

Cooperative Extension Service
Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

CLOVERLEAF

October 2026



This newsletter contains important information about 4-H enrollment, projects, dates, deadlines and so much more!!



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4-H is a Positive Youth Development Organization delivered through the Cooperative Extension Agency in each state.

Cooperative Extension is part of the Land Grant University System, the land grant university in New Mexico is New Mexico State University

The NM State 4-H Mission:

The mission of the New Mexico 4-H Youth Development Program, is to provide youth the opportunities to acquire leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

The NM State 4-H Vision:

To develop all New Mexico youth to become productive citizens and leaders for positive change.

The 4 H's:

Head - Developing critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills

Heart - Cultivating compassion, responsibility, and a commitment to community service.

Hands - Promoting the development of practical skills through hands-on projects

Health - Encouraging healthy lifestyles, social-emotional wellness, and healthy choices

4-H Motto:

I pledge my HEAD for clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service,
And my HEALTH to better living, for
my club, my country, and my
world

4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Process:

Step 1: Join a 4-H club. If you're new and not yet connected with a club, contact Brittany or Madeline at the Extension Office.

Step 2: Visit 4h.zsuite.org. Log into your household account, or create one if you're a new family.

Step 3: Create profiles for each participating youth and any adults planning to volunteer.

Step 4: Download the medical and liability release waiver from Zsuite. Complete the form, save it, and upload it to each youth and adult volunteer profile.

Step 5: Select 3–4 projects for each youth for the 2026–2027 4-H year.

Step 6: Check your email for any follow-up requests from the Extension Office or Zsuite about missing information.

Step 7: Confirm that all household enrollments have been approved.

Enrollment IS OPEN for the 2026-2027 4-H Year!

Key Dates:

- **Seniors must be enrolled by Nov. 1st if going to SLR**
- **Returning Family deadline Jan. 15**
– MUST PICK PROJECTS at time of enrollment; all project changes must be made by Mar. 1
- **New Family deadline May 1**

Interested in Enrolling a Child but Want to Learn More? Click the link below to fill out an interest form; our 4-H Agent will reach out to you to answer your questions:

[Sandoval 4-H Interest Form](#)

For Enrollment Assistance
please contact the office at
505-867-2582

OR Email:

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4-H Adult Volunteers

Adult volunteers are essential to the success of the 4-H program.

They serve in a variety of roles, including club leaders, project leaders, activity coordinators, event planners, and more—providing vital support that helps youth thrive.

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like more information please contact Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Volunteer Enrollment Process

Contact Brittany Johnson at brittmjo@nmsu.edu for enrollment information and required forms



4-H Volunteer Retreat!!!!

A day focused on volunteer development!

Come and learn from agents and volunteers from around the state in this one day event in Las Cruces, NM on November 14.

For more information and link to register click the link below:

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

4-H Adult Volunteer Roles

Would you like to be an Adult 4-H Volunteer but don't know what a volunteer does or what it means?

Below is a list of different 4-H volunteer roles and descriptions of what each role does.

Club/Organizational Leaders:

Assumes the primary responsibility for a 4-H club

Assistant Organizational Leaders:

Is responsible for identified activities and assumes the organizational leader's duties and responsibilities in their absence.

Project Leaders:

Leads a specific project or curriculum within a club or county wide

Activity Leaders:

Gives leadership to an event or activity within a club, may also provide leadership for a county wide event or activity

Special Interest Volunteer:

Provide leadership in a special area of interest or a short-term project or volunteers for a specific job.

School Enrichment Volunteer:

Teach or assist with teaching 4-H curriculum in the classroom during school hours

If you are interested in being a volunteer or would like more information please contact Brittany Johnson - brittmjo@nmsu.edu

MEETING

Attention Parents & Guardians

We invite all 4-H families to join us for our **first annual 4-H Parent Meeting**. This is a great opportunity to meet and connect with the County Agents, learn what to expect throughout the upcoming 4-H year, and ensure everyone starts the year informed and prepared.

