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*Don't Forget!*

The next meeting of the Doña Ana County 4-H Council will be Tuesday, July 7 at 7 PM at GT Auditorium. Council Exec. Meeting August 11, 2009



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## 2009 DAC 4-H/FFA Expo and Family Night are Quickly Approaching

The 2009 Doña Ana County 4-H and FFA Expo is just right around the corner. Held at the Southern NM State Fairgrounds. It is set for August 3rd through August 8th, 2009. Please see entry information below.

This year the Shooting Sports Challenge will be August 3rd-5th. Horses Show will be August 6th. Dairy Show, Market Goat Show will be held on Friday August 7th. On Saturday August 8th will be Achievement Day, Market Rabbit, Poultry, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Market Steer and Beef Breeding Heifer Show.

4-H Family Night is scheduled for Saturday evening at the Coca Cola Pavilion. This is the Council's biggest fundraiser that includes a hamburger dinner, basket raffle and dance. Tickets will be sent to the leaders by the 1st of July and once again the prices are \$25 per family or \$15 per couple. Tickets are due to the CEO by July 24th. Due to the amount of work it takes to make Family Night a success, each year we rely on all of our 4-H clubs to help us. The following are duties that we need help with. Please look them over and let us know what your club will be able to help with.



- Buns- Desert Clover
- Beans- \_\_\_\_\_
- Chips- H-C
- Must/Mayo/Ket- \_\_\_\_\_
- Ridgerunners
- Lett/Tom- \_\_\_\_\_
- Chile/Onion/Pickles- \_\_\_\_\_
- Cheese- White Sands
- Ice Cream- TRT
- Ice- Hillbillies
- Tea/Lemonade- Hillbillies
- Serving line- \_\_\_\_\_
- Take Dance Tix- \_\_\_\_\_
- Take Dinner Tickets- \_\_\_\_\_
- Decorations- \_\_\_\_\_

Each Club also needs to bring 3-5 baskets for the raffle and each family should try and bring at least 1 item for the Silent Auction, which benefits the Sharon A. West Memorial Scholarship.

### 4-H/FFA Expo Registration and Clean-Up

Online Entries will be open from July 13, 2009 and will close on July 29, 2009. Please visit <http://fairmanager.com/fairs/dana/> to register.

The Expo Clean-Up will be August 1st at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds. Bring your rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc to help get the fairgrounds ready for this year's event.

# Club Corner

## Taylor Road Turkeys

May has been a very busy month for the Taylor Road Turkeys. Many of our members participated in County Contest. Everyone did excellent and we are proud of them for trying. We got our new club t-shirts and they are amazing! Safety green t-shirts! We all have our animals now and we're looking forward to livestock school. We're looking forward to District Contest and wish everybody good luck.

## Bullseye

Submitted by: Holly Franzoy

Hi everyone- The biggest news from Bullseye is that they have 3 teams going to Nebraska in June for 4-H National Shooting Sports. The three include a muzzle-loader, hunting, and archery team. All 11 shooters are very excited and now fundraising for the 16 hour trip to Grand Island, Nebraska!! Good job shooters. Everyone who competed in state shooting had a lot of fun and did very well, most teams taking 2nd place. The Bullseyes are busy fundraising for the Expo and all their competitions this summer and practicing multiple times a week.

We wish all shooters who are attending 4-H National Shooting Sports in Nebraska the best of luck.



## Ft. Selden

Submitted by: Lily Woodall

This month the members of the Ft. Seldon 4-H Club decided to have some fundraisers to support cancer research. Chelsea organized a baked good sale. Twelve kids showed up to help bake and sell! They raised \$273.00. Go Chelsea!!!! Also, the Ft. Seldon 4-H Club is hosting a dance at the Recreation Center in Radium Springs on July 18<sup>th</sup> to raise more money for cancer research. Please come and support cancer research. Some club members have been having rabbit project meetings with Sandra, and a lot of kids have shown up. She taught the kids how to hold their rabbit, how to take it in and out of the cage, and how to set them up. In YHEC, Mason, Savannah and PJ made the team! They have been working on their shooting skills and the hunter safety course. Good luck at YHEC! Mike has been having wildlife practices. They are studying slides and identifying animals. The horse project is up and loping. Horse-O-Rama was great this year. Chelsea, Jordon, Lily, Makayla and Kaitlyn won bridles and some grooming supplies! Makayla and Kaitlyn had foals last month and they are doing great. We look forward to horse school in a couple of weeks. We'll see you at county contests and District!

