!
Join us for *Fabulous*
STATE 4-H
CONFERENCE
JULY 14-17
This is how we roll!

County Fair Superintendents

SPECIES	NAME	EMAIL
BEEF	Ramiro Gallegos	cowgirlz32009@yahoo.com
DAIRY GOAT	Mandi Martin	mandish2424@gmail.com
DAIRY HEIFER	Lorie Davis	loriedavis72@gmail.com
DOG	Leslie Gallegos	cowgirlz32009@gmail.com
HORSE	Taylor White	taylorwhite18@gmail.com
LAMB	Jessica Kellam	jessica.kellam85@gmail.com
MEAT GOAT	Christine Chavez	christine.chavez@aps.edu 505.362.0675
POULTRY	Heather Hinde	heatherhinde2020@gmail.com
RABBIT/CAVY/ ALL OTHERS	Molly Hayes	mmk khayes@q.com 505.554.8338
SWINE	Larry Ashbrook	505.363.1015
YOUTH HALL	Jody Peach	jody.peach.rd@gmail.com
YOUTH HALL		

COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP DEADLINES

APRIL 15, 2026

MARKET STEER AND BREEDING HEIFER

JUNE 1, 2026

DAIRY HEIFER, GOAT, LAMB AND SWINE

**Bernalillo County
4-H Club
Leader and Meeting Information**

CLUB NAME	DAY	TIME	PLACE	LEADER NAME	LEADER CONTACT
BE YOU CREW	2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	Call or email Robyn for location	ROBYN HILL	310.910.3277 or neveroverthehills@gmail.com
EAST MOUNTAIN OUTLAWS	2nd TUESDAY OR THURSDAY OF THE MONTH		Meeting information sent in club Groupme	RAQUEL WHITE	725.244.0368
ELITE LIVESTOCK	2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	VALLEY VIEW CHURCH EDGEWOOD	MANDI MARTIN & CATHY APPLIGATE	ELITELIVESTOCK4-H@GMAIL.COM
LOS RANCHOS	3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH	7PM	4-H CENTER	JODY PEACH	Losranchos4h@gmail.com
MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS	1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH	6:30PM	4-H CENTER	MOLLY HAYES	505.554.8338
PAJARITO VOLANDO	4th MONDAY OF THE MONTH	6PM	4-H CENTER	MELISSA CAMPOS	TEXT ONLY 505.205.0901
PONDEROSA	1st TUESDAY OF THE MONTH	6:30PM	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE SANDIAS 45 FROST RD SANDIA PARK, NM	STACY SESNIE & DONNA GILLINGHAM	Stacy_sesnie@yahoo.com
ROADRUNNERS	1st MONDAY OF THE MONTH	5:30PM	LUJAN HOUSE	NICOLE LUJAN	Nicoledeelujan@gmail.com

