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**April 2024**

## **FAREWELL STEVE!**

*Sandoval County Cooperative Extension*

Program Director, Agriculture/4-H Agent

**April 1, 2024—Official Retirement Day!**

*We'll Miss you & your sidekick "Sli"*



Beef Pregnancy Diagnosis School—March, 2024, Deming, NM, Photo Courtesy of Savannah Daniels,

**Save The Date! Friday, April 12, 2024—4:00pm to 6:00pm**

**Come & Go Retirement Reception for Steve**

***El Zócalo—Sandoval County Visitor Center—264 S Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo***

**Please RSVP!—[sandoval@nmsu.edu](mailto:sandoval@nmsu.edu)**

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**Educator**



**Cattle Pregnancy  
Diagnosis**



**Raising Angus  
Beef**

**Goats  
Chickens**



**Rancher**





# The future of Sandoval County 4-H looks good . . .

Albert Einstein's quote "Time flies when you are having fun" certainly describes my tenure as the Sandoval County 4-H Agent. During the past seventeen plus years I have had the honor of working with so many amazing people.

My hats off to the supportive, caring, and remarkable agents, staff, leaders, parents, and youth. We shared some laughter, some tears, and became family.

Together we have grown a program that we all can be proud of. "Learning by doing" and "Making the best better" are great slogans, but in my mind the pillars of Belonging, Independence, Generosity, and Mastery are the foundation of 4-H.

Each of you have learned life-skills that will make you better individuals and contributing members of your community. Many of our youth have graduated from High School and the 4-H program and many more will follow. Its humbling to know that each of you will continue to grow through the principles of 4-H.

The most rewarding thing about 4-H is seeing our youth mature, meet challenges head-on, and accomplish their goals. I'm so proud of each of you, just like your parents and leaders are proud of you.

I won't be coming to the office, but I'm just a phone call away.

If you need a shoulder, or someone to toss an idea out to, or a letter of recommendation, please call me.

I thank everyone for the volumes of memories...

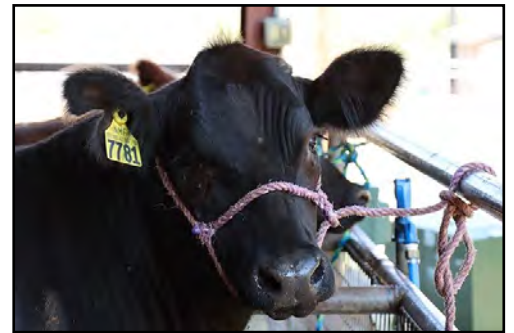
Your friend,  
Steve



**Mayor**

**Peer**

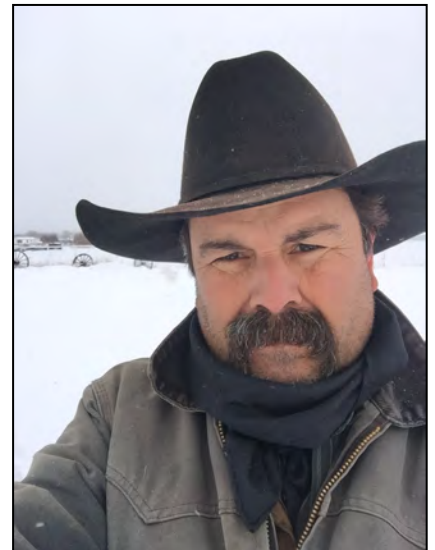
**Friend**



*Photo by Rio Rancho Observer, Sandoval County reporter  
Matt Hollinshead*



**New  
Mexico  
"True"  
Cowboy**





# County Contest

## SANDOVAL COUNTY 4-H COUNTY CONTEST

Saturday  
April 27, 2024  
San Ysidro Villiage Offices  
389 State Road 4,  
San Ysidro, NM 87053

Register with  
Madeline via  
email by Friday,  
April 19



8:00 AM  
to  
4:00 PM

Concession Stand for  
Lunch  
County Council  
Fundraiser



Plant Contests  
Horticulture



FCS Contests

FCS Skill-a-thon  
Favorite Food  
Fashion Revue  
Consumer Decisions



Animal Contests

Wildlife  
Hippology  
Horse Bowl  
Horse & Livestock Judging



Leadership Contests

Public Speaking -  
Impromptu  
Public Speaking -  
Planned



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**RULES AND  
STUDY GUIDES  
PROVIDED IN  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
UPDATES**

District Rules

Get copy of  
District Rules on  
State 4-H Site





## DNGC Shooting Sports Practice Schedule

Archery and small-bore (.22). Practice is open to all youth that have enrolled in the Shooting Sports project.

