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Winter 2009

Santa Fe County to host 4-H District Contest

Santa Fe County will be hosting the Northeast/Northwest 4-H District Contest. District contest is an opportunity for our novice and junior members to compete in many different contests related to their project areas. Some of the contest areas available to members include Favorite Foods, Consumer Decision Making, Livestock and Horse Judging, Horticulture, and Entomology just to name a few.

This year Santa Fe County has the rare opportunity to host the first ever joint district contest with the Northwest District. We will be working with McKinley County 4-H Staff and members to accommodate 17 counties for this event. District Contest is scheduled for July 7-8.

As you can probably guess we will be enlisting the help of our volunteer leaders and 4-H members in order to make this event happen. We have set up a list of committees that we think we will need. We hope that everyone will take a look at this list and decide where they can lend a hand. You can sign up for a committee at the next County Council meeting scheduled for January 9th at 6:30 at the county fairgrounds. The committees will have time to meet at this meeting to get things started.

Santa Fe County will not have an opportunity to host district contest again till 2014 and we may never see another joint district contest again. Please help us to welcome our guests and show them what a great 4-H program Santa Fe County has!

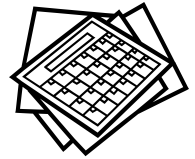
District Contest Committees:

- Registration
- Concession Stand
- Evening Activities
- Workshops
- Donations/Sponsorships
- Public Relations



2009 SF County Calendars Available

Santa Fe County 4-H Calendars are now available. These calendars contain dates for both state wide events as well as county events. Calendars will be sold for \$1.00 and all proceeds will go to the County Council.



Help Support Santa Fe County 4-H

Through the *Albertsons Community Partners Program*, you can help support our local 4-H. All you have to do is scan your *Community Partners* card when checking out at Albertsons Grocery Store. A percentage of every dollar spent will go back to the Santa Fe County 4-H Program. Please see your club leader for a card or stop by the CES office. Help support Santa Fe County 4-H!

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Announcements

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Re-Enrollment

We are well into the new 4-H year and while members and leaders can enroll and add projects until May 1, it is very important that our existing members and leaders get new enrollment forms filled out and turned into club leaders. EVERY member and leader must re-enroll each year (no matter how long you've been doing this). We need to make sure that all our participants are officially registered through our office before they take part in any 4-H events. Also remember that if your enrollment forms are not turned in you may not receive a newsletter. Please remember, enrollment forms will only be accepted from club leaders and all new leaders must follow the proper screening procedures before they are officially enrolled.

County Contest Around the Corner!

County Contest is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to practice some of the skills that they are learning in their projects. The contests offered at the county level include Favorite Foods, Consumer Decision Making, Public Speaking, Presentations, Entomology, Horticulture, and Shooting Sports. This year's county contest is scheduled for Saturday April 4th. **All** contests will be held on one day. A flyer with more information, location and a full schedule of events will be going out as the contests get closer. Please call Jacki or Christina with any questions.

County Council News

The next county council meeting is scheduled for Friday January 9 at 6:30 at the County Fairgrounds. We will be discussing the upcoming district contest as well as signing up for committees for this event. If you have any questions please call the CES office.



2009 State 4-H Calendars

The 2009 4-H Calendars featuring the top twelve photos from the year's State Photography Contest are available now. The calendar includes 2009 4-H event dates as well as basic 4-H information. They make great gifts for donors, volunteers or members. Cost is \$5 per calendar. Call the State 4-H office at (575) 646-3026 to place your order.

Scholarships for 4-H Members

There are several scholarships available to 4-H members that are posted on the State 4-H website. Scholarship funds are available for those members with experience in areas such as Dairy, Agriculture, Home Economics, Rodeo, Livestock, FFA, and more! More information is available at <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/4h/>.

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Youth Get-Away

When: April 17-19, 2009 **Where:** Inlow Baptist Camp **Registration Fee:** \$110.00

Registration Deadline: March 31, 2009

Youth Get-Away is hosted each spring by the State 4-H Officers for junior 4-H members. This year it will be held at the Inlow Baptist Camp one hour south of Albuquerque. The only eligibility is to be a Novice or a Junior 4-Her (9-12). Registration must be completed through the County Extension Office.

Home Ec School



Save the dates: We will be having the first ever NM 4-H Home Ec School March 20-22 at Valencia High in Los Lunas! We will be offering a Foods Track and a Sewing Track—both tracks will be geared toward beginners. Novice, Junior, and Senior members may all attend. If you would like to serve on the planning committee, please notify the 4-H office. More info—cost, registration info, brochures—will be coming soon!

New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any Novice, Junior, or Senior 4-H member, applying for funding to cover event registration fees or costs associated with serving on the State Leadership Team. This scholarship will cover the registration expenses for Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth-Get-Away, Livestock School, Horse School, State 4-H Conference or a portion of the team fees for serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, or Diplomat.

