



Eddy County Green Scene



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Hello Eddy County 4-H!

My name is Leslie and am I starting fresh out of retirement as your NEW 4-H Agent. I have never been in this position, but I was in the classroom for over 28 years teaching Agriculture Sciences and serving as the FFA advisor in Loving and then Carlsbad.

Both of my children grew up in 4-H, thus I do have a bit of knowledge in how things are ran, in addition to having the pleasure of working closely with the 4-H office throughout my career.

I am hoping to implement a few more activities that the 4-Hers may be interested in this year! (Nothing too wild or crazy.) I am really looking forward to working with each and every one of you to help the youth of our county meet their goals and hopefully exceed them!

I am planning to visit all students with livestock projects heading to the State Fair in the next couple of weeks, just to say hello and see your projects.

Please feel free to contact me via email or at the office if there is anything I can assist you with.

Sincerely,

Leslie Clark-Spearman

Things to remember this month:

-If you want to enter any of your winning baked goods from county fair at the NM State Fair or Easter NM State Fair, please get with Vonda as you will have to make NEW and FRESH products to be sent.

-Start new enrollment forms (Due by September 30th if you are showing at Eastern Fair!) Forms are available on our website.

-Start thinking of what projects you may be interested in for this next year (if you are going to try to show steers this is every important to get a jumpstart)

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Just a fun Packing List if you are heading to the next two fairs...

Paperwork & Documentation

- **Health Papers:** Current official Livestock Board inspection certificates.
- **Entry Forms:** Confirmation and entry receipts for the specific major show. (Always a good thing to have a copy)
- **Fair book:** Pages printed with the schedule and times posted and for your show with the rules.
- **Wholesome Meat Act:** Completed paperwork signed and notarized for Eastern Fair! We will attach it to next month's newsletter.

Feed & Pen Supplies

- **Feed and Hay:** Enough for the entire trip plus extra days.
- **Buckets and Troughs:** Feed pans and deep water buckets.
- **Water Hose & Nozzle:** Long hose with a spray nozzle and extra washers.
- **Bedding:** Shavings or fibers as permitted by the show facility.
- **Cleaning Tools:** Pitchfork, rake, square-point shovel, broom, and wheelbarrow.

Grooming & Show Ring Gear

- **Show Box:** Locked tack box to secure small tools.
- **Brushes & Combs:** Scotch combs, rice root brushes, and soft brushes.
- **Show Equipment:** Show sticks, correct halters, leads, and chains.
- **Power & Air:** Heavy-duty extension cords, power strips, and livestock blowers.
- **Care Products:** Species-specific shampoos and conditioners

Exhibitor & Camp Essentials

- **Show Attire:** Clean button-down shirt, hard-to-find boot socks, belt, and dark pants or jeans. Include safety pens or a clip for your show number.
- **Footwear:** "Barn" shoes/boots for the barns and clean show shoes for the ring.
- **Comfort Gear:** Lawn chairs, a small folding table, ice chest for cold drinks, and portable fans for the stall.
- **First Aid:** Human first-aid kit and basic animal health remedies/bandages.
- **Hardware Kit:** Duct tape, zip ties, baling wire, and extra markers

Most Importantly....a smile and sense of humor!

4-H MEMBERSHIP AGE DIVISIONS

4-H programming in New Mexico addresses the needs and interests of young people. Any boy or girl age 5 through 18 years of age, who enrolls in the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Cooperative Extension Service is a 4-H member. The 4-H program year is October 1 through September 30.

The following guidelines address specific age requirements for the 4-H program:

	CLOVERBUD	NOVICE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
GRADE	Kinder, 1st, 2nd	3rd, 4th, 5th	6th, 7th	8th and up
AGE (as of Jan 1st of current 4-H year which is Oct-Sept)	5, 6, 7 year olds; 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade; 9 year olds; 10 year olds; 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds. **Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

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EDDY COUNTY 4-H MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING REQUIREMENTS

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET OR YOUTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H EVENTS OR FUNCTIONS!!!!

Members must participate in the following:

A demonstration

One 4-H community service project

Lead an activity – such as being a club officer, leading pledges, being in charge of recreation, etc. or other activities approved by the club's organizational leader

Members must participate in at least **5 Club meeting** per 4-H Year.

Members must participate in at least **one 4-H Council meeting or activity** per 4-H Year.

Members must enter and complete at least one indoor exhibit at the Eddy County Fair

Members must complete and turn-in a **4-H Story or Competition Record Book**.

Members will be required to sign an annual acknowledgement of the Member in Good Standing requirements and turn in with their enrollment form.

A final record showing completion of member in good standing requirements will be due to the 4-H Agent by July 1 and they must have been signed by the main

organizational leader(s). **Members participating in 4-H rodeos, shooting sports, and/or judging must show progress towards meeting the above requirements by**

April 1st in order to participate in any of these events. Members attending 4-H camps must show progress towards completing the above requirements by the registration deadline for that camp.

The County Director and the Extension 4-H Agent have final jurisdiction on determining if a member has met the Member in Good Standings requirements.

The Eddy County 4-H Member in Good Standing requirements must be fulfilled to be eligible to exhibit at the Eddy County Fair (both livestock and non-livestock projects), to participate in 4-H judging, 4-H rodeos, shooting sports, camps, and other 4-H related activities.



September Events

September 11-18: EXPO New Mexico (New Mexico State Fair) Albuquerque, NM

2nd Thursday: Zia Sharp Shooters will begin club meetings

October Events:

New 4-H year...4H club meetings start.

October 4-10: Eastern NM State Fair, Roswell, NM. (Please make sure if you are going to show at the Eastern NM State fair you have completed your enrollment BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 as the New enrollment year starts October 1.

October 12: Eddy County 4-H Council meeting at 6:00 pm in Carlsbad

November Events:

November 9: Eddy County 4-H Council meeting at 6:00 pm in Artesia at the Eddy County Community Center

December Events:

4-H Awards Ceremony Banquet TBA

January Events

Jan. 12: Eddy County 4-H Council meeting at 6 pm in Artesia at the Eddy County Community Center

Jan. 15: 4-H Member Enrollment Deadline

Jan. ? Senior Leadership Retreat, Seniors Only and Parliamentary Procedure Contest

March Events

FCS school

April Events

Youth Get-away

May Events

Shooting sports championship

June Events:

Horse School

Regional Livestock School

Ranch Camp

National 4-H Shooting



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EDDY COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Club Name	Meeting Date	Time	Location
Artesia 4-H	2 nd Sunday	3:00pm	Artesia Shooting Range
Cottonwood 4-H/ Cloverbuds	1 st Monday (2 nd Monday in October)	5:30 pm	Eddy County Community Center; Artesia
Brushpoppers	1 st Monday	6:00 pm	Extension Office
Kountry Klovers	1 st Tuesday	6:15 pm	Extension Office
Loving 4-H	2 nd Tuesday	6:30 pm	Loving Elementary Cafeteria
Zia Sharpshooters/ Clover Bud Crew	2 nd Thursday	6:00 pm	ATC Shooting Range
Mountain Dudes 4-H	2 nd Saturday	10:00 am	Dunken Fire Station
YHEC 4-H	Sundays starting in March	1 pm	Carlsbad Shooting Range

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4-H Deadlines, Reminders &
Events

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Text the message @eddyco to
the number 81010.

Shooting Sports Remind text
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