## H Bar C 4-H Club

Justin Mims

SHOOLS OUT! and man have we been busy. Our annual pig sale was a success! We had a great time hosting the pig sale. We had a dog dip fundraiser on June 13th at the Feed Store, which proceeds benefited the UNMH Cancer Research program. Our H-C meeting was held on June 11th 2009. Good luck to everyone who will be participating in county and district contest. I will be back to give new info on what our club is up to next time.

## 2009 District 4-H Horse Show Dates

State 4-H Horse Show	July 24-25, 2009	Tucumcari, NM
State Fair Horse Show	September 17, 2009	Albuquerque

### Scholarship Information

Scholarship opportunities for seniors. Don't forget there are deadlines.

The following are available scholarships, please note the deadlines. Please come by the office to pick up an application or visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships.html>

Expo Scholarship: **June 30th**– Must be mailed to the EXPO address.

Sharon A West Memorial: **July 1st**

#### Start Collecting Soda Can Tabs Again!

We are once again collecting the soda can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House as a County community service Project. You can drop them off at the County Extension Office.

Notice to all Teen Leader Conference and Fun Fest participants:  
T-shirts for both events will be available for pick up after June 27th at the county extension office.

I apologize for the delay.  
~Cindy Grooms

#### State 4-H

**Submitted By: Thomas Judd**  
**State 4-H Parliamentarian**

The State 4-H Leadership Team is in preparation for State Conference! We are all really excited to see how the outcome turns out and to see how much fun everyone is going to have this year! The theme is Create YOUR Own Reality...this is our chance to try and let NM 4-Hers realize their own potential and give them the capability to reach for any dream.

We also JUST launched all of our YouTube videos that YOU created at YGA 2009. You can find those videos at: [www.Youtube.com/User/NewMexico4H](http://www.Youtube.com/User/NewMexico4H)

This is something new and different that we're launching and hopefully they catch on and we'll be able to bring you more including contest preparation and other fun NM 4-H Videos.

#### Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant

The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo Queen and Princess Pageant will be held August 15-16, 2009 at the NM Farm & Ranch Museum. Anyone interested in participating this year needs to attend the registration/orientation also being held at the Farm & Ranch Museum on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 2:00p.m. If you need any information regarding the pageant or registration please call Suzy Brown, SNMSF&R Queen Superintendent at 527-2390 or go to our website [snmstatefair.com](http://snmstatefair.com).

#### Coming soon: 4-H Boot camp:

Join White Sands 4-H Club and other military 4-H clubs from around the state for 4-H Boot Camp July 31 - Aug. 2, 2009.

The event is for novice, junior and senior 4-H members and will include a variety of activities from learning about 4-H to leadership opportunities. This event is a combination of Fun Fest and TLC. Cost for the event is \$60 which will include 1 night lodging at a hotel, all meals and workshop supplies and a t-shirt (on time this time!) Anyone interested in participating can call or email Cindy Grooms for more information or a tentative schedule at 644-6004.

Registration packets may be picked up from the county extension office. Registration deadline will be **July 15, 2009**.

## Get to Work on those Record Books!

The October 30th deadline for County Record Books will be here before we know it, so you need to make sure you are keeping good records, taking photos and getting those demonstrations and exhibits done!

Record keeping helps you to set goals, assume responsibility and learn how to evaluate your progress as you work on a project.

In order to be eligible for a medal or certificate at Awards Night, you MUST give a public demonstration in each project and you MUST exhibit to the

Public in each project (Achievement Day, Fairs etc.). You also MUST complete all parts of the Record Book, including the main part that you get from your leader, your 4-H story, have photographs and the individual project record sheets.

