New Mexico 4-H program grew stronger

By Rick Richardson
Interim 4-H Department Head

As the old year ends and the new year begins, let us continue to build on the foundation that you have started. The New Mexico 4-H program grew stronger this year with more youth being enrolled and involved in 4-H. There was an increase in attendance at all of our state events. I would like to say thank you. As I have stated many times, what 4-H does, is largely due to the efforts that you as leaders put into working with and supporting 4-H members. We are beginning the new year soon and I hope that you will continue your support, knowledge and time for 2014. Listed below are a couple of events that will aid in supporting the 4-H program, and I hope you can participate or pass the word and encourage those that would be interested in attending.

I would like to invite you to attend the New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum to be held in Albuquerque, NM on November 9, 2013. This is a great opportunity to share experiences, build networks and trade ideas. There is more information in this issue of Leaderline.

New Mexico 4-H Foundation Shooting Clay Event

The New Mexico 4-H Foundation will be having a fund raising event on Saturday, October 19, 2013, at the Eddy County Shooting Range in Artesia. The event registration will begin at 8:00 am with the 100 round sporting clay event beginning at 9:00 am.

The cost will be $100.00 per shooter and lunch will be provided. Also, there will be several additional fun events happening during the day. So, please mark your calendar for this event that will raise funds for our 4-H members.

ENTRY FEE IS $100 PER SHOOTER/100 Sporting Clays. Youth shooters (18 & under) $50 PER SHOOTER/100 sporting clays. See ad on page 14 for more information.

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Celebrate Your 4-H Pride with National 4-H Week - October 6-12

Go to www.4-h.org/Content/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2013-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit to learn how you can put your club in the spotlight! Use the promotional toolkit online (logos, bookmarks, flyers, newspaper ads, certificates, press release) to encourage new 4-H youth, volunteers, alumni, and supporters to get involved.

Spreading the word is simple. Visit retailers on Main Street and ask them to hang a poster in their window. Handout out promotional materials at community events and on neighborhood bulletin boards. Contact your local newspaper to place an ad free of charge. Add your club’s content to the press release to notify media outlets about this exciting time of year.

Note from Linda

2014 WRLF in Billings, MT

The March 27-30 Western Regional Leadership Forum focuses on discovering the past, present, and possibilities of 4-H. Come join other volunteer 4-H Leaders from throughout the 13 western states for workshops, speakers, special activities and fun.

The Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Billings is the conference location with a rate of $77 for double rooms. Early bird Conference registration is $250; from November 1-December 31, 2013. Regular registration is $300 and late registration is $350.

Check www.WRLF2014.com for registration and other details.
The 2013-2014 New Mexico 4-H state officers took office during the 4-H State Conference in July. They have begun planning many activities for their fellow 4-H members.

This year’s officers are Lane Wallace of Roosevelt County, president; Shelby Herrera of Valencia County, vice president; Kylie Butterfield of De Baca County, secretary; Koby Cone of Roosevelt County, treasurer; Sierra Baca of Santa Fe County, reporter; Lily Woodall of Dona Ana County, parliamentarian; Joshua Adams of Dona Ana County, song and recreation leader.

As members of the state officer team they will plan and conduct Youth Get-Away, State Conference and provide county and multi-county leadership workshops. They will also contact public officials on 4-H-related matters and help at the New Mexico State Fair.

Wallace, who served as a 4-H Diplomat last year, is a senior at Floyd High School. During his 4-H career, he has held many leadership offices including Roosevelt County Council president this year and Floyd 4-H Club president for four years. He has also participated at Boys State and is a member of the National Honor Society.

“When I was a Diplomat I decided that I wanted to run for a state office to develop my leadership skills even further,” Wallace said. “4-H is a great way to push yourself to learn and do new things.”

Herrera, who served as a 4-H Diplomat last year, is a Home School senior. She was the recipient of the State 4-H Record Book trip to the National 4-H Congress in 2013. She is currently serving as Valencia County Council president and received the county’s Top Hand Award in 2011. She has participated in dog project for 10 years and photography for seven years.

“I loved serving New Mexico 4-H as a Diplomat and wanted the opportunity to serve again, so I ran for a state office,” Herrera said. “4-H is my life. I enjoy making friends and learning from the workshops.”

Butterfield, who is a junior at Fort Sumner High School, served as a 4-H Diplomat last year, as well as being the De Baca County Council president, and president of Chaparral 4-H Club. At the 2012 State Conference, she helped with several workshops and led a session. For two years in a row, at the 2011 and 2012 state conference, she was senior clothing high point individual. This year she was senior high point individual at the Southeast District.
From Jane Moorman

Horse Show.

“I wanted to be a state officer to make a difference in other people’s lives and to be a positive role model to other youth,” she said. “I enjoy all aspects of the state conference, but mostly the friends I make will be remembered forever.”

Cone, a senior at Dora High School, said he wanted to be a state officer “to help New Mexico 4-H grow and to make a difference for 4-H members, whom I can influence to have a better 4-H experience.”

During his career, Cone has been Roosevelt County’s Outstanding 4-H Member at each level --Cloverbud, Novice, Junior and Senior -- and has served as club and County Council officer, including president. He has received top team and individual honors in livestock judging, dairy judging, livestock skill-a-thon, wildlife and public speaking.

Baca, who is Grant High School Class of 2014 president and a member of the National Honor Society, has served as a 4-H Diplomat as well as her club president. “I wanted to be a state officer because I love 4-H and couldn’t wait to help out the program as much as I can.”