During the meeting, we will review important information, discuss upcoming events and opportunities, and answer any questions you may have. Whether you are new to 4-H or a returning family, we encourage you to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to gain clarity and stay connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

4-H is a family program!

This Month! Two Opportunities:

Tuesday, Oct. 13th 6:30-8 pm

Old Commissioners Chambers

@ 711 S. Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo

and

Thursday, Oct. 15th 6:30-8 pm

Sandoval County Fairgrounds

Cuba, NM



October

Corralitos

Ashton G.
Tanner G.
Bristol M.
Kaysie Jo M.
Spencer R.
Eleanor S.

Cuba Coyotes

Joaquin C.
Mesa C.
Martin Jr. H.
Ivory
Bella R.
Presely R.
Khi S.

Jemez Mountain Stallions

Ariel J.
Jasmine J.

Placitas Bullsnares

Jack E.

Ponderosa Desert Wranglers

Jenna L.
Jason Jr. M.

Torreón Wolfpack

Davis Jr. D.

Happy Birthday

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the due date prior to their assigned month. Information to include: Club projects, community service, highlight a 4-H family, highlight a 4-H member, highlight special events, submit one or two pictures.

Club Name	Highlight Month	Info. Due to Office
Corrales Corralitos	November	Oct 15, 2026
Bernalillo Bandits	December	Nov 14, 2026
Placitas Bullsnares	January	Dec 15, 2026
Jemez Red Rockers	February	Jan 15, 2027
Jemez Mountain Stallions	March	Feb 16, 2027
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	April	Mar 16, 2027
Torreon Wolfpack	May	Apr 15, 2027
Cuba Coyotes	June	May 15, 2027



2026 NMSF INDOOR 4-H EXHIBIT BEST OF DIVISIONS



CREATIVE ARTS/CRAFTS: (CROCHETED BLANKET)

MARISOL TANG RASMUSSEN - SANDOVAL

CONSUMER EDU./HOME/FAMILY LIFE: (MOSAIC TABLE)

PAISLEY KNIGHT - DOÑA ANA

PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: (PAINTED SKULL)

ADDISON GARVER - BERNALILLO

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES: (QUILT)

SARAH WIBE - DOÑA ANA

BAKED GOODS: (PIG CAKE)

AURIE NEEL - SAN JUAN

FOOD & NUTRITION: (DRIED HERBS POSTER)

AVELINO BACA - VALENCIA

ANIMAL SCIENCE: (SELF-DETERMINED HORSE PROJECT)

DENNY TURNER - CURRY

HORTICULTURE & AGRONOMY: (PRODUCE BASKET)

DECLAN PADGET - SANDOVAL

STEAM: (WOODEN STANDING MIRROR)

JAYCE CARWILE - CIBOLA

NATURAL SCIENCE: (ENTO BOX)

