

»»» SANTA FE COUNTY 4-H «««

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# December

TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH



WELCOME TO OUR NEW AG AGENT! <<<

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT <<<



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# WELCOME SUNNY FINLEY

New Santa Fe County 4-H Ag and Natural Resources Agent



Hey Santa Fe County 4-H'ers!

My name is Sunny Finley, and I'm super excited to join you as your new 4-H Agriculture Agent! I've been involved with 4-H since I was a kid and come from a family of county agents. My parents dedicated their lives to supporting youth, and they passed that passion on to me. Now, I'm thrilled to have the chance to continue this tradition here in Santa Fe.

A little bit about my family: I have a 17-year-old son named London who's really into art, and he's as excited as I am about exploring Santa Fe. We also have our sweet cat, Buffalo, who may just become an honorary 4-H mascot! I can't wait to get to know each of you! Whether you're new to 4-H or a long-time member, I'm here to support you and make sure you have an amazing time. If you see me around, please say hi! I'd love to hear what projects you're excited about this year. Got questions or ideas? Send them my way—I'm all ears.

Looking forward to all the fun we'll have,

**Sunny Finley**

**Santa Fe County 4-H Agriculture Agent**

**New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension**

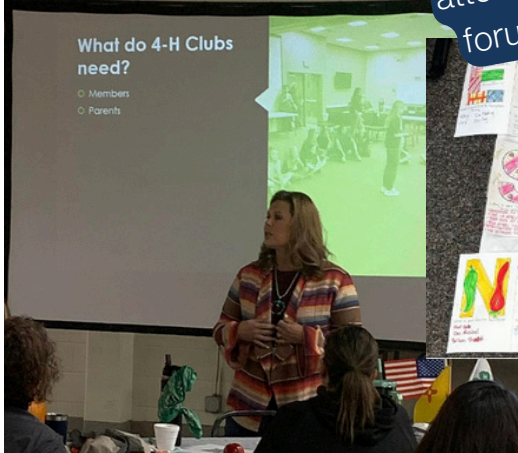
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# NOVEMBER NEWSFLASH



Santa Fe county volunteers attended the adult leader forum in Albuquerque



What do 4-H Clubs need?

- Members
- Parents



Rethink sugar drinks activity with SFPS

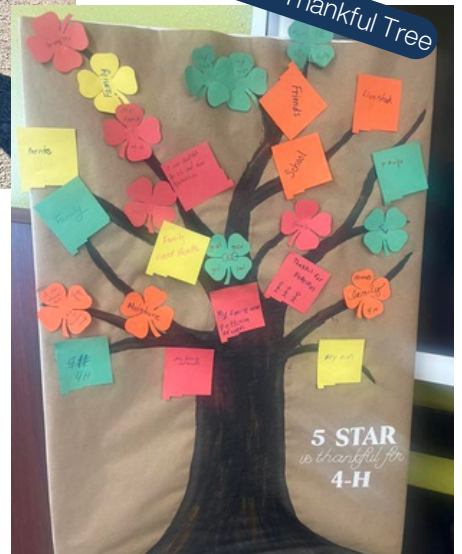
Community service at holiday craft fair



4-H Friday: pumpkin pie in a bag, STEM structures, and leadership!



5-Star Thankful Tree



5 STAR is thankful for 4-H

# COMIN' ON THE CALENDAR

- **All member registration is now open in ZSuite! Sign up quickly as many clubs have member caps**
- **4-H Friday:** Friday Dec. 13. RSVP required. Contact Charlene to sign up
- **Achievement Day:** Sat Dec 07, Santa Fe County Extension Office: Exhibit Hall
- **Wreaths Across America Service Project:** Sat Dec 14, National Cemetery, Santa Fe, see flyer on next page
- **Leathercraft workshop:** Tues. Dec 17; 6:00pm Come make a last-minute Christmas gift and learn about leather with Anne Martinez, our leather expert! \$10/ participant. Space is limited so RSVP required, contact Paige to sign up.
- **Mandatory Shooting Sports Meeting (choose one):**
  - January 11, 2024 from 12 – 2 pm Stanley Cyclone Center
  - January 21, 2024 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm Santa Fe County Extension Office (Exhibit Hall)
- **County Council Elections,** Thurs Feb 6, 6:00pm. Extension Office



