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*Don't Forget!*

**The next meeting of the Doña Ana County 4-H Council will be Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7PM at the CEO. The next Exec. meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the CEO at 7PM.**



On February 21, 2009, 4-H members participated in the 2009 Leadership Training, which was conducted by Thomas Judd, Charlie Woodall, Savannah Graves, Holly Franzoy, Jeremy Witte, Sharlae Brown, Kassi Grooms and Brenna Perez, members of the Doña Ana County 4-H Leadership Team and senior 4-H member Gordon Tolliver. Youth were challenged to “Get Their Head in the Game” through leadership and teambuilding activities. The goal in mind was for these youth to have fun, develop leadership skills and learn activities which they could take back and teach other members of their respective clubs. Fun was had by all. Thank you to our presenters who did an amazing job and to our 4-H members for attending.

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### County Shooting Sports Contest

Shooting Sports will be held Saturday April 4, 2009 for all contest Except for Novice and Junior Archery which is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, 2009 at Rentfrow Gym on the NMSU Campus starting at 1 PM. . Most of the other contests on Saturday will be held at the Butterfield Range starting at 8AM. The county deadline to register with your leader is March 20, 2009.

# Club Corner

## **H Bar C 4-H Club:**

Submitted by Justin Mims

Hello! As a member of the H BAR C 4-H club, I'm happy to announce our new club officers! Our President is Cheyenne Tharp, and our Vice-Presidents are Cody Britton & Gregory Lopez. Secretary is Justin Mims, and our treasurers are Dakota Tharp, Justin Mims, & Brendon Lopez. Our American flag leader is Callie Houser, & our 4-H flag leader is Gregory Lopez. Our club leader is Jenny Britton. The H BAR C Club had been dormant for the last year, but were back and ready to go. Our annual pig sale will be on May 9th. Please look at the next Roving Clover for more information on that. Thank You.

## **H BAR C 4-H Club:**

Submitted by Justin Mims

Hello, this is Justin Mims from H BAR C 4-H Club. I am happy to announce that our own Gregory Lopez receive first place solo ensemble for violin. Also, Devan Lopez won a saddle. Our annual pig sale is set up to be on May 9th at Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds. More on that at the next meeting. For the Valentines dance, our cloverbud princess is Callie Houser. Our novice prince and princess is Devan Lopez and Dakota Tharp. The junior prince and princess are Justin Mims and Corie Britton. Finally, our senior prince is Cody Britton. Our idea to raise the 100 dollars for the cancer research program will be to have a roping at the Lopez arena from 10am until 1-2pm. We are most likely going to have concession stand at the arena. Date TBA. Well that's about it for now. We'll keep you posted about what's going on around our club.

## **Bullseye 4-H Club**

Submitted by: Holly Franzoy

Back in January the Bullseye's elected officers. President is Trace Carrillo, Vice-President is Savannah Salopek, Secretary is Sierra Salopek, Treasurer is Tyler Gardner, and Reporter is Holly Franzoy. The junior officer team consists of Raelyn Gardner, Andrew Samaniego, Noah Pelayo, Kendall Anderson, and Mikayla Smelker. The Bullseye's are starting their busy season. They started practicing for County Contest and YHEC in the beginning of February and everything is going great. Members are also attending Wildlife ID practice at Mayfield and Las Cruces High Schools. Last but not least the Bullseye's are in the middle of multiple community service projects and fundraisers.

## **Ft. Selden 4-H Club**

Submitted by Lily Woodall

The Ft. Selden 4-H Club is getting started on a great new year! Members have been meeting for shooting sports practices with the Taylor Road Turkeys. The baking and the Welcome to New Mexico 4-H groups in the club are going to be meeting for their practices soon. Some of the kids in the club went to the Teen Leadership Conference and had a ton of fun and made a lot of new friends. This year's Valentine's dance was a huge success! A lot of people came this year. The Teen Leadership Conference was going on that weekend, so all the kids that went to it were bused to the dance. There were a lot of kids of different ages, varying from Cloverbuds all the way to Seniors. The parents got to visit and even danced a little. We had a great snack bar. We sold yummy hot dogs and tasty nachos. We also gave away delightful desserts that everyone enjoyed. We had a talented DJ this year. He played a lot of different types of music, such as country and rap. That got everybody on the dance floor at least once. He took requests too! That way, everyone got to dance to a song that they liked. The DJ had a great light show, which made the dance exciting. It was a really cool dance this year. Thank you to all who came.