Practice will take place at Del Norte Gun Club, a DNGC and signed waiver is required.

The Waiver can be found in this link:

<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/documents/release-of-liability-del-norte-gun.pdf>

**Practice Dates: April 6, 2024 and April 20, 2024 at 10:00 am**

Meet at the 4-H STORAGE TRAILER AT THE ARCHERY RANGE. Come through the gate, turn right (first road). Text (505) 220-1677 prior to day of practice for the gate code. Service is limited at the range. Directions can be found at this link:

<http://www.dngcnm.com/drivng-directions>



**Sandoval County Shoot-Out — April 13, 2024 at DNGC 10:00am**

Novice, Juniors & Seniors must qualify to participate in the State Champion Shoot or the NW District Shooting Sports Contests.

**YOU MUST RSVP** to Madeline [mgurney@nmsu.edu](mailto:mgurney@nmsu.edu) or email [sandoval@nmsu.edu](mailto:sandoval@nmsu.edu)

**NW DISTRICT SHOOTING SPORTS CONTEST—Registration Deadline, June 1, 2024**

**New Mexico State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships—May 2-5, 2024**

**NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM**

<https://inside.nmsu.edu/4hagents/wp-content/uploads/sites/137/2023/12/NM-State-4-H-Shooting-Sports-Chmapionships-Event-Synopsis.pdf>





## Take 10 with 4-H

### What:

#### Idea/Information Sharing for 4-H Volunteer Leaders via Zoom

An extension agent or 4-H volunteer will present about 5-7 minutes on a topic and open up for sharing from participants for remainder of the 10 minutes. Sessions will be recorded and shared on the State 4-H website. Since the scheduled Take 10 sessions will only focus on one small part of a larger topic, additional resources will also be found on the State 4-H website under the selected Take 10 topic.



### When:

1st Thursday of the month on the dates below during the lunch hour.

The topics held during the same lunch hour will be separate presentations.

### For Leaders/Volunteers Take 10 with 4-H

There will be via Zoom two Take 10 presentations on **April 4**. The first will be Small Animal at 12:15 and the second Take 10 with 4-H topic will be State 4-H Dog School on **Thursday, April 4** at 12:30 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/86773513948>



ANNOUNCING THE 2024

# Heritage Buckle Contest

*"Keeping the traditions of ranching alive in New Mexico by supporting our youth!"*

*Youth can win a belt buckle and \$1,000*

*Applications Due -*

*May 7, 2024*

*Ages 9-15*

*200-500 word essay*

*Apply at - [nmagriculture.org/heritage-buckle-contest](http://nmagriculture.org/heritage-buckle-contest)*

NMCGA Heritage Buckle applications are now being accepted. The Heritage Buckle Contest highlights youth ages 9-15 that seek to keep the ranching traditions of New Mexico alive. For more information, please visit [www.nmagriculture.org](http://www.nmagriculture.org) or call the NMCGA office at 505-247-0584.

**Sincerely,  
Bronson Corn  
NMCGA  
President**







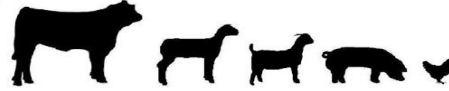
## **4-H Steer Livestock Ownership**

Deadline of Ownership—March 1, 2024

### **Livestock Ownership Deadline**

(Swine, Lamb, Goat, Replacement Dairy Heifer)

May 1, 2024



### **LIVESTOCK TAG DAYS**

**Friday, May 24, 2024—4pm to 6pm**

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

**Saturday, May 25, 2024—10am to Noon**

*Fairgrounds, Cuba, NM*

*Offices Parking Lot, San Ysidro, NM*

If you plan to attend NMSF, please let us know so we can get DNA samples.  
Steer DNA due **June 15, 2024**



**Save the date**  
SMALL ANIMAL SCHOOL

May 18, 2024  
Bernalillo County Extension Office  
Albuquerque, NM

Join us for a small animal school in Albuquerque!  
This school will include rabbits, cavy, and poultry

*You do not have to bring your own animal in order to participate in this school!!*

Stay tuned for more information

**SANDOVAL  
COUNTY FAIR**

**July 31-Aug 4,  
2024**

**121 Days**

Start Rounding up your  
Livestock Buyers  
For the Jr. Livestock Auction!



