



Eddy County Green Scene



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



National 4-H Week 2026

Please **Go Green** on Monday, October 5th. Hopefully every 4-H member and parent can wear green or wear something that has to do with 4-H on that day! If you could share pictures with me, I will be more than happy to post them on the Eddy County 4-H page!

Thankful Thursday is October 8th. I am asking that you help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! This day is to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making a positive impact by helping their communities and beyond, so if you have a member in your club that should be recognized please send me their story and a picture of them so we may recognize them on social media!

Share your own stories or celebrate someone who is making a difference by tagging your own post on social media with **#National4HWeek** and **#4HBeyondReady**



Hello Eddy County 4-H!

Welcome to October! Eastern NM State Fair, cooler temperatures, starting a new year of 4-H Council meetings, starting most of the 4-H Club meetings, and just overall enjoying the new Fall season...wonderful things happening within the Eddy County 4-H world.

If you did not have the chance to chat with anyone from state fair, or did not keep up with social media, Eddy County had a very successful year. The county had 9 individuals sell their animals as a result of having such a successful showing. Congratulations to all those who walked away with banners, ribbons, or maybe success of just showing at the New Mexico State Fair.

Please make sure you have your stories or record books completed by November 1, 2026. Requirements and guidelines can be found on our Eddy County 4-H page <https://eddyextension.nmsu.edu/4h.html> (I will also send this out in an e-mail).

Hoping to see you all soon,

Leslie Clark-Spearman

Things to remember this month:

- Most club meetings are starting this month, please take a leadership roll within your club!
- We are starting council meetings again this month and we will be nominating individuals this month and electing council officers in November.
- Start new enrollment forms, they 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 every 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!

Chocolate Pumpkin Muffins

Ingredients

- 1 (18.5-ounce) box devil's food cake mix
- 1 (15-ounce) can pumpkin OR 2 cups fresh pumpkin (cooked and mashed)
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Steps

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Mix the cake mix, pumpkin, and chocolate chips in a large bowl.
- Spoon the batter into a greased muffin pan.
- Bake 10–12 minutes at 350°F.
- Let cool and enjoy!

Tip:

- Dark chocolate is a great source of antioxidants!



Apple Nachos

Ingredients

- 2–3 apples (in-season or your favorite variety)
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ¼–½ cup nut or seed butter
- ¼ cup mini chocolate chips
- 2 tablespoons shredded coconut

Steps

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Wash the apples under cool, running water.
- Core and slice the apples into 8–10 slices per apple. Drizzle with lemon juice.
- Arrange the apples evenly on a plate in a single layer.
- Microwave the nut butter for 20 seconds or until smooth.
- Drizzle the apple slices with nut butter.
- Add toppings and enjoy!

Tips:

- Add raisins for more fiber.
- Add nuts for more crunch.
- Add a dash of cinnamon to enhance the flavor.



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.



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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Shooting Sports Remind text
@ziash to 81010.

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