EVA FOSTER - LINCOLN

BEST OF SHOW

**CONSUMER EDUCATION/HOME
MANAGEMENT/FAMILY LIFE:**

**MOSAIC TABLE
PAISLEY KNIGHT - DOÑA ANA**

RESERVE BEST OF SHOW

**PERSONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT
PAINTED SKULL**

ADDISON GARVER - BERNALILLO

2026 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Category: Other



1st
Boots N Bloom
Brooklynn Eardley
Bernalillo

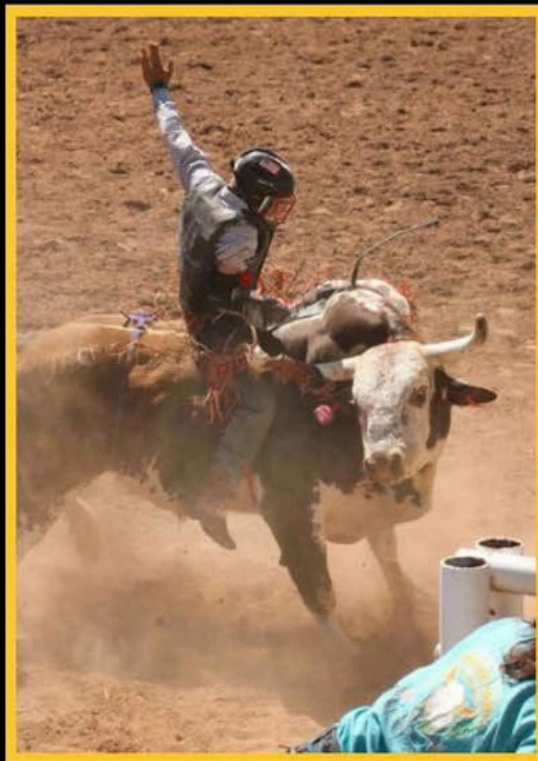


2nd
Liberty Endures
Micaiah Trevino
Doña Ana



3rd
The Colors of the Market
Marley Womack
Doña Ana

Overall Photography Winner



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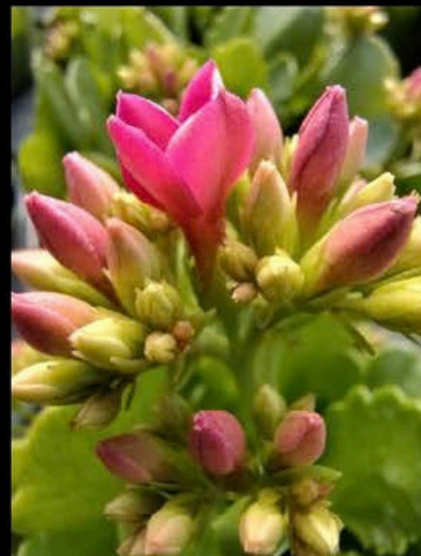
Category: Nature



1st
Sunflower in the Mountains
Sierra Ahidley
Otero



2nd
Sunny Side Up
Luna McClearen
Lea



3rd
The Budding Flower
Austin Robertson
Doña Ana

Category: People



1st
Buck 'Em
Brooklynn Eardley
Bernalillo



2nd
Light of My Eye
Marley Womack
Doña Ana



3rd
Not ideal
Savannah Tuss
Bernalillo

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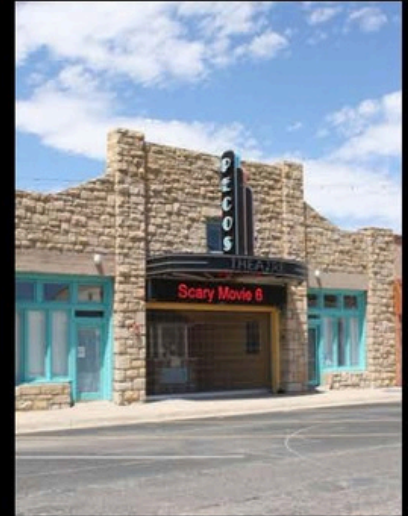
Category: Buildings