# SAVE THE DATE

RSVP to Sunny or Paige  
 paigemar@nmsu.edu  
 sunnyf@nmsu.edu

## County Council Elections



### DATE

06, Feb



### TIME

6:00pm



### LOCATION

Santa Fe County  
 Extension Office  
 (subject to change)

- Represent your county 4-H program
- Access to more leadership opportunities
- Plan and coordinate county 4-H events
- Develop new relationships with other Santa Fe club members and volunteers

**Seniors and Juniors with 2+ years of 4-H Experience**



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# STATE EVENT CALENDAR

\*Tentative Schedule more information to follow

EVENT	DATE
National 4-H Congress- Atlanta, GA	November 29-December 3
Take 10 with 4-H – Project Clips (12:30pm)	December 5
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	December 12
Take 10 With 4-H	January 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	January 9
State Portfolios Due	January 24
Parliamentary Procedure Contest	January 24
Senior Leadership Retreat – Glorieta, NM	January 24-26
4-H Day at the Roundhouse	February 4
Take 10 with 4-H	February 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	February 13
Shooting Sports Training - Rifle, Shotgun, Archery	TBD
New Agent Training	February 19-21
Take 10 with 4-H	March 6
FCS School Bernalillo County Extension Office	March 7-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Zoom Professional Development Training	March 13
Educational Leadership Event – NM State 4-H Leadership Team Trip to Washington, D.C. (Other potential dates are in January and April)	TBD
Ignite Conference	March 12-16
Youth Shooting Sports Leadership Summit	TBD
Take 10 with 4-H	April 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Zoom Training	April 10
Youth Get-Away (Glorieta, NM)	April 11-13
National 4-H Conference	April 11-16
National Extension Conference on Volunteerism (NECV)	April 21-25
Take 10 with 4-H	May 4

# LET'S LEARN MORE ABOUT 4-H!

## 4-H FRIDAYS

4-H Friday is a fun, interactive monthly activity day where we give you a look at all the great things 4-H has to offer. Come hang out at the extension office with your 4-H agents and our staff assistant/activity leader Charlene! We want to learn all about you!

Space is limited, so RSVP is required. Contact Charlene at [chargal@nmsu.edu](mailto:chargal@nmsu.edu) to sign up

## 4-H FRIDAYS



**Friday December 13th**  
3pm-5pm

Whether you are new to the program or are a current member, we invite you to explore 4-H and all that it has to offer....

**Afternoon Events**

-  Welcome to NM 4-H (Create your own Picture Frame)
-  4-H Military Appreciation (Recruits & Respect)
-  4-H Origami Project (8"x8" origami)




**3229 Rodeo Rd**  
**Santa Fe, NM 87507**

**For more information...**  
Call the Santa Fe  
County Extension  
Office at 505-471-4711



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## TAKE 10 WITH 4-H



### **CHERYL BUTTERFIELD: STATE 4-H AGENT OF VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Take 10 with 4-H is a short and sweet opportunity for you to learn more about New Mexico 4-H. From running a 4-H club meeting, information on state/national events and competitions, to mental health strategies and developing leadership skills, Cheryl and other 4-H agents around the state will help you gain a comprehensive understanding of NMSU 4-H and all it has to offer.

Next take 10: Dec 5 2024, 12:30pm: Project Clips

2025 schedule coming up! These events are held via zoom. Contact Paige or Sunny for the link.

# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 AT 10AM MST, WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WILL BE AT SANTA FE NATIONAL CEMETERY TO REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR VETERANS THROUGH THE LAYING OF REMEMBRANCE WREATHS ON THE GRAVES OF OUR COUNTRY'S FALLEN LOVED ONES.

