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# CLOVERLEAF

Your Source for 4-H News and Events



## JANUARY 2022

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Felix, Heaven, Dominic, Jhett, Aaliyah, Chailyn,  
Tiffani, Antonio, Jayden**

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

**Hello January! Happy New Year!**

"No matter how hard the past, you can always begin again." - Buddha

As we transition into more in-person events and activities, remember it is up to you, to take advantage of all 4-H has to offer! We are here, actively engaged, and committed to serving you and providing 4-H programs! As we continue to offer regular operating business hours, we ask you arrange an appointment to visit our offices. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions and concerns. **We appreciate you!**



*Don't miss  
the  
Deadline*

**ENROLL NOW  
for the 2021-2022  
4-H Program Year!**

Enrollment is taking place during your club meeting.  
Contact your Club Leader for meeting date and time.  
**Deadline for Re-Enrollment is JANUARY 3**  
**Deadline for New Enrollment is MARCH 7**  
**Deadline to Add/Delete 4-H Projects is MARCH 7**

**Big CONGRATULATIONS  
to the 2020-2021  
Rio Arriba County 4-H  
Awards Recipients**

**Outstanding Novice – Marriah Johnson**  
**Outstanding Junior – Andrea Dominguez**  
**Outstanding Senior – Chantel Bibeault**  
**Achievement Award – Colette Bibeault**  
Special thank you to our Buckle and Plaque  
Sponsors!

**Help us Welcome Ms. Iliana, our  
New Admin Assistant in the Abiquiu office!**

Hi everyone! My name is Iliana Mendez, and I am currently a sophomore at New Mexico State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. I got the opportunity to be able to work with Rio Arriba County Extension Service and I couldn't be happier. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for myself and I'm excited to be working with such a great team.



Rio Arriba County 4-H  
2020-2021 Recognition Video  
<https://youtu.be/CUE2uaMLfxI>  
Thank you 4-H Family!  
Let's make 2022 an Amazing year!



# Rio Arriba County 4-H Council Leadership Elections Sunday, Jan 9, 2022 04:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/95415344790>

Meeting ID: 954 1534 4790

One tap mobile +12532158782,,95415344790# US or +13462487799,,95415344790# US

Dial by your location +1 253 215 8782 US

Below is information taken from the Rio Arriba Council Constitution and By-Laws.

If you have any questions or would like more information, call or email Marcella 575-588-7423 [marctala@nmsu.edu](mailto:marctala@nmsu.edu)

## Constitution Article IV – Officers

The elected officers known as the executive committee of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Four (4) County 4-H Ambassadors



## By-Laws Article I – Election of Officers

- Officers shall be elected at the October meeting and installed at the Annual Awards Ceremony.
- Term of office shall be one year.
- Officers are not eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.
- If officers miss two (2) regular meetings or other council planned activities, they will be reviewed by the council and may be automatically removed from office. The council will vote in replacement officers from qualified council delegates.
- Voting will be by secret ballot. In case of a tie, a coin will be tossed.
- Candidates should be present at the election meeting.

## Article IV – Qualifications of Officers

- The office of President should be held by a senior 4-H member who has held an office in his/her local club.
- The President and Vice President should not both be seniors in High School.
- The offices of President and Secretary should be held by members who have been in 4-H for at least two (2) years.
- The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, Reporter, Recreation Leader, Historian and Parliamentarian should be held by members who have been in 4-H at least one (1) year.
- The officer candidates should be aware of the importance of community (i.e., may have taken 4-H junior leadership projects and know duties of offices).

## By Laws Article V – Duties of Officers

General duties of all officers of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Council are:

- Attend officer training (usually held in January or February).
- Keep log of duties performed and submit report at end of the year.
- Attend officer meetings as called to handle immediate matters of the council.
- Provide reports prior to regular meetings, and a letter of explanation for missed meetin
- Train officers in each county club as requested.