## **Save the Date! Beef Project Hoof Trimming**



**at 1219 Hwy 4, San Ysidro, NM. Saturday June 22,  
2024, starts @ 10:00 am. First come, first served!**

**Please RSVP—Text 505-220-1677.**



# Torreón Wolfpack 4-H Fundraiser!



**Awesome Prizes!**

\$1.00 a chance  
10-pack tickets or more available!  
Tickets available at Clara's Trading Post or Extension 4-H Office/  
Bernalillo

## FANTASTIC PRIZES!

**Moosejaw Bag Cooler**  
*Small Ice chest w/wheels*

**\$20.00**

**Dominos Gift Card**  
*Fishing pole/Tackle*

**Camping Chairs**  
*Western Pop Socket*

**Smokeless table Top Grill**  
*Coffee Maker*

**Hand-Made Beaded  
Woman's Earrings**  
*Crock Pot*

**Sheep  
Herder Special**  
*Ice Chest w/Soda*

**Coleman  
Stainless Growler 64  
OZ**  
*Turquoise Earrings*

**Camping Tent  
with Lantern**  
*18-piece cookware set*

**Get your Tickets Now! Drawing May 5th**

# VALENCIA COUNTY LAMB, GOAT & PIG SALE

VALENCIA COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS



## APRIL 6TH

**PREVIEW BEGINS AT 11AM**  
**SALE STARTS AT 1PM**

### GOAT CONSIGNORS

Skelley Show Goats  
TP Livestock  
Emerald Buckle Livestock  
Richard Family Show Goats  
SJKM Show Stock  
BKP Club Goats

### PIG CONSIGNORS

Big River Genetics  
HD Show Pigs  
Montoya Show Pigs  
Red Doc Show Pigs  
Clint High Show Pigs

### LAMB CONSIGNORS

Dunlap Sheep  
SJKM Show Stock  
L&L Club Lambs



Contact Joshie 505-710-6769  
for more information





# Producing Partners 2024

**Important!** All funds are issued on a Big R gift card after verification with Chapter/Club Leader had taken place. Limits do apply. Max of 1 large animal and 2 small animal sponsorships per person. Start date to enroll is from March 1st, 2024 to April 15th, 2024. Sign-up is limited to one Big R location. Signing at multiple Big R locations is prohibited. Program is limited to groups that are considered in our trade area for each store. This typically includes a radius of 15 miles from a Big R store with some exceptions. Program can be ended at anytime should limits be reached. Good Luck & We'll See You At The Fair!

Big R is proud to support and encourage our 4-H, FFA & other **Partners Program**. It is a large investment for the feed, supplies exhibitor and Big R wants to help and invite you to be a partner.

Big R has combined all of the traditional discounts we have offered in the past for feed, show supplies and clothing into one simple program. The combined amounts have been taken into consideration to determine how much support each **Producing Partner** will receive for the project they have chosen.

Big R will sponsor a maximum of 1 large animal and 2 small animals per participant. You may mix and match your 1 large animal and 2 small animals across 4-H, FFA and other livestock exhibition programs as long as the maximum limit is not exceeded.

