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# CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events



## DECEMBER 2024

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Celebrate the  
Holidays this  
Saturday!

Join us this  
Saturday, December  
7<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the  
Abiquiu Extension  
Office for this FREE  
make & take  
ornament making,  
crafting and  
Christmas cheer  
event.

We will have 6  
different crafting  
stations set-up to  
make at least 6  
different Christmas  
items. Bring your  
friends and family.

**Questions?**  
**Call 505-986-4523**

**FREE** Kids' Christmas  
Crafting Time

Hosted by Rio Arriba Extension Club

Join us for a Christmas crafting  
time filled with joy, laughter,  
and holiday fun!

**December 7, 2024**  
**10:00 AM till 12:00 PM**

State Road 554 House #122-A  
Abiquiu, NM 87510

Please bring teabags or  
cocoa mix for Española  
Pathways Shelter.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

December 5: Project Clips-Take 10 with 4-H  
December 7: Christmas Crafting Workshop 10am  
presented by Rio Arriba Extension Club  
December 7: El Rito Library Christmas party &  
silent auction, 11am to 4pm  
December 16: RSVP Senior Lock In due  
December 18: County Council meeting  
December 25: Christmas

December 23 - Jan 1: RA CES closed  
January 4: Awards, County Council Induction &  
Dance  
January 4 & 5: Senior Lock-In  
January 6: Horse Bowl registration opens –  
closes Jan 16  
January 23: State 4-H Portfolios due  
January 24-26: Senior Leadership Retreat 2024  
February 4: 4-H Day at the Roundhouse

## Meet the Staff

It is with pleasure we introduce you to our recent additions to the Rio Arriba County Extension office in Abiquiu. Please meet Lucinda Montaño, our brand new 4-H Ag Agent and Melanie Moya, our Program Assistant, who started back in June. Many of you already know Melanie and what a great addition she has been to the 4-H program already, but for those who don't, below is a little about both of our new(ish) employees.



Hello all,

I am Lucinda Montaño, the new Rio Arriba 4-H Extension Agent. I am originally from Las Vegas, New Mexico. I graduated from Robertson High School and went on to achieve my Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from New Mexico Highlands University. While living in Las Vegas, New Mexico, there were no positions in Biology field, so I began working with law enforcement agencies and the judicial system for about 10 years. I had an interest in teaching growing was something I wanted to try and was eager to begin. I taught Life Science- seventh grade for West Las Vegas School District for about 2 years. Teaching provided me with an insight into our ever-changing world. After moving to Rio Arriba, I briefly worked with the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD) assisting Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Knowing my passion for teaching, planning, working, and organizing, I found the Rio Arriba 4-H Extension position. I am looking forward to working with the families and youth of Rio Arriba.



My name is Melanie Moya, and I am the Program Assistant for the Rio Arriba County Cooperative Extension Service. I was born and raised in Medanales, NM. I am currently enrolled in NMSU as a student working towards my bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management. With my background being in Culinary Arts, I plan on bringing more beneficial life skills programming to our county. My goal is to support the youth in our community through 4-H by assisting with programming, youth events and county fair!







**RIO ARRIBA 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL  
CORDILLAY INVITES YOU TO OUR  
WINTER CELEBRATION & AWARDS BANQUET**

**JANUARY 4, 2025**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM (DINNER)**  
**8:00PM - 10:30PM (DANCE)**

**RIO ARRIBA COUNTY RURAL EVENTS CENTER  
MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, DANCING & AWARDS**

## NM State 4-H Portfolios

The State 4-H Portfolios will allow youth growth in your 4-H career and create a resume for your future. Form and formatting instructions are available on the general website under forms.

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/policies/forms.html>  
 The State 4-H Portfolio is due January 23, 2025. The portfolio must be delivered to SLR or turned into the State 4-H Office the week prior. The top ranked portfolios will receive a trip to National 4-H Congress with awards presented during SLR.



**CALLING ALL 4-H SENIORS!**

**DON'T LEAVE AFTER THE CELEBRATION  
ON THE SAME NIGHT & SAME LOCATION**

**WE WILL BE HAVING AN  
OVERNIGHT SENIOR LOCK IN**

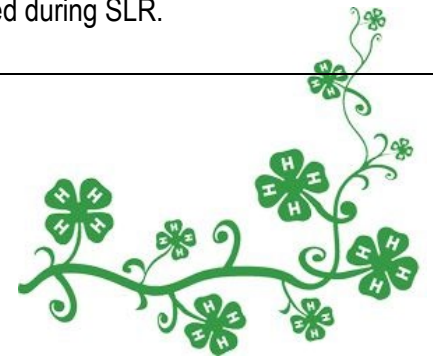
**MOVIES, GAMES, MUSIC, POPCORN, LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