## A few reasons why you should become part of the Rio Arriba County 4-H Leadership team:

- You practice your leadership skills
  - You make new friends
- You help guide the growth of the county 4-H program
- You assist with Fun and Engaging events/activities
- It looks great on a scholarship application/job resume

## HOW TO MAKE A MOTION

Let the President know you would like to make a Motion. Wait until the President calls on you and then begin by stating...**"I move..."** After the main Motion is made, it must receive a second, to support the action. This is done by having a member stand and state...**"I second the motion."** President: **"It has been properly moved and seconded that we... Is there any discussion?"** Discussion allows for reasons for supporting or opposing the motion to the group. When discussion ends, the President calls for a vote of the members at the meeting. President: **"We will now proceed to vote. All those in favor of the main motion, signify by saying "Aye." All those opposed say, "Nay."**

## New Mexico 4-H Leaderline January – February – March 2022 issue is able online at

[https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/documents/leaderline\\_january-february-march-2022\\_accessible.pdf](https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/documents/leaderline_january-february-march-2022_accessible.pdf)

**Good morning, NMSU Extension Volunteers!**

**Thank you for all you do for NMSU Extension!**

**NMSU is working with a national team of researchers studying agricultural literacy, and we need your help to investigate the agricultural literacy needs of volunteers affiliated with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service. Even better, there are prizes for participating!**

### **How To Participate**

For all Extension professionals between the ages of 18–65, [please complete this survey \(link also below\)](#). **The survey will be open until December 22 and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.**

Agricultural literacy is defined as an individual's ability to value and communicate accurately about agriculture. It is a critical component of the extension mission—and a topic area that has significance to nearly every program area. Agriculture is more than food, clothing, and shelter. It is a part of finance, nutrition, community employment, youth programs, environmental sustainability, and more. Participation is voluntary, but the survey will offer data that will enable us to determine a baseline for the level of agricultural knowledge held within the front lines of our organization.

### **How To Win**

Participation is voluntary and your survey results will be anonymous. For those who complete the survey, you will be directed to a separate Google form where you will enter your contact information for a chance to win one of three "swag gift baskets." Two "Aggie swag" baskets are worth \$100, and one "Aggie swag" basket is worth \$50. At the end of the survey period, three winners will be randomly selected, and the winners will be notified at the end of the survey period. Baskets will be mailed to the winners; no pickup is necessary. [Complete the survey to receive the link to be entered in the drawing.](#)

If you have questions or concerns about the study, please contact the Principal Investigator, Dr. Shannon Norris, (575) 590-0030 or [norriss@nmsu.edu](mailto:norriss@nmsu.edu)

Best,

Shannon Norris

IRB Protocol #: 22358

**NMSU Extension Agricultural Literacy Survey Link:**

[https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4OQHDmJXYmqZyFE](https://acesnmsu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4OQHDmJXYmqZyFE)

## **NM State 4-H Portfolios**



Portfolio is another word for a record book that covers your entire career in 4-H, as opposed to only one year. Not only will you have a comprehensive record of your 4-H activities and gain the valuable skills, you have an opportunity to compete for a sponsored trip to the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

This opportunity is available to Senior 4-H members (age 13 and in the 8th grade – age 18). There is no minimum number of years you have to have been a member or submitted a county record book. Books are evaluated based on growth in the timeframe submitted. Winners will be recognized during SLR.

Guidelines and forms available at <https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/forms.html>

**Deadline to submit State 4-H Portfolios to the Rio Arriba Extension Office is January 14**

## **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

The Connecting Our Voices is recruiting youth ages 10-18 to participate in a community youth advisory council. The Community Youth Advisory Council meets the 3rd Saturday of each month from 12:00-2:00 pm. At the Chimayo Elementary Boy's & Girl's Club (virtual if possible). Youth will have unique opportunities to: discover leadership abilities, participate in decision-making skills and problem solving activities, explore self-expression, learn policy & legislative advocacy 101, develop social media campaigns to increase awareness around substance abuse, explore issues affecting your school, family and community, and participate in service-learning projects.

For more information, contact Dr. Susie Villalobos, Acting SPF-PFS Project Director, [susie@nlbha.org](mailto:susie@nlbha.org) or Sheri Sanchez, Youth Mentor, [Sherisanchez22@gmail.com](mailto:Sherisanchez22@gmail.com)





**Unlock the mysteries of space exploration!**

Hosted by the NM 4-H STEAM Innovators  
January 15, 2022 @ 10:00 am

Register at <https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/virtual-events.html>  
by January 5, 2022 to receive a FREE kit for this virtual event!

Program supported by:



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Brittany Sonntag at [bsontag@nmsu.edu](mailto:bsontag@nmsu.edu) by December 30, 2021. New Mexico State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and educator. NMSU and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. #4HSTEMChallenge

### Galactic Quest 4-H STEM Challenge

Please join us Saturday January 15, 2022 at 10am on Zoom for the Galactic Quest 4-H STEM Challenge. Designed by Clemson University, Galactic Quest focuses on the mysteries and adventures of space exploration. Participants will explore the history of humans in space, the technology and resources needed for missions, and the obstacles encountered in orbit.