To receive this scholarship, members must complete the application form. This includes name, age, address, county, club enrolled in, years in 4-H, and if you are a novice, junior, or senior. You must also list a community service project **you will do** for your community. The description needs to include:

- what the community service project is
- how many times or the period of time the service is going to take place
- who is benefiting from the service



The community service needs to be something different than what the club or council would do and not a leadership project/task. (Example: Clubs cleaning the fairgrounds, picking up trash on the highway, giving presentations about 4-H, etc. - Examples of what would be accepted: Conducting an activity at a nursing home or child care facility over a period of time, not just once; organizing a fun run for a non-profit organization, cleaning up and fixing a run-down recreation area or city park, etc.) The community service project needs to be designed, organized, and implemented by the applicant. The applicant's club or county can participate in the project, but it cannot be a community service project organized by the club, county, or state. Do not submit an application on projects an applicant has already completed.

The applicant will receive the scholarship prior to the event the applicant is attending or when they are selected to serve in a position on the leadership team. The community service project must be completed within a year of receiving the scholarship. If the community service is not completed within a year of receiving the scholarship, the youth will **not** be eligible to apply for the event scholarship again in the future. Your County Agent must verify in writing that you have completed your community service in order to be eligible for another scholarship at anytime in your 4-H career. Applications must be submitted **two months prior to the State 4-H Office Deadline for event registration or position application**. A member may only receive one scholarship per 4-H program year. Contact the Cooperative Extension Service office at (505) 471-4711 for an application.

New Mexico State Fair Changes

This will go into effect immediately for the 2009 NM State Fair.

The NMSF Ag. Committee has come to a decision regarding the weight break for the Junior Market Steer Division.

There will be a minimum weight of 1000 lbs and no maximum weight. The sale weight has increased to 1350 lbs. Classes will be broken by weight. There will be a 5% weigh back as well.



Horse Certificates Due!!



Horse Certificates are due in the Extension Office by **April 15**. Anyone wishing to participate in 4-H horseshows this year must turn in a horse certificate for every horse that they will be showing. You will not be allowed to participate in 4-H horseshows without a certificate. There will be no exceptions or extensions to this deadline.

Livestock Tagging Dates

Steer tagging is scheduled for Saturday, **March 28, 2009** at the Stanley Feed Lot. All market steers must be tagged at this time. A State Fair Official will be on hand to do retinal scanning at this time.

We will be tagging all other livestock on Saturday **May 30th** from 9 am-12 pm in Santa Fe at the Fairgrounds and from 1 pm-4 pm in Stanley. All animals that wish to be exhibited at the County Fair in August must be tagged no later than **May 30th**. There will be no exceptions. If you are unable to attend this tagging date please call Christina to make other arrangements prior to May 30th.

In order to exhibit market livestock at the state fair, animals must be tagged as well as undergo an identification process. Retinal scanning will be required for all market sheep and goats. Retinal scanning requires that a digital scan be taken of the animal's retina (eye). Each retina is unique like a finger print and the information is stored in a data base. The state fair will be sending a qualified official and equipment to scan Santa Fe County Animals on **May 30th ONLY**. They will be in both Santa Fe in the morning and Stanley in the afternoon that day only. All market sheep and goats that wish to go to state fair must be scanned at this time (please note that this **does not** include pigs as we will continue to pull DNA samples as before). The state fair officials are doing their best to ensure that everyone is able to complete the required steps to exhibit at the state fair. Please call Christina if you have any questions about this process.





Sno-Ball Classic

Steer & Heifer Jackpot

Double Show

February 7, 2009

San Juan County Fairgrounds McGee Park - Farmington, NM



Sanctioned by NMCCA and NMCHA

Judges: Wayne Cox, Hobbs,

Tommy Thompson San Jon, NM

Registration:

Steers and Heifers should be checked in on February 6,
but no later than 7:00 AM February 7, 2009

Entry Fees Per Show: (Cash Only!)

Steers: \$20.00, plus a \$10.00 administration fee per show

Heifers: \$20.00, plus a \$10.00 administration fee per show.

Mandatory \$5.00 per head pen-cleaning fee.

Heifer Show will begin at 10:00 AM with the Steer Show to follow.

Two Shows. Two ring format.

Open to the Four Corners Area, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and all New Mexico call about health paper requirements and permit numbers.

NM Livestock Board (505)-841-6161.

For further information contact:

Craig Painter (505) 334-9496 or

Brent McFarland (505) 334-9414 ext. 1363

Scholarship Opportunity

The NM Junior Livestock Foundation Scholarship is available to seniors graduating in the Spring of 2009. The application deadline is April 1, 2009. Please mail to: Farm Credit, PO Box 94330, Albuquerque, NM 87199. Attn: NMJLF Scholarship Committee. You may download applications from the website at <http://nmjlf.org>.