## **Valle Verde 4-H Club**

The new 4-H year got off to a busy start with members starting shooting practice, beginning their Cloverbud Projects and purchasing animals for this year. Members are attending weekly shooting practice in rifle, archery, shotgun and pistol.

This year's Club Project is "Meals Outdoors" and members got a lesson in Cast Iron Cooking from Ranger Dave Harkness at Ft. Seldon State Park. Members helped make, chicken and Rice with vegetables, Chicken empanadas, and a yummy apple cobbler. Mr. Harkness gave the history of Cast Iron Cooking and showed us his Chuck-wagon and the different cooking utensils, pots and cooking tables he uses. There were 52 people in attendance and everyone had a great time. Mr. Harkness has become a wonderful friend to Valle Verde and we hope to work with him on future projects at Ft. Seldon.

Valle Verde was represented at the Dona Ana County Teen Conference held on February 13-16. Members attending, experienced the climbing wall, outdoor cooking, making Community service projects, and learning to become better leaders through enriched public speaking, and team building.

Members, Leaders, Parents and Families from our Club enjoyed the Valentines Dance held by Ft. Seldon 4-H. We are busy working on the many projects taken by members and looking forward to a year of fun and learning.

## Scholarship Information

Extension Association of New Mexico Scholarships - April 1 deadline

New Mexico Junior Livestock Foundation- April 1, 2009- [www.nmjlf.org](http://www.nmjlf.org)

Please visit <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/scholarships.html> for additional scholarships or stop by the office.

### Ridgerunners 4-H club

The first meeting of the year was located at the Santa Teresa Fire Station. The room was at full capacity with old and new members. Welcome new members and thank-you to the Fire House for allowing the Ridgerunners to use the facility. The new officers began the meeting and recognized new guests. The adopted family for Christmas sent a thank-you letter for the gifts that the Ridgerunners gave to help the family have a good Christmas. The club earned money for the bag stuffing fundraiser. Mrs. Hudgens will lead the Clover Buds in a continuous project on learning manners.

Discussion on new community service ideas. The club will have a club project on Rocketry. Anyone interested in shooting sports can sign up for Hunter Safety Courses. The classes fill up quickly so don't wait too long. There will be a pancake breakfast fundraiser on April 25, from 9:00 to 11:00 at the Santa Teresa Fire Station.

The next Ridgerunners meeting will be February 16, 2009, officers at 6:00 p.m. and members 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Teresa Fire Station.

**Kids, Kows, & More is set for April 1-2nd, 2009. If you are interested in helping, Please contact Rafa at 575-525-6649.**

### State 4-H Ambassadors

The 2009 State 4-H ambassadors will be very busy this year with the planning and running of several state events. A few of them are: State Conference, New Mexico State Fair Ag tours, And the Senior Leadership Retreat. We will also be involved with several other state events, such as the Foundation Golf Tournament. Another Important event that we will be busy with is representing New Mexico 4-H at the National 4-H Congress. The State 4-H ambassadors make this trip every year to Washington D.C. for the Congress. It will be a busy year, but we plan to make it a great one!

### City Slickers 4-H Club

Submitted by Elena Davidson

The City Slickers 4-H Club has been very busy kicking off their new year.

On December 30, 2008 the City Slickers hosted members who completed record books to a fun breakfast, game morning. 10 members attended the party.

Several projects that have already started include Knitting, Sewing I, NM Flavor, and Shooting Sports.

At the most recent meeting of the City Slickers 4-H Club the club discussed many upcoming events. On February 28 the club is planning a garage sale and club meeting. Along with that they will be holding a bake sale, where all the proceeds will go to the soup kitchen.

Other events the club talked about were Teen Get-away, Leadership Conference, New Parent Conference, Novice Fun Fest, Kids, Kows, and More, Pecan Food Fantasy Contest, and the Valentine's Day Dance. This year's princes and princesses for the City Slickers will be the following members;

Novice: Elisa Davidson and Connor Olson

Junior: Carolyn Holden and Bryson Olson

Senior: Cheyenne Fulmer and Thomas Judd.