Activities explore STEM topics ranging from physics and engineering to computer science and space agriculture. This event is open to Novices through Seniors. Please register before January 5, 2022 to receive a free kit. Each kit has materials for 1-4 youth to participate in the activities. Kits are limited. Registration is available at

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/virtual-events.html>

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 17-21, 2022

# NATIONAL 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS QUIZ BOWL

in partnership with Z-Suite/Zing Books

Registration Details & Study Guide available Jan 1, 2022 at

National 4-H Shooting Sports <https://4-hshootingsports.org>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/National4HShootingSports>

Registration \$10 per Participant. Youth must be enrolled 4-H Members.

## SAVE THE DATE Livestock Project Selection and Nutrition Seminar

Saturday, January 29, 2022  
Beginning at 9:30 am

Location: If circumstances allow, this event will be held in-person

FREE EVENT - RSVP for the event at:

<https://forms.gle/oRaQCEaBNFjcrihD8>

More information coming soon...



## 2nd Annual Virtual Horse Bowl Tournament

Do you like horses, learning about horses, and are competitive?

If so, this is the perfect competition for you!

You can represent your county from the comfort of your own home and have fun during an online virtual competition!

**When: January 24th-28th**

(Bracket Style Competition)

**Time: 7pm-10pm**

**How: Call YOUR Extension Office to get registered and for more info.**

**\$5.00  
Entry Fee**

**Registration Deadline January 10th.**

Prizes will be awarded in each age group



Novice

Junior

Senior



*You do not have to be enrolled in the horse project to compete, but must be enrolled in 4-H in New Mexico.*



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate, please contact Jason Turner, NMSU horse Specialist by January 10th at 575-646-1242 or [jturner@nmsu.edu](mailto:jturner@nmsu.edu)

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## HACKING FOOD WASTE: DEVELOPING CLIMATE FRIENDLY HABITS FOR A BETTER WORLD

### Who

New Mexico Youth Aged 14-18

Team: 2-4 youth; Individuals will be assigned to a team.

### What

Hackathon: Two-day virtual event to design a hack to reduce food waste

### When

February 25 and 26, 2022

### Where

Register in Advance at:

<https://hackingfoodwaste.nmsu.edu>

### Why

Compete for funding to support your ideas and change the world.



**HACKING FOOD WASTE**



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## **Rio Arriba County Livestock Tagging Dates**

### **Attention Livestock Exhibitors:**

It is a requirement to have your project animals tagged and inspected during designated dates in order to exhibit at the Rio Arriba County Fair, which will be held July 27-31, 2022.

### **Beef:**

Friday, February 25, Tierra Amarilla, 3-5 pm  
Saturday, February 26, Abiquiu, 9-11 am

### **Goat, Sheep, and Swine:**

Friday, April 29, Tierra Amarilla, 3-6 pm  
Saturday, April 30, Abiquiu, 9-11 am

### **Rabbits and Poultry:**

Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, Tierra Amarilla, 3-6 pm  
Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Abiquiu Office, 9-11 am

Additional Information regarding requirements will be announced in next month's newsletter and emailed to members enrolled in livestock projects.

## **In need of a refresher on Livestock Project Selection and Nutrition?**

Check out the recordings of last year's Show Rite sessions on our 4-H Project Resource Page:

<https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h-resource-page.html>

### **Show Rite Stock Show Classroom – Additional Livestock Webinars**

Check out this great resource broken into 9-weeks and by topic

<https://go.alltech.com/showrite-stock-show-classroom?fbclid=IwAR2gOvQmFBX1fyvfpCzQRkZQs3v-yUKvr8j4MP8kxKC1-Gw7OmV0dadXsbk>

We will continue to update the page with resources to help you with your 4-H projects.

## **ATTENTION RIO ARRIBA COUNTY FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS**

The 2022 Rio Arriba County Fair Bred and Raised Guidelines and forms are now available. Livestock exhibitors will be asked to complete a Health Form for each animal being exhibited during the event.

All forms are available at:  
<https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/4-h-resource-page.html>

## **Enrolled in a Livestock 4-H Project?**

### *Planning to Exhibit your 4-H Project Animal?*

Livestock exhibitors are required to attend the designated tagging dates and to complete a Livestock Nomination Certificate to designate their project animals. 4-H Leaders and FFA advisors will be asked to sign the completed certificates after the tagging to complete the nomination process. In the months leading up to the County Fair, exhibitors will be asked to complete an entry form confirming show intentions and identifying the number of livestock pens needed.