Special Interest Horse Club Making Big Strides!

Santa Fe County's special interest horse club, formerly the "Mud Pony Riders" has had an extremely successful fall season. Under the new leadership of Ms. Mary Sexton, the group has been meeting regularly and providing members the opportunity to learn more about horses and horsemanship. The group has provided 4-Hers the opportunity to practice riding skills and work with volunteers that can help them improve their knowledge of horses. The special interest horse club has been successful due to the generosity of the volunteers that are committed to this project. Leaders provide their own horses, equipment, and most of all, their time. Without their commitment it would not be possible to have such an opportunity for our members! If anyone is interested in making a donation to this effort, please contact Christina at the CES office for more information.

Edgewood Chaparrals

At our December meeting, the Edgewood Chaparrals had our Christmas Party. It was held at the Comfort Inn East hotel in Albuquerque, which was donated by the Rudolph Family, so "Thank you Rudolph Family!" The Christmas Party was really fun! There was a lot of great food, we had a Christmas t-shirt contest, and everyone modeled their creative t-shirts off to the whole club. We closed our meeting with the Introduction of our new Officers. It was an awesome end of the year meeting!

Northern Stars

On November 16th, the Northern Stars had a meeting at Smith Veterinary Hospital. Jenny Paige gave the Treasurers report. President Avery Rowlison listed the new officers. We voted on our community service projects and discussed our Christmas party. Our community service projects are volunteering at the wildlife center, adopt-a-soldier, and volunteering at the Horsemen's Association. We discussed important dates coming up. The next meeting will be at the Reyer/Martin residence on December 14.

Submitted by Eric Paige

Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is one of our more popular projects. To meet specific criteria for insurance, liability, etc., it is important that our leader volunteers in the Shooting Sports Program become certified. This provides some protection for the 4-H agents, the 4-H program, and the leaders.

The annual 4-H Shooting Sports Certification workshop will be held in Hobbs, NM on February 20-22, 2009 at the New Mexico Junior College. A block of rooms is reserved at the Lea County Inn. Room rates: A single (1 king-size bed) is \$59.95 per night, and a double (2 queen-size beds) is \$74.95 per night. To reach the hotel, call (575) 392-2003 or (866) 334-7140. Maps will be available soon.

The registration deadline is February 1, 2009 and registration will be available on-line. There is a \$30 registration fee per person and certification will be offered in rifle, archery, shotgun, pistol, black powder, and hunting.



Organizational Leader Training

As an organizational leader do you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, frustrated, and just down right tired at times? Let us help you! We have planned an organizational leader training on February 21, 2009. Please call or e-mail Jacki or Christina if you have any questions or items that you would like to discuss.



Projects and Curriculum Kits

The new Curriculum Kits Catalog, Literature Handbook, and Project Shortlist are available on the State 4-H website in the 4-H Project Section. The new catalogs were also mailed out this month. Please discard your 2007-2008 Catalogs.



Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum 2009

The Western Regional Leaders Forum will be held in Denver, CO, February 25-March 1, 2009. The event will bring together 4-H volunteer leaders, friends of 4-H and staff from throughout the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces and U.S. Territories. Workshops, speakers, tours, and special activities are all being planned.

The registration fees are:

Early Bird	Postmarked by December 1	\$225
Regular	Postmarked by January 15	\$250
Late/Onsite	Postmarked by February 15	\$275

Single day registrations will be:

Wednesday	\$100
Thursday	\$100
Friday	\$100
Saturday	\$125

The registration fee includes the following meals:

- Wednesday Welcome: light food buffet
- Thursday: plated breakfast and lunch
- Friday: egg & waffle breakfast stations and lunch buffet
- Saturday: burrito & oatmeal breakfast stations, box lunch and banquet

Registration information is available at: <http://www.colorado4h.org/>



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4-H Calendar

January 2009

- 9 County Council Meeting
- 9 4-H Exchange Application Deadline
- 16-18 Senior Leadership Retreat in Albuquerque

February 2009

- 1 Shooting Sports Leader Wksp. Deadline
- 15 National 4-H Essay Contest Deadline
- 20-22 Shooting Sports Leader Wksp. in Hobbs
- 21 Organizational Leader Training
- 2/25- Western Regional Leaders Forum in Denver
- 3/1

March 2009

- 20-22 NM 4-H Home Ec School in Los Lunas
- 28 Steer Tagging in Stanley
- 31 Youth Get-Away Registration Deadline

April 2009

- 1 Jr. Livestock Scholarship Deadline
- 4 County Contest
- 15 Horse Certificates Due
- 17-19 Youth Get-Away