**REGISTRATION FEE  
\$10.00 PER  
INDIVIDUAL**



**PLEASE BRING A SLEEPING BAG AND PAJAMAS!**  
**IN ORDER TO ATTEND, PLEASE RSVP BY DEC.16 TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE  
505-685-4523  
OR EMAIL JCZMYRID@NMSU.EDU OR MELMOYA@NMSU.EDU**

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**CARNIVAL**

**of Fun**

**Senior Lock-IN**



• Game Room • Dance • Escape Room  
 • Team Building, Fun, fun, fun!  
 • DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 PM  
 • 10\$ ETRANGE •  
 ★★★★★★★★★★  
 January 4th-5th  
 ★★★★★★★★★★

**RSVP BY DECEMBER 16TH 5PM**

### The Take 10 with 4-H – Project Clips

**December 5 at 12:30pm**  
 Please join us and share with parents and leaders.

**Join Zoom Meeting**  
<https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/84725245978>







## 4-H Club

## News

Congrats to the 4-H Rangers Club in Chama for their 1<sup>st</sup> Place Halloween WIN! Great job!! Soooo spooooky.

Village of Chama Trunk or Treat event. 1st place for best trunk. The Rangers 4H club



## *A Message from Sam Lowry . . .* **Rodeo! Shooting Sports!**

### **4-H Rodeo**

NM 4-H Rodeo Advisory Board Applications are due January 1st. Please email completed application forms to [samlowry@nmsu.edu](mailto:samlowry@nmsu.edu) no later than 11:59 PM January 1, 2024. See the following link for application forms and more information.

<https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/4h/4h-rodeo.html>

### **4-H Shooting Sports**

- **Please save the date** - The 2025 NM State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held February 7-9, in Roswell, NM, at the Eastern NM State Fairgrounds.
  - Registration begins December 4th and CLOSSES January 22 – due at Extension office
  - All participants in the training must be County approved and fully enrolled as a 4-H volunteer in Zsuites prior to registering for the training.
  - The cost will be \$100.00 per participant.
  - More information will be shared and posted to the State 4-H website as it becomes available.
  - <https://nm4h.nmsu.edu/events/shooting.html>



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual New Mexico 4-H  
Online Horse Bowl Tournament**  
January 27 to 31, 2025  
6 to 9 pm over the Internet

If you like horses, learning more about them, and you like to compete, then the HBT is your chance to shine. Prizes are awarded to the top 4 teams overall and to the top 10 individuals in each age division (Novice, Jr., Sr.). Matches are held over Zoom, so you can compete virtually with teams across the state. You don't need to be in the horse project, but you must be enrolled in New Mexico 4-H to play. The registration fee is \$10 per contestant.

Registration opens January 6 and closes on January 16, 2025. You can register through your county 4-H agent. Your agent can provide study materials, tournament rules, and technology requirements. Contact information for your county 4-H agent can be found at: <https://extension.nmsu.edu/county.html>



For more information, contact Dr. Jason Turner

Awards courtesy of Northern NM Horsemen's Association.



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Dr. Jason Turner by 1/16/2025 at [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu).

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## ***Time to Complete the Annual Working with Minor Training Guidelines for 4-H Volunteers***

You may complete the training through the Self-paced model on Zsuites:

<https://4h.zsuite.org/>

When you are in your 4H ZSuite account and have selected your profile follow the steps below:

1. Click on Clover Academy on the left menu bar
  2. Launch Clover Academy
  3. Open NM Working with Minors (*even though it says completed*)
  4. Under 'You have earned a certificate' is a button that says [*Reset All Course Progress for New Year (Cannot be undone.)*]
  5. Click on the blue '*Reset All Course Progress for the New Year (Cannot be undone)*'
  6. Start Course
  7. Complete the course and a certificate will be available with the completion date. The county 4-H ZSuite administrator should be able to see the volunteer completion on his/her county page.
- Just a reminder, all of us that work directly with youth need to take the working with minors training annually.***

## ***New Mexico 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.

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.



*A few exhibits from the State Fair...*

are still here & ready for pick-up. Please stop by the Rio Arriba Extension office at your earliest convenience to get your exhibits. We will bring them to the Awards ceremony for final pick-up.

Thank you!

We also have *Homemade Delights* ribbons, certificates, comments cards etc here for pick-up

May all the joys of the holiday season fill your heart and follow you throughout the coming year. Wishing you happy holidays and a wonderful New Year!

*Donald, Joy, Lucinda, Mariaelena, Andrea, and Melanie*



*Joy Cupid*

Rio Arriba County FCS Agent & FCS 4-H



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I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking  
My HEART to greater loyalty,  
My HANDS to larger service, and  
My HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community, my country and my world.