SANTA FE NATIONAL  
CEMETARY

MEET AT EXTENSION OFFICE  
AT 9AM

SAT. DEC 14

GREAT SERVICE PROJECT  
OPPORTUNITY!!

CONTACT PAIGE TO SIGN UP  
[PAIGEMAR@NMSU.EDU](mailto:PAIGEMAR@NMSU.EDU)



# REMINDERS!!

If you work with 4-H youth in any capacity, you must register as a volunteer **ANNUALLY**:

- Register/re-enroll and fill out all appropriate paperwork on [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)
- Pass a background check (initiated once online registration is complete and paperwork is submitted)- valid for 5 years
- Complete online trainings- Only Working with Minors training must be completed annually. The system does not auto-update this so it will say that it has been completed, even if you have not for the year. Please ensure you have a current certificate.

## All shooting sports members must be enrolled in their disciplines by Jan 21.



**Register/re-enroll at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org). New medical forms and liability waivers must be uploaded annually**

### DETERMINING 4-H AGE

#### **CLOVERBUDS: K-2ND**

5-7 YEARS OLD AND  
8 YEARS OLD IN THE 2ND GRADE

#### **NOVICE 3RD-5TH**

8 YEARS OLD IN THE 3RD GRADE  
9 AND 10 YEARS OLD  
11 YEARS OLD IN THE 5TH GRADE

#### **JUNIOR 6TH-7TH**

11 YEARS OLD IN THE 6TH GRADE  
12 YEARS OLD  
13 YEARS OLD IN THE 7TH GRADE

#### **SENIOR 8TH AND UP**

13 YEARS OLD IN THE 8TH GRADE  
14-18 YEARS OLD

**NEW 4-H MEMBER**  
**ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN**

**QUESTIONS??**

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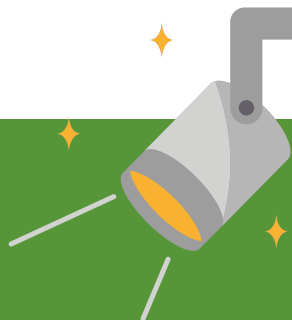
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# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill*

## DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### ALENA ROYBAL

WIDE HORIZONS CLUB LEADER AND COUNTY-WIDE VOLUNTEER



*Thank You*

Alena, for your continued efforts in supporting our county 4-H program. We appreciate you!

#### **ABOUT ME:**

I grew up here in Santa Fe, I went to Monte de Sol charter school for high school. I am currently attending the Santa Fe Community College to earn my Associates degree in photography. I enjoy taking photos, baking and making jewelry.

#### **INVOLVEMENT WITH SANTA FE COUNTY 4-H:**

have been a part of Santa Fe County 4-H for 20 years. I started off as a member in the Wide Horizons club. I am now the air pistol coach and co club leader with my parents.

#### **WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WORKING WITH 4-H YOUTH?:**

I enjoy working with the kids and seeing how 4-H impacts them individually. I also enjoy helping them get the most out of 4-H, whether it be making new friendships or being a part of different activities.

#### **WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OF SANTA FE COUNTY 4-H?:**

I hope that the 4-H program continues to grow and continue to become more involved in the community. I also hope that members get the most out of the program like I did.

# CHRISTMAS CRAFT: ORIGAMI STAR

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from: its always autumn

**ACCOMPLISH THIS FESTIVE ORIGAMI STAR, SEND PAIGE A PICTURE OF YOUR FINAL PRODUCT, AND WE'LL GIVE THE BEST ENTRY A PRIZE!**