Also at the meeting the club installed the new officers.

The May meeting is planned for May 23 at the County Extension Office.

### Desert Clover 4-H Club:

Submitted by Katheryn Dickson

At our January meeting we discussed which logo we wanted on our jackets and we formed a Community Service Committee.

Our community service project for February was a canned food drive. For March, we will be sending gift boxes to the soldiers. We would like to welcome our new members into the club!

**Note from Rafa:**

I have coordinated with Mr. Beard at Las Cruces High on setting up times for the State Fair Office to come down and validate animals for State Fair. The first date is for Steers and Heifers which will be on **Wednesday, March 18 from 4 p.m. until 8p.m.** at Las Cruces High. The following date for validation will be on **Saturday May, 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m.** at Las Cruces High for sheep, goats, and dairy heifers. I know that it is the same time as County Contest, but it was the best time for Melissa from the State Fair Office to be here. Swine validation will be arranged by schedule by myself or Mr. Beard and we will follow up on those dates. Just a reminder the child does not have to be present when the animal(s) are being validated. So with that said if you need special arrangements or have any further questions please contact myself or Mr. Beard. Thank you all and look forward to another great show year.

**EXPO:**

The NEW dates for the 2009 DAC 4-H/FFA Expo are August 6-9, 2009. New to the DAC Expo this year is Shooting Sports. Stay tuned to the Roving Clover for more details. The cash party fundraiser is Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Knights of Columbus hall. Please contact Gary Lindsay if you are interested in tickers.

**IMPORTANT!**

DAC 4-H County Contests in Live-stock, Horse, Dairy, Wool & Meats Judging will be held March 21, 2009.

Each contest will be \$7.50 per member plus you will need to buy a scantron for \$1.

So please submit \$8.50.

Seniors will be giving 3 sets of reasons and Novice & Junior's will be giving one set of reasons.

You MUST pre-register no later than March 13, 2009 by 5PM. Please see your 4-H leader to do so.



**Ridgerunners 4-H Pancake Sale**

Saturday, April 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Located at:

Santa Teresa Volunteer Fire Station

101 Teresa Paseo Dr.

Santa Teresa, NM

\$5.00 cash

(\$1.00 of each ticket sold goes to the Fire Department)

Pancakes, bacon and/or sausage

Coffee or juice

For more information call:

(575) 874-9213 or (575)642-5834

**Horticultural Practices**

It is that time of the year where we are preparing for contests. Juliet Williams, one of our dedicated volunteers, will be having an orientation meeting regarding the Horticulture Contest on March 17, 2009 at 4:30 pm here at the County Extension Office. She will be going over scheduling of future practices and contest guidelines. Juliet has asked if parents and 4-H members who are interested in participating in the Horticulture Contest to please attend. If you could, please email Eva at emadrid@nmsu.edu or call 575-525-6649 by March 16<sup>th</sup> to confirm attendance and age group of 4-Her so that she can have materials ready for each respective age group.

## Novice Fun Fest

The 2009 Novice Fun Fest will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. This over-night event, sponsored by the White Sands and Valle Verde 4-H clubs, is designed to help novice 4-Hers learn about different things they can do in 4-H. The event will be held at White Sands Missile Range Child and Youth Services Youth Center. Although geared towards novice 4-Hers, it is the perfect opportunity for beginning junior members to learn what 4-H is all about also. Participants will get to know and visit with other county 4-H members, learn new games to take back to their clubs, attend workshops to help prepare them for county 4-H contests, learn about different 4-H projects and more. Cost for the Fun Fest is \$35.00 per member. This includes all meals, lodging, workshop supplies and a T-shirt. Participants will need to bring a sleeping bag and over-night supplies. A complete supply list will be sent to those members who register to attend. Registration will be Friday evening with dinner, opening ceremonies, activities and recreation to follow. Workshops will be scheduled Saturday throughout the day. Saturday evening there will be a family potluck and closing ceremonies.

