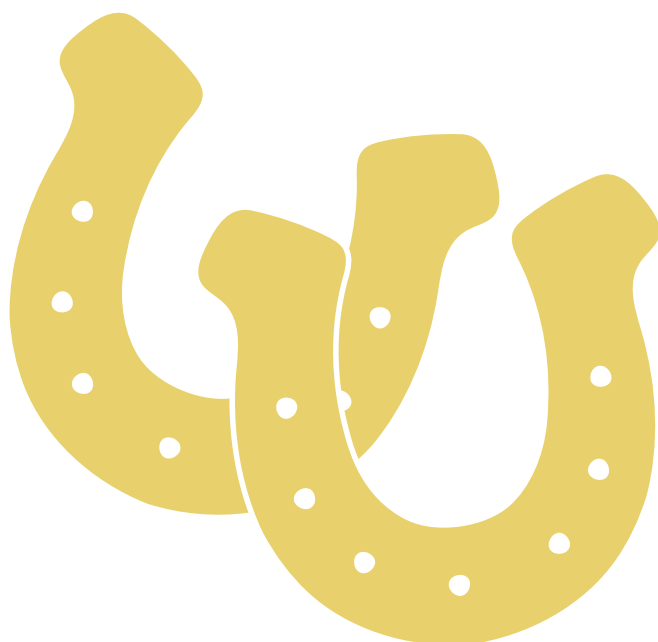


Cooperative Extension Service
Sandoval County 4-H Newsletter

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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 IS CLOSED
for the 2025-2026 Year**

**Enrollment for 2026-2027 will open in
October for all new and re-enrollees.**

For more information on enrollment
please contact the office at 505-867-2582

OR Email:

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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

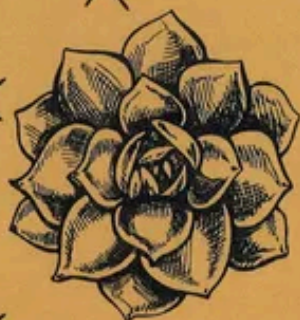
Special Interest Volunteer:

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



50TH



ANNUAL
SANDOVAL COUNTY
FAIR

GOLDEN YEARS GOLDEN MEMORIES



Fair Entry Procedure

All entries into Sandoval County Fair must be submitted online from **July 1 until July 20 10:59PM MST.**

Exhibits will not be entered for competition after this deadline!

Follow the direct link below to access registration for Sandoval County Fair.

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23717>

You may alternatively visit FairEntry.com and select "Find Your Fair" at the top and search for Sandoval County.

***Exhibit drop-off will take place
July 27th at Cuba Fairgrounds
from 9AM - 6PM.***

SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIR SMALL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

**If you are a 4-H or FFA member showing rabbits or poultry
and the Sandoval County Fair please read carefully**

Rabbits:

Rabbits need to have an ID number tattooed in their ear. This number is unique to the animal and is used to ID the animal in the Fair Entry System.

Rabbit Tattooing:

Thursday July 9th from 3-6pm

Saturday July 11th from 1-3:30pm

at the Sandoval County Extension Office
711 S Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo 87004

If you cannot attend either of these days please contact
Brittany Johnson at brittmjo@nmsu.edu

Poultry:

Poultry need to have a leg band that has a Identification Number on it.

There are options for leg bands:

Leg bands are available here at the Extension office. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8-5pm (we are closed for lunch from 12-1pm).

Leg bands can also be purchased from any feed store or from Amazon. Just write your own ID# and record it in Fair Entry when registering your bird for the Fair.

**For any questions regarding ear tattoos or leg bands contact Brittany Johnson
at brittmjo@nmsu.edu**

COUNTY FAIR CLEAN UP DAY

Every year Sandoval County 4-H comes together to clean up the area in and around the show arena, animal pens, and the small animal barn at the Fair Grounds in Cuba.

This is an important Community Service project for all of the youth enrolled in the 4-H program and helps make County Fair a much more enjoyable experience for everyone.