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- SCISSORS

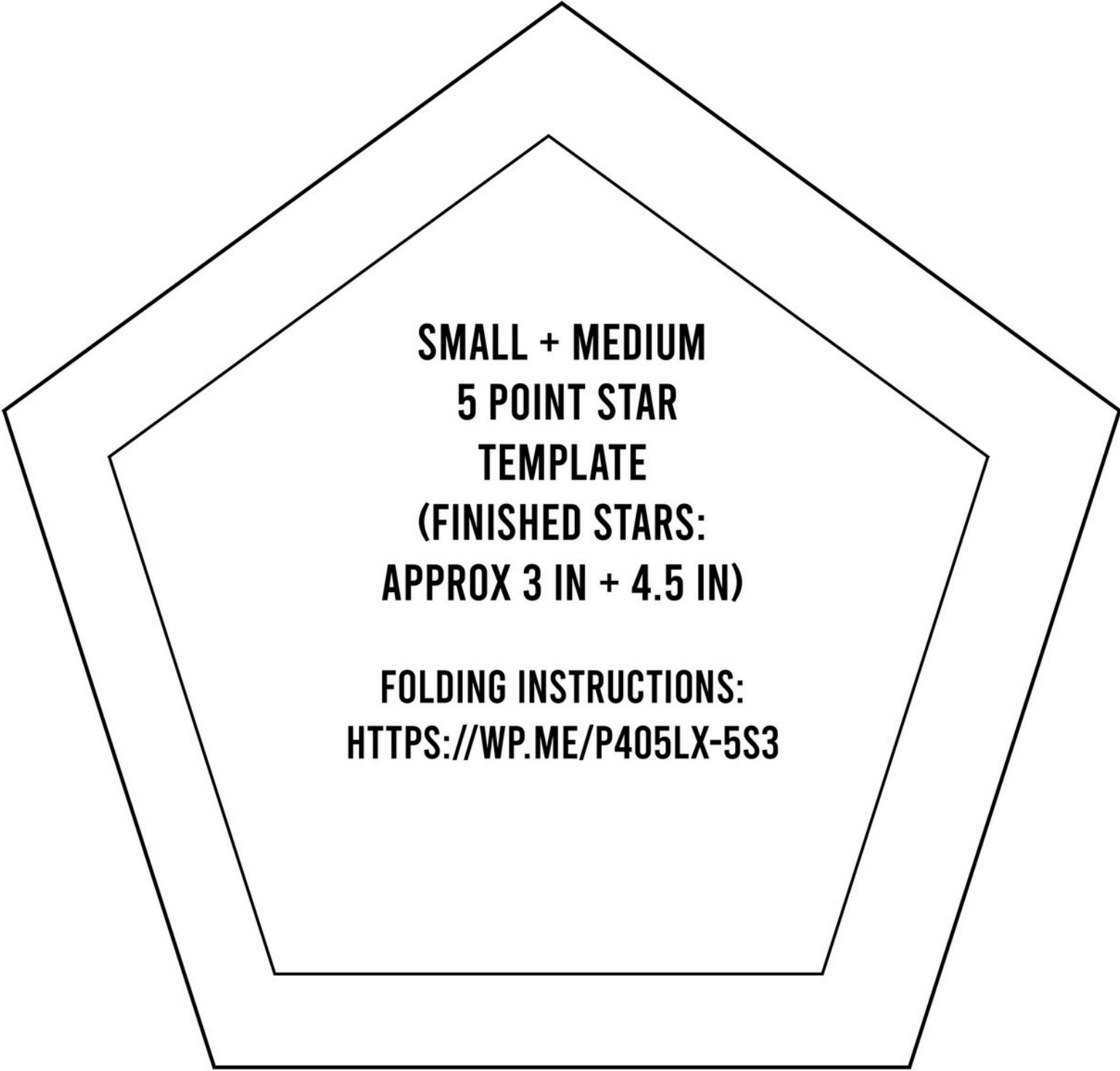
## TUTORIAL:

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*Merry  
Christmas*



*Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!*



**SMALL + MEDIUM  
5 POINT STAR  
TEMPLATE  
(FINISHED STARS:  
APPROX 3 IN + 4.5 IN)**

**FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS:  
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