We encourage all interested 4-Hers to join us for a weekend of fun, friends and 4-H. For more information, contact Cindy at 678-2708 or 644-6004, or Gloria at 526-2090. Registration packets will be available at the county extension office. Pre-registration including payment needs to be completed by close of business March 11th and returned to the County Extension Office. Late registration may be accepted if space permits, but t-shirts may not be available.

## Pig, Lamb, Goat Sales

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	CONTACT
Goats	April 4, 2009	Derry, NM	Troy or Diane Ham– 575-267-4319
Goats & Lambs	March 28, 2009	Artesia, NM Eddy County fair Grounds	Lex Klein– 575-703-0040 Timmy Klein– 575-200-9833
Sheep & Goat	April 18, 2009	Lovington, NM	Jerry Brian– 575-390-6149
Pig & Lamb	April 25, 2009	T or C	Troy or Diane Ham– 575-267-4319
Lambs	April 11, 2009	Tucumcari, NM	Melanie Gutierrez– 575-714-4414 Jeri Robinson– 575-403-8159
Pig	April 18, 2009	De Baca Fair Grounds	Joe Gammill– 575-355-2567 575-760-1375



# Calendar



## March

- 7 New Parent Orientation
- 10 County Council Meeting at CEO at 7PM
- 11 Fun Fest Reg. due to CEO by 5PM
- 13-14 Novice Fun Fest, WSMR
- 13 4-H/FFA Judging pre-reg. due to CEO by 5PM
- 17 Horticultural practice meeting at CEO at 4:30PM
- 18 NMSF-Steer Validation 4-8PM at LCHS Ag Shop
- 21 County 4-H Judging Contest with FFA
- 27 Youth-Get-Away pre-reg. due to CEO by 5PM

## April

- 1-2 Kids, Kows & More at Farm and Ranch Museum
- 4 Expo Cash Party
- 4-5 County 4-H Shooting Sports
- 13 State 4-H shooting sports reg. due to CEO by 5PM
- 14 4-H County Council Executive meeting at 7PM
- 15 Horse certificates due to CEO by 5PM
- 17-19 Youth Get Away, Inlow Baptist
- 25 4-H Talent Show, GT
- 25 Ridgerunners Pancake Breakfast 9-11AM

### **New Mexico State 4-H Community Service Project**

Submitted by: Thomas Judd

Cancer has affected each and ever one of us in some way, and the New Mexico State 4-H Leadership team believes that New Mexico 4-H should join the ranks of organizations fighting this disease by issuing a challenge for our state to raise \$20,000.00 by July. As this total can seem daunting, the Leadership Team has challenged each county to each raise a minimum of \$500. The team challenged the state at Senior Leadership Retreat 2009 and since, has provided tools and fundraising tips for everyone to partake in. A scholarship will be awarded to the county council who raises the most money; the top council must raise the minimum of \$500 and will receive 3% of the total funds raised. Dona Ana has the cream of the crop when it comes to 4-H'ers, so we know that as a county, united in the fight against cancer, we can easily surpass our goal! We have until July at State Conference 2009 to turn in funds. We believe that if each club in Dona Ana can raise \$100, then our county can contribute over \$1,300 and this would put us in the rankings for the scholarship. Your Dona Ana County Council plans to use this scholarship to better our county events such as Novice Fun Fest, Teen Leadership Conference, County Leadership Training, and to assist those in need of assistance for trips to Senior Leadership Retreat, Youth Get Away, and State Conference. Please help us in the battle against cancer...write a letter, hold a bake sale, start an emailing campaign...anything; because cancer will not cease until we find a cure.

### **2008 Youth-Get-Away**

The event is going to be held April 17-19, 2009 at Inlow Baptist Camp.

The deadline to register is March 27th and needs to be turned into the CEO by 5pm. Applications can be picked up at the CEO. The cost is \$110 per person, please make your checks to DAC 4-H.

If you have any questions please call Eva or Rafa at 525-6649.

### **Hors-O-Rama**

Horse-O-Rama is open to anyone taking the Horse Projects. Be sure and get a horse certificate into the CEO by April 15. Each participant must have a coggins test on each horse. Each session will be at 9am.

Dates:	March 7, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	
	March 28, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	
	April 25, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	
	May 2, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	
	May 9, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	
	June 6, 2009	NMSU
	Equestrian Center	