### **The 2022 “Guide for Livestock Exhibitors”**

Outline the requirements for showing Junior Livestock in New Mexico can be found on the New Mexico 4-H Website  
<https://www.nmlbonline.com/documents/2021%20New%20Mexico%20Guide%20for%20Livestock%20Exhibitors.pdf>

### **Livestock Nomination Form**

form can be found on our CES website or request a copy by mail or email from the TA or Abiquiu office.

### **Keep in Mind:**

**NO animals will be tagged outside of specified dates or off site.**

Exhibitor need not be present at tagging, as long as, proper paperwork is completed and sent with designated representative.

**Tags will cost \$3.50**

Tag Replacement pricing: 1st replacement \$3.50;  
2nd and beyond \$4.

**COVID-19 Safe Practices will be enforced during all  
In-person events.**

Contact Marcella if you have any questions.

## **Enrolled in a 4-H Horse Project?**

Members looking to participate in 4-H Sanctioned Horse Shows are required to submit a Horse Certificate for their 4-H project horse. Horse Certificates need to be completed every year.

Horse Certificates are due on **May 1** to the **County Extension Office** and available on our County Website

<https://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/documents/4-h-horse-certificate-form-1001-2-r-2021-accessible.pdf>

## **Enrolled in the 4-H Rodeo Project?**

By State Rodeo Rules, all contestants must have personal accident insurance and a signed and completed rodeo waiver in the State 4-H Office **15 days** prior to the participant's first rodeo of the current year in order for the member to compete in Sanctioned 4-H Rodeos.

This includes the completion of the rodeo safety course.

If hauling, obtain hauling certificate.

**RODEO CARDS ARE ISSUED ANNUALLY**

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

**ATTENTION ADULT 4-H VOLUNTEERS!  
IT IS TIME TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL WORKING  
WITH MINORS TRAINING.**

You may complete the training through the Self-paced model on Zsuites: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

Instructions available at:

<https://rioarribaextension.nmsu.edu/documents/zsuite-instructions-for-volunteers---10-02-20.pdf>

Have you completed the model in past years? Here are the steps to complete the training for this year:

1. Click on Clover Academy on 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 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.

**Or schedule a Training meeting at your next club meeting.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Spring Shooting Sports Leader Certification  
February 19-20, 2022

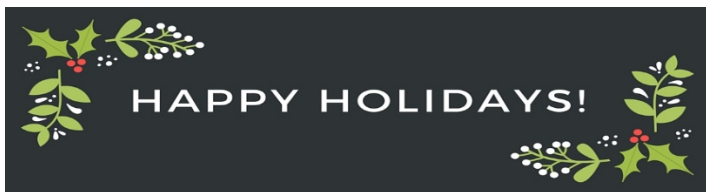
for Archery, Shotgun, and Rifle in Tucumcari, NM

2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Summit  
March 18-20, 2022

Whittington Center, Raton, NM

2022 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships  
May 5-8, 2022

Whittington Center, Raton, NM



*Marcella Talamante*  
**Marcella Talamante, Extension 4-H Agent**



4-H GROWS HERE

**Clash of the Counties**

**STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE**

**Help your community and be a winner!**

WANT TO LEARN MORE AND GET INVOLVED? JOIN US ON ZOOM

WE ARE ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DONATIONS TO GIVE TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE COUNTED TOWARDS OUR COUNTY'S COLLECTION REPORT.

- Dec. 21st 6 pm Check in #2** → Report of month two collection and interactive cooking session
- Jan. at Senior Leadership Retreat** → Winner announced!

OUR MISSION IS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF FOOD INSECURITY IN ALL 33 COUNTIES



WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE/TROPHY!

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.

**Remember to Check our Rio Arriba 4-H Facebook Page for more events and continuous updates!**

**Dates to Remember...**

- December 21: First Day of Winter
- December 21: Clash of the Counties Zoom
- December 24-January 2: CES Offices Closed
- December 25: Christmas Day
- December 26: Kwanza Begins
- January 1: New Year's Day
- January 3: Re-Enrollment Deadline
- January 15: Galactic Quest Virtual Event
- January 17: MLK Day, CES Offices Closed
- January 21-23: SLR
- January 25: 4-H Day at the Roundhouse
- January 24-28: Virtual Horse Bowl

