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Eddy County Green Scene

Eddy County Cooperative Extension Service • Eddy County 4-H • November 2026

Eddy County 4-H Banquet

Saturday, December 5, 2026
6:00 pm
First Baptist Church, Carlsbad



We will be recognizing members for Years of Membership, Outstanding Club Members, participants in State and District Events, installing the new officer team, recognition of our Fred Funk Friend of 4-H, and also saying thank you to our 4-H Club Leaders for their hard work and dedication.
The meat and bread will be provided so please get with your Club Leader to see what 'addition' your club has been assigned to bring.

Hello Eddy County 4-H!

There is the saying "Time flies when you are having fun!" We are making plans to have fun as the 2027 year is just around the corner. I have sent out emails on Senior Leadership Retreat and Senior Parliamentary Procedure, January 22-24. If you are interested in Senior Parliamentary Procedure, please let me know immediately. If you are wanting to go to SLR, please let me know by December 7th at 4:00 pm in the office.

The 4-H stories and record books have been completed and turned in so that they may be judged and awards can be given at banquet.

I have attended a couple of 4-H Club meetings and plan to continue to do so as I love meeting everyone and seeing how each club works.

Hoping to see you all soon or at the banquet,

Leslie Clark-Spearman

Things to remember this month:

-Sale pictures, awards pictures, and Thank You list will be with your club leaders. Please get with them and remember to send those *Thank You* cards as the community loves to receive them!

-If you are a senior member and want to go to SLR and join Parliamentary Procedure please let me know ASAP!

-We are electing council officers on November 9th in Artesia. If you were not on the list, but want to run, I need that information BEFORE the November 9th meeting.

-Enrollment forms are due by December 1st.

-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 very important to get a jumpstart)

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County Fun Cooking Corner:

- Just some fun recipes to try at home!
- If you have a fun recipe you and your family would like to share, please send it to leclark@nmsu.edu with a picture of YOU and see if it shows up in a future newsletter!

Pumpkin Patch Pudding Cups

What You Need:



- Clear plastic cups
- Chocolate pudding
- Chocolate cream cookies
- Green sugar crystal sprinkles
- Candy pumpkins (typically in an Autumn mix)
- Green gel (optional)
- Paper straw
- Craft sticks (5 each)
- Hot glue
- Paint or paint pen

Directions

1. To begin the pumpkin patch pudding cups, prepare soft-serve chocolate pudding (instant pudding works great) and fill the cups about 3/4 full.

2. Crush up some chocolate cream cookies using your fist, a spoon, or a food processor.

3. Sprinkle a decent amount of cookie crumbs onto the top of the pumpkin patch pudding. This will be the "dirt."

4. Most pumpkin patches have a little bit of grass still with the pumpkins, not just dirt, so add some of the green sprinkles around the top of your pumpkin patch pudding cup.

5. Place a few mellowcreme pumpkins on the top of your pumpkin patch pudding and push them down gently into the "dirt" like they are sitting in a pumpkin patch. If you can find different sized/shaped pumpkins, that would be even better! You can also add some green gel for vines and sprinkle on some leaf-shaped sprinkles if you wish!

6. While the pudding sets, make the pumpkin patch signs! Start by gluing the craft sticks onto the paper straw. Make sure these are centered and that they each touch. Leave a small amount of the straw poking out from the top and a good amount below as it will be sticking into the pudding.

7. If you would like to make the signs sturdier, flip the sign around and add some more glue around where the straw meets the craft sticks. I reinforced my sign this way.

8. Flip the sign back around. Using the paint or paint pen, write "Pumpkins $1.00" onto the sign. Let dry.

9. Once the Pumpkin Patch Pudding has set, carefully stick the sign in near the back. If needed, place the pudding cup back into the refrigerator for a bit so the sign does not fall over.

10. Serve chilled.

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.



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.

4-H Calendar

November Events:

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

November 13-15: Adult Volunteer Leader's Retreat, Las Cruces

November 16: Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 6:00 pm, Carlsbad

December Events:

December 1: 4-H Member Enrollment Deadline *NEW*!

December 5: *4-H Awards Ceremony Banquet, Carlsbad at 6:00 pm*

December 7: SLR registration due!!!

January Events

Jan 1: Happy New Year!!!

Jan. 11: Eddy County 4-H Council meeting at 6 pm in Artesia at the Eddy County Community Center

Jan. 22-24: Senior Leadership Retreat (Seniors Only) and Senior Parliamentary Procedure Contest, Las Cruces

February Events

Feb 8: Eddy County 4-H Council meeting at 6 pm in Carlsbad, Eddy County Extension Office

Feb 19-21: Shooting Sports Leader's Training, Farmington

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	2nd Sunday	3:00pm	Artesia Shooting Range
Cottonwood 4-H/ Cloverbuds	1st Monday	5:30 pm	Eddy County Community Center; Artesia
Brushpoppers	1st Monday	6:00 pm	Extension Office
Kountry Klovers	1st Tuesday	6:15 pm	Extension Office
Loving 4-H	2nd Tuesday	6:30 pm	Loving Elementary Cafeteria
Zia Sharpshooters	2nd Thursday	6:00 pm	ATC Shooting Range
Mountain Dudes 4-H	2nd 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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