**Please plan on joining us on
Saturday, July 25, 2026 starting at 8am
at the Sandoval County Fairgrounds in
Cuba, New Mexico**

Things to bring:

- Gloves
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Garbage Bags
- Water
- Sunscreen
- Hat

Tools that would be helpful:

- Pressure washer (to help clean small animal cages)
- Hoses
- Weedwackers



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2026 Sandoval County Fair & 4-H Indoor Exhibits

50th Annual Sandoval County Fair

Dates: July 27-August 2, 2026

Information about 4-H Indoor Exhibits for Sandoval County Fair / NM State Fair can be found by clicking the links below or by visiting our website:

<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/4h/fair.html>

- [Sandoval County Open Indoor Exhibit Rules](#)
- 2026 **NM State Fair** 4-H Indoor Exhibit Classes
- [2025 NM State Fair Indoor Exhibit Size Guidelines \(using for 2026\)](#)
- [Self-Determined Project form](#)
- [Project Information Sheet](#)

*For information on RV/Camping - DO NOT CALL EXTENSION OFFICE
Please refer your non-4-H fair questions to the Sandoval County
Fairboard at **505-220-0124** or **camping.sandovalcofair@gmail.com**
**** This email address was incorrect in last month's Cloverleaf. We apologize for the error. *****

*Official Schedule of Events can be found on the Sandoval County Fairboard
Website: <https://sandovalcountyfair.org/>*

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

July



Corralitos

Aiden L.

Elise R.

Briar W.

J.M. Stallions

Edward L.

Placitas Bullsnares

Caleb L.

Matthew T.D.

Nora Y.

Desert Wranglers

Sienna M.

Damion S.

Elena T.



Garden Club



Community Service



Archery Practice



Lamb & Goat Clinic



Shooting Sport

Club Activities

- Attended YGA
- Hosted Lamb & Goat sportsmanship Clinic

President - Declan Padget
 Vice President - Lucas Rinaldi
 Secretary - Gianna Refino
 Treasurer - Randy Rinaldi
 Song & Rec - Conor Padget
 Reporter - Aubrianna Crowley

Community service

- Luminaria Tour clean up
- Bernalillo Community Garden



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

EACH MONTH ONE CLUB WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED

The club reporter or historian is requested to submit club information by the 20th of the month 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
Cuba Coyotes	August	Jul 20, 2026

THANK YOU TO 2026 YOUTH HALL

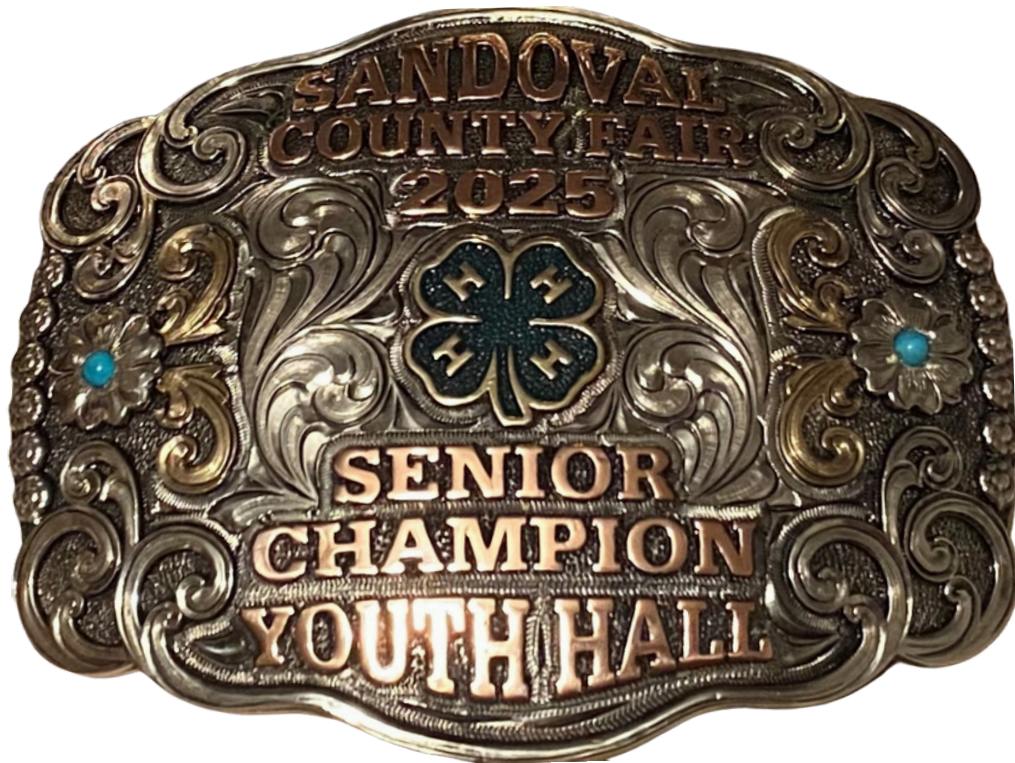
sponsors

-JEMEZ HOMES AND LAND LLC

-BERNALILLO FEED

-MARK & ERIKA PALLOTTINO,

in Memory of Michelle Cusack



WE HAVE 2 COUNTY FAIR BUCKLES LEFT THAT NEED TO BE SPONSORED.