1st
Queen Cowboys
Cohen Brown
Eddy



2nd
Old Town
Marley Womack
Dona Ana

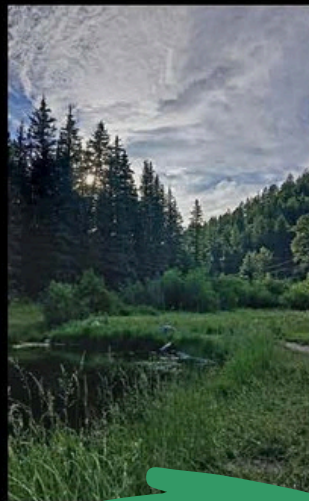


3rd
Pecos Theatre
Alyssa Velasquez
Guadalupe

Category: Landscape



1st
Daisy Sunset
Siena Cass
Otero



2nd
Quiet Pond Nestled in the
Mountainous Pines
Declan Padgett
Sandoval



3rd
The Climb to Complete
Graycie Sullivan
Socorro



2026 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Category: 4-H



1st
Fancy and Free Flags
Antonio Montoya
Rio Arriba



2nd
Cut it Out!
John Turner
Curry

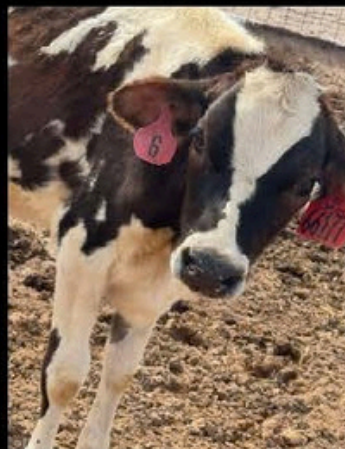


3rd
Ento Time
Maddie Adams
Socorro

Category: Animals



1st
Stayed Seated
Brooklyn Eardley
Bernalillo



2nd
Moo Seven
Graycie Sullivan
Socorro



3rd
Hiding from the Dog
Taylor Dedman
McKinley

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Sandoval County 4-H

2026 NMSF Participation

Total # Sandoval County Entries: 153
55% Placed in the Top 3 Rankings
(Total of 84 entries placed)



	1st	2nd	3rd	
Novice	5	4	4	13
Junior	18	12	3	33
Senior	15	14	9	38
	38	30	16	84



6 out of 8
Clubs were
represented

# of Entries by Age Level		
Novice	30	20%
Junior	53	35%
Seniors	70	45%
	153	100%



There are 10 divisions
for entries.

Sandoval County
received

Best of Division

for

Horticulture

**(Vegetable Basket -
Declan Padget)**

and

Creative Arts

**(Crochet Afghan -
Marisol Tang-
Rasmussen)**

CONGRATS TO ALL
OUR WINNERS!



Sandoval County 4-H Council

NOTICE:

***October County Council meeting has been
cancelled.***

***Officer Elections have been postponed until
November. All Candidate Declarations will be
held on file until the new election date is
scheduled.***

Thank you for your understanding.

Important Reminders about Handling of Club Funds

Any donations sent to clubs ***by mail*** must be made out to:
Sandoval County 4-H Council and sent to the **Sandoval
County CES main office address: PO Box 400, Bernalillo,
NM 87004**. Include the Club Name in the Memo field.
If received ***in person***, checks should be made out to the **Club
Name**, no personal names of members or volunteers.

All club funds must be handled by only Club Leaders or
Extension 4-H Staff, no exception.

You're Invited!

2026 ANNUAL BANQUET

“a chapter in our 4-H life”

**Family
fun**

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

CORRALES REC CENTER GYM

500 JONES ROAD

CORRALES NM

1 PM - 7 PM

1 PM POTLUCK MEAL

A. SENIOR SLIDE SHOW

B. YEAR IN REVIEW

2 PM FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES

3 PM AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

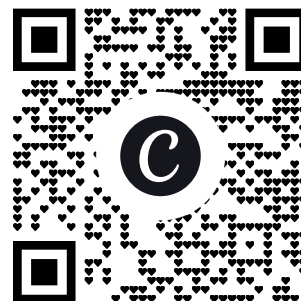
4 PM FAMILY GAMES

5 - 7 PM DANCE



**Silent
Auction**

**PHOTO
BOOTH**



REGISTER HERE

2026 ANNUAL BANQUET

COUNTY COUNCIL

MEAT, DRINKS, AND PAPER PRODUCTS

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

HOST CLUB: CORRALITOS

TABLE AND ROOM DECORATIONS; PHOTO BOOTH

SET UP AND TEAR DOWN

EACH FAMILY ATTENDING IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH FOR THE POTLUCK MEAL

BERNALILLO BANDITS

CUBA COYOTES

JEMEZ RED ROCKERS

PLACITAS BULLSNAKES

**SIDE
DISHES**



DESSERTS

PONDEROSA DESERT WRANGLERS

JEMEZ MOUNTAIN STALLIONS

TORREON WOLFPACK





ATTENTION GRADUATING & RECENTLY GRADUATED H.S. SENIORS:

At this year's Sandoval 4-H Banquet, we are reestablishing the honoring of our graduating seniors and will honor both recent 2026 and upcoming 2027 graduates to get us started for this annual recognition.