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DEADLINES

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FINAL TAG-IN DATE

Make-up Day

Bernalillo County Extension Office

May 30, 2026 7:30am-9:30am

EVENT	DATE	CB	NOVICE	JR	SR	VOL
Enrollment open for NEW 4-H Year	10/1/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Open House	10/30/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Returning Member Enrollment Deadline	1/15/2026	X	X	X	X	X
New Member Enrollment OPEN	1/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
New Member Enrollment Deadline	4/1/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Shooting Sports Enrollment Deadlines	1/31/2026		X	X	X	X
Air Rifle, Archery, Rifle and Shotgun	1/31/2026		X	X	X	X
Muzzleloader & Pistol	1/31/2026				X	X
International Night	2/28/26	X	X	X	X	X
County Wide Project Meeting	dates in Cloverleaf	X	X	X	X	X
Poker Ride-County Council Fundraiser	10/19/2025	X	X	X	X	X
County Wide Christmas Dance and Gift Exchange	12/4/2025	X	X	X	X	X
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	TBD				X	
Youth Get-Away (Glorietta, NM)	4/17-4/19/2026		X	X		X
Bernalillo County Shooting Sports District/State Qualifiers	Various		X	X	X	X
Project Enrollment Deadline	5/1/2026	X	X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	4/30/26-5/3/26				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Speech Contest	5/21/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo 4-H County Fashion Revue & Favorite Foods	5/22/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Livestock & Horse Judging, Bowls and Open Contests	5/23/2026	X	X	X	X	X
Small Animal School	5/16/2026	X	X	X	X	X
4-H Horse School	5/29/26-5/30/26	X	X	X	X	X
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	6/21/26-6/26/26				X	
Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School	6/3/26-6/5/26		X	X	X	X
NW District Shooting Sports Contest	6/12/2026		X	X	X	X
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School	6/19/26-6/20/26		X	X		X
Northern District Contest	6/23/26-6/24/26		X	X		X
National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship	6/21/26-6/26/26				X	X
State 4-H Conference	7/14/26-7/17/26				X	X
Bernalillo County 4-H Fair	7/24/26-8/1/26	X	X	X	X	X
New Mexico State Fair	9/ 10-9/20/2026		X	X	X	X
New Mexico Food Challenge	9/19/2026		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Horse Show	TBD		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair	9/30/26-10/4/26		X	X	X	X
Southern New Mexico State Fair-Youth Hall	9/30/26-10/4/26	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern New Mexico State Fair	10/5/26-10/10/26		X	X	X	X
NM State 4-H Rodeo Finals	TBD		X	X	X	X



4-H	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th & 7th	8th & up
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October - September)	5, 6, 7- 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, and 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

4-H Ages for Rodeo

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*		3rd, 4th, 5th	6th & 7th	Does not apply
Age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October - September)	CLOVERBUDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H RODEO	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, and 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade and 14 year olds (regardless of grade)	Must be 15 years old regardless of grade; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

HOT SPRINGS CLASSIC JACKPOT

June 5-6, 2026

Friday

5:00PM WEIGHTS DUE

6:00PM PIG SHOWMANSHIP

SHOW TO FOLLOW

Pre Entry: \$35/Entry/Ring; \$10 Showmanship
Day of: \$50/Entry/Ring

Entry Link:

<http://www.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23693>

Show Order:

Friday- Pigs;

Saturday- Cattle, Sheep, Goats

Saturday

8:00AM WEIGHTS DUE

9:00AM CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

SHOW TO FOLLOW

PIG/CATTLE JUDGE SHEEP/GOAT JUDGE


COLTON DUNAWAY
JOHNNY PEREA



JOHNNY PEREA
WESTON LEONARD



PLEASE CONTACT JULIAN (432-770-1796) OR SARA MARTA
(575-322-6733), AMANDA FORRISTER (575-740-4293) OR
SERINA BARTOO (575-740-5033) FOR MORE INFORMATION



HORSE HALTER & SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS
IN UNION COUNTY AND SURROUNDING

AREAS
WHEN: JUNE 13TH 2026
TIME: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

WHERE: UNION COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

RSVP BY: JUNE 12TH 2026
BY CALLING 575-374-9361

WHAT TO BRING

STICK OR STUFFED HORSE
WATER

WHAT NOT TO BRING

LIVE HORSES

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

DAVIDA: 806-333-7602 OR TALISHA: 575-760-8685



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TIP OF THE MONTH

May

Jump Into Campus Life

Looking ahead to college? Getting involved early will help you feel right at home. Whether it's clubs, cultural groups, or student government, there's a place for you at NMSU. See all the ways to connect at studentlife.nmsu.edu.



Melissa Campos 4-H Ag Agent

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Find us on Facebook Bernalillo County 4-H

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bernalillo-County-4-H/121216911232489>

Cloverleaf Newsletter is on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/county/bernalillo/4hyouth/>

Leaderline Newsletter on the Web!

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/newsletters.html>

Event Calendar

Event	Date/Time
Small Animal School Albuquerque, NM	May 16, 2026
NM 4-H Horse School NMSU Campus	May 29-30, 2026
Southern 4-H Regional Livestock School	June 3-5
NW District Shooting Sports Contest— Albuquerque Shooting Range	June 12
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School – Bi County Fairgrounds	June 19–20
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	June 21-26