Let's make this year a record breaking year and have the most record books turned in ever!

### **Electric Light Parade**

There will be a Planning meeting on July 1st at 1:30pm at Clayton and Jenny Britton's house. Please bring 1 representative to the meeting. Bring any supplies you would like to donate to the float and any ideas!

We will be working on the float at the Britton's house on July 2nd starting at 9am and will continue on July 3rd if need be. Everyone is welcomed to decorate. Must help decorate to ride on the float.

Parade theme:  
Americans United Through Change.

Directions to Clayton and Jenny Britton's house: Take 1-25 North to Dona Ana Exit. Exit at Dona Ana and turn Right. Take 1st road to the left (Goat Hill Road) then take 1st road to the right (Calle Las Lomas). Turn left when road dead ends. Go down road past Desert Hills Swimming Pool and watch on Right hand-side for Guamas Road, which you will turn Right o Guamas. (Can only turn right on Guamas, which is just before series of mail boxes and before road goes down a hill.) The Britton's house is on the left side- watch for signs. House is gray brick with a white gate entrance (possibly 3rd house on left.)

### **2009 New Mexico State Fair Entry Process**

The online entry system for Junior Livestock will be available online. To log on and enter your animals please visit <http://www.exponm.com/fair/competitions/onlineentry.asp>

Remember, the entry deadline for Market Steers, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Barrows, Beef Heifers and Replacement Dairy Heifers is July 11, 2009. Junior exhibitors wishing to enter open divisions will be able to do so under their original account they created to enter the Junior Divisions.

NM State Fair Youth Official Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by August 1st. Senior 4-H members may apply to assist with entry, judging and display of indoor exhibits at the NM State Fair. Please call Eva for more information or if interested.

4-H Leaderline can be downloaded online by visiting <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> and clicking on newsletters.



The 2009 Dona Ana County 4-H/FFA Expo is fast approaching. The Expo board members are hard at work to make this year's event one of the best! Here are some important updates/reminders.

DAC Expo scholarship deadline is **June 30, 2009**. Applications can be found at [http://donaanaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h\\_scholarships](http://donaanaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h_scholarships), 4-H/FFA Expo Scholarship, or through your 4-H leader, or at the extension office. **COMPLETED** applications must be sent to DAC 4-H/FFA Expo, PO Box 13094, Las Cruces, NM 88013. Four \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded. Please refer to application for a complete list of qualifications.

DAC 4-H/FFA Expo Schedule of Events:

**August 3-5:** Shooting Sports Challenge

**August 6:** Horse Show

**August 7:** Dairy Show, Market Goat Show

**August 8:** Achievement Day, Market Rabbit, Poultry, Market Swine, Market Lambs, Market Steer and Beef Breeding Heifer show.

All events will take place at the Southern NM State Fairgrounds. Times will be listed in the premium book.

Entries for DAC 4-H/FFA Expo will be online only again this year, for all events, including Achievement Day and Shooting Sports Challenge. Entries will open on Monday, July 13, 2009, and will close on Wednesday, July 29, 2009. Late entries will be accepted, with a \$25.00 late fee assessed PER ENTRY. Please refer to the premium book for complete information on entries. The premium book will be available July 6, 2009.

Achievement Day Changes: **Non-baked good** entries will be received on FRIDAY, August 7, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Late entries will be accepted at this time (non-baked goods only). Baked goods entries will be received on SATURDAY, August 8, beginning at 8:00 AM. Late entries for baked goods will be accepted **ONLY** at this time. No other late entries will be accepted.

### SHOOTING SPORTS CHALLENGE

Come and join the FUN at the DAC Expo Shooting Sports Challenge, August 3-5, 2009. The events this year will be: 3D Archery, Muzzleloader Rifle, 22. Rifle, and 5 stand Shotgun. Novice members will shoot archery and 22., with junior and senior members shooting all events. Hi Point individual will be awarded in each age group. Check in will be at 4:30 PM with a 5:00 PM start time each day. All events will be at the Dona Ana County Sheriffs Range.