We need your help to make this happen! From each senior, we request the following:

- One infant or early childhood picture
- One recent picture (senior pictures are nice)
- Three to four pictures of your 4-H journey
- A quote that represents who you are
- A short bit of advice to the younger 4-H'ers in our county
- Please designate whether you graduated last spring (2026) or if you are graduating this spring (2027).

* Also, please let us know if you plan to attend the Annual Banquet & Dance on Nov. 7 from 1pm to 7 pm in Corrales.

Please provide this information to
Madeline by **October 16** via email:
mgurney@nmsu.edu





DON'T FORGET!

- **2025-26 Record books** are DUE to Madeline in the main office by Oct. 15, 2026
- **2027 ENROLLMENT OPENS in ZSuite OCTOBER 1st!**
- **4-H Parent Meeting - Two opportunities to attend:**
 - **Tues. 10/13 in Bernalillo 6:30-8pm or**
 - **Thurs. 10/15 in Cuba 6:30-8pm**
- **2026 & 2027 Graduates:** Make sure to send in your photos and responses to Madeline by **Oct. 16th** for our Seniors Recognition!

Sandoval County 4-H
Annual Banquet and Dance
Corrales | Sat. November 7th 1-7 PM

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

Club	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Club Leaders	Contact Information (Text Only Please)
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert Public Library	Megan Padgett & Gabrielle Rinaldi	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
Corralitos	1 st Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales Senior Mealsite	Jessica Styer & Jason Burns	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 rd Monday each month	6:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Katie Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 nd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Jemez Valley Middle School Cafeteria	Rosanna Garcia & Jazmine Anderson	Jemezmountainstallions4h@gmail.com
Jemez Red Rockers	3 rd Friday each month	4:30pm	San Ysidro Community Center	Aimee Tang	aimeetmtang@yahoo.com
Placitas Bullsnares	1 st Sunday each month	4:30pm	Placitas Library	Jared Lujan & Tracy Prairie	placitasbullsnakes@gmail.com
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 st Thursday each month	6:30pm ** NEW TIME AS OF 9/1/26 **	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid & Libby Lucero	Ponderosa.desert.wranglers@gmail.com
Torreon Wolfpack	2 nd Sunday each month	2:00pm	Torreon Mission School	Lee Johnson	505-330-5881



NM State 4-H



Community Service Scholarships

Criteria: Available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H Member serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador or participant in a 4-H activity.

Must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the website.

For more information: <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/scholarships.html>

EVENT (Community Service Scholarship Application)	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION (2 Months before the event registration deadline)
Senior Leadership Retreat	October 15, 2026
FCS School	January 15, 2027
Youth Get-Away	February 15, 2027
Horse School	March 15, 2027
Ambassador/Officer Positions	April 1, 2027
Livestock School	April 15, 2027
State 4-H Conference	April 15, 2027



BE BOLD. Shape the Future.
**College of Agricultural, Consumer
and Environmental Sciences**
Cooperative Extension Service
Sandoval County Extension Office

711 S. Camino del Pueblo

**FRI. 9TH
OCTOBER**

9:00 - 11:00 AM | OPEN HOUSE

Coffee with
EXTENSION

- ENJOY COFFEE, CIDER,
& LIGHT SNACKS
- CHAT WITH CES AGENTS
- LEARN ABOUT
UPCOMING EVENTS

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EDUCATOR. NMSU AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COOPERATING.

**For more information about 4-H contact one of the
4-H Extension Agents:**

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

Madeline Gurney - mgurney@nmsu.edu
Family and Consumer Sciences



**For more information about Sandoval County Cooperative
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**View the full Extension Events calendar here:
<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/events.html>**

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