Listed below is the information needed to enroll in **Big R's Producing Partners** as well as the amount we will give for each animal you are raising

**BRINGING HOME THE BANNERS**

**APRIL 6**

*New Mexico*  
CLUB LAMB SALE

**CONSIGNERS**

- Kircher Livestock
- H3 Club Lambs
- Luce Show Lambs
- Leonard Club Lambs
- Wrye Show Lambs
- Pointer Club Lambs
- Andrea Pettet
- KJ Livestock
- Howard Club Lambs
- McCauley Club Lambs
- NMSU
- Cooper Girls Show Lambs
- GK Club Lambs
- Blackburn Club Lambs
- Dunlap Farms
- Rock'in W Show Lambs
- RFL
- Goldstar Livestock

**LINCOLN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**  
101 5th Street  
Capitan, NM

**FEEDING, HEALTH, FITTING**  
1:00

**SALE PREVIEW**  
3:00

**SALE START**  
4:00

Casey Achen— 575-760-8042  
Patrick Kircher- 575-760-5597

**BRINGING HOME THE BANNERS**

**APRIL 6**

*New Mexico*  
CLUB LAMB SALE

**GOAT CONSIGNERS**

*Bringing The Heat*

- TP Livestock
- Shafer Show Goats
- Crist Livestock
- Weems Family Show Goats
- NMSU

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**Sandoval County 4-H Livestock Ownership Deadline—May 1, 2024**  
**Pig, Lamb, Goat**

# SAVE THE DATE! NM 4-H HORSE SCHOOL

When: **June 3-6, 2024**

Where: **McGee Park, Farmington, NM**



A MINIMUM OF 30 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS MUST APPLY TO HOLD EVENT

The New Mexico 4-H Horse School provides New Mexico youth, parents, and adult leaders with useful information and skill development related to horses and horsemanship.

The program was developed to:

- Provide continuity and standardize educational information
- Support volunteer leader efforts
- Help train junior 4-H leaders

Strengthen the educational value of county or club 4-H Horse project opportunities. Since the beginning the schools have been based on the philosophy of education in a hands-on, learn by doing environment. Participants are able to utilize lengthy riding sessions supported by line demonstrations of pertinent subject matter.

The available facilities provide a unique opportunity for the youth, parents, leaders, and instructors to be close together and concentrate on horses and horsemanship for one week. There is one outdoor arena and one indoor arena in which they will divide in half providing four riding areas. Staying together and working close together builds a comradeship among the youth, leaders, and instructors. With the number of arenas available, the number of students per instructor is small. The school also offers adult only groups (if instructors and time allow).

When the students are not riding, they are required to attend workshops. These workshops not only cover equine related subjects, but fun topics as well, such as a western dance workshop. The school is self-supporting and there is a continuous effort to keep the cost low so the school will be available for any youth in New Mexico.

The core of the school is the instructors. Each year very competent horse people volunteer their time in order to spend a week at horse school sharing their knowledge and expertise with youth. There has continually been a waiting list to be an instructor at school.

Potential instructors are closely screened. A potential instructor not only must be a knowledgeable horse person, but also must relate to youth in a positive, enthusiastic manner.

While the focus of Horse School is horsemanship, the total program continues to target statewide issues of: (1) developing youth potential and (2) quality of life for New Mexico citizens, thereby addressing state initiatives such as leadership development, strengthening family relationships, and life skills for 4-H members. The school challenges youth, promotes enthusiasm, builds competence and confidence, and helps validate the ongoing efforts of volunteer leaders.

Attendees must be in compliance with current New Mexico Livestock Board Guidelines for 4-H / FFA members.

## [2024 Horse School Registration Information and General Rules](#)

- 2024 Horse School Registration Form- Coming soon!
- 2024 Horse School Junior Counselor Application- Coming soon!
- Horse School Registration- Coming soon!





## 2024 New Mexico 4-H Belt Buckle

Next Order will be May 1, 2024.

To Order your Buckle, click below and follow the guidelines:

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/documents/2024%20-%20Buckle-Order-form.pdf>

### **DEMING LIVESTOCK SALE**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**Sale begins at 11:00 a.m.**

**Southwestern NM State Fairgrounds**

**Deming, NM**

**PIGS, GOATS, AND LAMBS**

#### **LIVESTOCK CONSIGNORS**

Josiel Lopez (pigs, goats)

SJKM Show Animals (goats, lambs)

Seth Ralston (pigs)

TP Livestock (goats)

Sugar Daddy Show Pigs (pigs)

3J Show Goats (goats)

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:**

**JACK BLANDFORD AT (575) 546-8806**

# 2024 Sandoval County 4-H Community Service Scholarship Deadlines

## SANDOVAL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

*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. Here Are the Application Deadlines Coming up:

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATE.**

## Sandoval County 4-H Scholarship Deadlines

4-H EVENT	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
FCS School	February 1, 2024
Youth-Get-Away	February 15, 2024
Horse School	April 1, 2024
4-H Dog School	May 1, 2024
Livestock School	May 1, 2024
Ambassador/Diplomat and Officer Position	May 15, 2024

### **STATE 4-H Community Service Scholarships**

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 Member Ages For 2023-2024 4-H Year Before January 1, 2024

**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 (2023) are NOT eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.*

# NEW TO 4-H?



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

- ▶ New 4-H Members may choose Three (3) Projects with one (1) as Welcome to NM 4-H!
- ▶ Deadline for 4-H Re-Enrollment is March 1, and ALL Projects must be selected
- Steer Ownership Deadline is March 1 • All Livestock Ownership Deadline May 1

## Sandoval County 4-H Clubs

CLUB	Club Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact Leader	Contact <b>TEXT ONLY PLEASE</b>
Corralitos	1st Monday Each Month	6:30pm	Corrales Community Building/Next to Fire Station	Jessica Styer	<a href="mailto:corralitos4hclub@gmail.com">corralitos4hclub@gmail.com</a>
Cotton City Cottontails	2nd Monday Each Month	6:00pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Kelli Garcia	(505) 366-8113
Cuba Coyotes	3rd Monday each Month	5:30pm	Sandoval County 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	TBA	TBA	Aimee Tang	<a href="mailto:aimeetmtang@yahoo.com">aimeetmtang@yahoo.com</a>
Rio Grande Rebels	2nd Monday Each Month	6:00pm	El Zocalo Bernalillo	Megan Padget	(505) 670-7918
Torreón Wolfpack	3rd Monday Torreón Fire Dept	5:30pm	Torreón Fire Department	Lee Johnson	(505) 330-5881
Sandoval County Extension 4-H				Steve Lucero <i>Program Director</i> Madeline Gurney <i>FCS/4-H Agent</i>	(505) 867-2582 <a href="mailto:sandoval@nmsu.edu">sandoval@nmsu.edu</a> <a href="mailto:smlucero@nmsu.edu">smlucero@nmsu.edu</a> <a href="mailto:mgurney@nmsu.edu">mgurney@nmsu.edu</a>



# 4-H Dates & Deadlines

EVENT	DATE
Steve's Come & Go Retirement Reception—El Zocalo-Bernalillo	April 12—4pm to 6pm
Sandoval County Shoot Out—Del Norte Gun Club	April 13
Bernalillo County 4-H Horse Show	April 13
Youth Get-Away—Glorieta, NM	April 19-21
Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign	April 24-May 5
Sandoval County 4-H Contest—Village of San Ysidro Offices	April 27
Sandoval County Livestock Ownership Deadline	May 1
NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship—Raton, NM	May 2-5
Sandoval County Livestock Tag Days	May 24, 25
NW District Shooting Sports Registration Deadline	May 29
4-H Horse School—San Juan County, Farmington—McGee Park	June—3-6
Northern District Contest Registration Due	June 10
Northern 4-H Regional Livestock School	June 21 & 22
Northern District 4-H Contest—Clayton, NM	June 25-26
NM Youth Ranch Management Camp	June 9-14
NW District Shooting Sports Contest—Albuquerque Gun Range	June 14
4-H Dog School	June—TBD
Northern District Contest	June—TBD
State 4-H Conference—Las Cruces	July 8-11
State Photography Contest Deadline	July 26
Sandoval County Fair —Sandoval County Fairgrounds, Cuba, NM	July 31—August 4
New Mexico State Fair	September 5-15
NM 4-H Food Challenge—State Fairgrounds	September 14



**“Thank You”** Steve, for 18 years of incredible, dedicated service—**It’s been a great ride with you!** You always gave your time, talent, treasures & knowledge to the service of our county residents, livestock producers, and more! We commend you on the education you have given to our 4-H Youth to become leaders of tomorrow, and to students in our schools. You have made an ordinary county agent, into an Extraordinary Agent! Our Warmest and Best Wishes go out to you! With Utmost Respect, *NMSU Sandoval County Extension Staff & 4-H Members*



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<https://sandovalextension.nmsu.edu/newsletters.html>

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