**August 3:** 22. Rifle and 5 stand Shotgun

**August 4:** Muzzleloader and 5 stand Shotgun

**August 5:** 3D Archery and 5 stand Shotgun.

Please refer to the DAC 4-H/FFA Expo premium book for a completed listing of rules.

If you have any questions about this year's Expo, please contact one of the board members.

## 2009 Photography Contest

Any 4-H member, ages 9-19, can enter photos in the New Mexico 4-H Photography Contest. Photos are displayed at the State Fair and winners receive rosettes. The top twelve photos are featured in the New Mexico 4-H Calendar sponsored by El Paso Electric Company. Below the categories and rules are listed, so start taking photos now!

### Film Photo:

**Beginner:** Beginners are youth who have zero to three years of experience taking photographs

**Advanced:** Advanced photographers are youth with four or more years' experience taking photographs

**Special Effects:** Any photo that has utilized a special technique to acquire a unique perspective or effect may be entered in this category. This is an effect achieved through composition or film techniques, not an effect added after the fact with software. For examples of special film effects refer to the 4-H Photography Projects. All photos will be judged together, regardless of experience level.

### Digital Photo:

**Beginner:** Beginners are youth who have zero to three years of experience taking photographs

**Advanced:** Advanced photographers are youth with four or more years' experience taking photographs.

**Digitally Enhanced:** Any photo that has been enhanced or adjusted through the use of digital camera features or a personal computer should be entered in this category. Entries must include the original, unaltered photo.

### Entry Rules:

Members may submit *up to three* entries in each category. Each entry set must have an Entry

Form and a Member Information Sheet. These forms are available from any New Mexico County Extension Office or the State 4-H Website, under State and National Events.

Entries must be at least 4x6 in size and may be color or black and white.

Photos will not be returned! If you want to keep your photo, please retain a copy.

Photographs must be the work of the 4-H member, taken during the current 4-H year.

Entries must be in the State 4-H Office no later than **August 3, 2009**.

Send to the State 4-H Office

MSC 3AE, Box 30003

Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003.



# Calendar



## June

- 23-26 Livestock School, Albuquerque
- 30 4-H/FFA Scholarship Due

## July

- 1 Sharon A West Memorial Scholarship due to CEO
- 2-3 Decorating 4th of July Float
- 7 State Conference Orientation at NMSU at 5:30PM
- 7 DAC Council Meeting at NMSU at 7PM
- 11 NMSF Online Entries due
- 13-17 State Conference at NMSU
- 13 4-H/FFA Expo Online Entries are open
- 16 Jesse Holloway Memorial Golf Scramble
- 24 Family Night tickets and money due to CEO
- 29 4-H/FFA Expo Online Entries Close

## August

- 1 Expo Clean up at SNMSF
- 3 State Photography Contest due to the State 4-H Office
- 3-5 4-H/FFA Expo Shooting Sports
- 6 4-H/FFA Expo Horse Show
- 7-8 4-H/FFA Expo Livestock Fair
- 8 Achievement Day at SNMSF
- 8 Family Night at SNMSF
- 11 DAC Council Executive at CEO at 7PM

**IMPORTANT!**

A mandatory State Conference orientation for State 4-H MEMBERS and their PARENTS will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 5:30 PM at the Gerald Thomas Auditorium in the NMSU AG College.

See you there!

**Memorial Golf Scramble**

The New Mexico 4-H Foundation is sponsoring the Jesse Holloway Memorial Golf Scramble, July 16, 2009, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course in Las Cruces. The scramble will be taking place on the Thursday of State 4-H Conference and will begin at 8:00AM with a shotgun start. The cost for entering the golf scramble will be \$100 per person or \$400 per team. This is a great way to have a good time, play golf and support our organization. The awards program for the golf scramble will be Thursday afternoon at Corbett Center where we will also be presenting awards to our 4-H members who competed during the week.