BUCKLE SPONSORSHIPS ARE \$180 EACH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A BUCKLE, PLEASE SPEAK TO MADELINE

GURNEY OR BRITTANY JOHNSON.

CHECKS CAN BE MADE PAYABLE TO: SANDOVAL COUNTY FAIRBOARD

SAVE THE DATES!!

**MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW FOR EACH EVENT**



**New Mexico 4-H State Conference:
July 14-17, 2026**

**Sandoval County Fair:
July 27-August 2, 2026**

**New Mexico State Fair:
September 10 - 20, 2026**



Sandoval County 4-H

Council Meeting

Friday, August 7, 2026

5:30 - 7:00 pm

El Zocalo Event Center

Salazar Building Suite 2 - D

We need two voting delegates from each club so everyone has a voice.

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.

Shooting Sports



*Congratulations to ALL of our 4-H Shooting Sports
Participants!!*

Sandoval County had a great year!

NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

*Levi Marquez Noah
Elise Rowe
Mackenzie Blacksten
Miracle McKinstry
Sebastian Burns
Declan Padget*

NW District Shooting Sports Contest

*Conor Padget
Avery Dean
Lily McWenie
Sadie Rowe
Erika Pallottino
Savannah Burns
Sydney McWenie
Caleb Hill
Sadie Burns
McCabe Shendo
Jason Madrid Jr.
Aubrianna Crowley
Conan Wright
Alexandria Wright*

**NW District Shooting
Sports Contest
June 12, 2026
Albuquerque, NM**

***Sandoval County
Results***



Archery Compound Sighted:

Novice:

Individual High Point:

1st - Jason Madrid Jr with a 288

2nd - McCabe Shendo with a 276

3rd - Sadie Burns with a 252

Team Placing - First with a score of 816

Juniors:

Individual High Point:

1st - Sadie Rowe with a 288

Archery Compound Bare Bow:

Novice:

Individual High Point:

1st - Sydney McWenie with a 194

3rd - Savannah Burns with 130

Team Placing - First with a score 370

Juniors:

Individual High Point:

1st - Lily McWenie with a 178

3rd - Conor Padget with a 133

4th - Avery Dean with a 132

Team Placing - First with a score of 443

Rifle

Sandoval Team A - 3rd place with a score of 594.9

Conor Padget - 5th place Junior with a score of
218.4

Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

Club	Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Club leader	Contact Information (Text Only Please)
Bernalillo Bandits	2nd Monday each month	6:30pm	Martha Liebert Public Library	Megan Padget & Gabrielle	505-670-7918 or 505-288-2218
Corralitos	1 st Monday each month	6:30pm	Corrales Senior Mealsite	Jessica Styer	corralitos4hclub@gmail.com
Cuba Coyotes	3 rd Monday each month	6:30pm	Sandoval County Fairgrounds	Anthony & Kathleen Duran	505-320-0989
Jemez Mountain Stallions	2 nd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Jemez Valley Middle School Cafeteria	Rosanna Garcia	505-379-7532
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	Madeline Gurney	mgurney@nmsu.edu
Ponderosa Desert Wranglers	1 st Thursday each month	5:30pm	Ponderosa Community Center	Bethany Madrid	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

Community Service Scholarship 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)
4-H Shooting Sports Youth Leadership Summit	December 15, 2026

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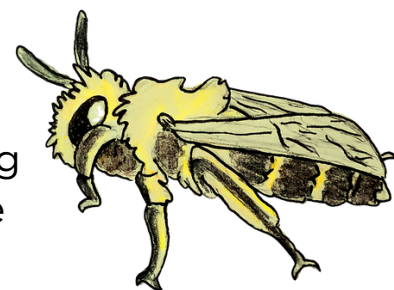
Field Guide Fridays And Bee Walk!

August 14th

Pollinator Garden
@ Southern
Sandoval County
Arroyo Flood
Control Authority

1041 Commercial Dr. SE,
Rio Rancho, NM 87124
9 - 11:30 AM

- Get an up-close look at water-wise native plants that support pollinators
- Learn ways you can help bees by observing and recording them in your own landscape
- Free and open to the public, please bring your own journaling supplies



Drawings by Bethany Abrahamson



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Sandoval Extension
Master Gardeners



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505-867-2582**

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