She has participated in many different 4-H projects, including showing animals such as chickens, goats, pigs and lambs, as well as sewing and baking. “My favorite thing about 4-H is state events where I get wonderful opportunities to develop various skills and to meet wonderful and friendly people.”

Woodall, who was a 4-H Ambassador last year, is a Home School senior. She has served on the Dona Ana County Council leadership team for four years; and is a junior leader for horse project in her county. During her 4-H career, Woodall has received many high point awards for public speaking and demonstrations.

“I have had a great experience in 4-H,” she said. “It has taught me many life skills to prepare me to be a responsible adult, who will contribute to the community. I want to help pass this on to others.”

Adams is a junior at Las Cruces High School. He is an active member in 4-H and has received the Danforth I Dare You Award. His participating in 4-H projects ranges from shooting sports to dairy heifer, and from knitting to baking.

“I enjoy leading by example,” he said. “I wanted to be a 4-H state officer because I think it will be a fun and rewarding experience. Being able to teach younger members and members my age will be an awesome experience.”

Note from Amy

New Mexico State 4-H Ambassador/Diplomat Duties and Qualifications

By Amy Zemler
State 4-H Activities Specialist

Each January, eight senior 4-H members are selected as new Ambassadors and Diplomats. Through their term, they are expected to:

- Assist with the New Mexico State Fair Junior Livestock Show and Sale, the McDonalds’ Farm, the state fair parade and display booth.
- Plan and conduct Senior Leadership Retreat.
- Assist the Officer Team in designing and conducting workshops and evening sessions at State 4-H Conference.
- Assist the New Mexico 4-H Foundation with various events.

To qualify for these positions, member must:
- Be a senior 4-H member who will remain an eligible 4-H member during the year of service beginning January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2015.
- Be a New Mexico resident during the full term.
- Be an active 4-H member in good standing with his or her club and County Council.
- Not serve simultaneously as a State 4-H Officer.

Expenses

Ambassadors and Diplomats must each contribute a total of $500 toward various expenses throughout the year. Contributions can be from their 4-H County Council, donors, and personal funds. Applicants must clear financial support from their 4-H County Council prior to applying. Team members must also cover the expenses for their team trip either personally, or by fund raising and sponsorships. Don’t let your 4-H’ers miss this opportunity! Applications are available at your County Extension Office and on the 4-H Website. Please remember that the applications need to be in the State 4-H Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2013.
The following people won this year’s State 4-H Photography Contest. Their photos will be on exhibit at the New Mexico State Fair, and will be on the 2013 Screen Saver available on the 4-H Website at http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/state--national-events.html. These photos will be used to promote New Mexico 4-H.

Best Buy Gift Card Winners

Film – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County
Digital – Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana County

Film Photo- Advanced
1st Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Reaching for the Sun”*
2nd Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “This Road is Our Get Away”*
3rd Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Star Gazing”*

Digital Photo- Beginner
1st Place – Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana County “Monsoon Sunset”*
2nd Place – Jordan Armstrong, Doña Ana County “Heavens Above”*
3rd Place – Kayla Chambliss, Sandoval County “Catepillar”*
Honorable Mention – Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana County “Dinner Time”*

Digital Photo- Advanced
1st Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Arizona Skies”*
2nd Place – Sharlae Brown, Doña Ana County “Country Sunset”*

3rd Place – Billy Grooms, Doña Ana County “Bug in the Corner”*
Honorable Mention – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “True Beauty”*

Digital Photo- Enhanced
1st Place – Jonathon Salazar, Rio Arriba County “Night at the Fair”*
2nd Place – Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana County “Neon in Flight”*
3rd Place – Kayla Chambliss, Sandoval County “Wheel Sunset”*
Honorable Mention – Kayla Chambliss, Sandoval County “Blomtanical”*

Digital Photo- Special Effects
1st Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Dog Days of Summer”*
2nd Place – Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Pineapple of the Southwest”*
3rd Place – Jonathon Salazar, Rio Arriba County “Cultura”*
Honorable Mention – Wyatt Kelly, Socorro County “Every Day Life - Skull”*

Additional photos selected for the screen saver are:

Digital Beginner
Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana “Fire Copter”
Jenna Livers, Otero County “Walking the Road to 4-H”
Lilly Wellman, Bernalillo County “Paper Rainbow”
Jordan Armstrong, Doña Ana County “Clover Bud”, “Calm Before the Storm”
Hunter Combs, Doña Ana County “Life of a Farmer”

Honorable Mention – Tori Klitzke, San Juan “Mommy”

Note from Amy

State 4-H Photo Contest Winners
By Amy Zemler
State 4-H Activities Specialist

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Digital Advanced
Shelby Herrera, Valencia County “Hawaiian Dream”
Sharlae Brown, Doña Ana County “A Day on the Farm”, “A Blue Sunset”
Jonathon Salazar, Rio Arriba County “Strutting Her Stuff”

Digital Enhanced
Colton McVaugh, Doña Ana County “Gate to Heaven”, “Monster Tree”
Kayla Chambliss, Sandoval County “Roping Warhol”
Emma Wellman, Bernalillo County “City Lights”
Jordan Armstrong, Doña Ana County “Hope”, “Welcome”

2013 4-H Screen Saver
Again this year the photos from the 2013 Photography Contest are going to be used to design a screen saver package. This package will be available to download from the New Mexico State 4-H Website. There is no cost to download the program.
4-H Essay Contest

Ignite the creativity in the Shakespeares of the 4-H community by encouraging members to submit their Record Book stories for the Essay Contest. Let them use their imagination to create a typed, double-spaced story (maximum of three pages) on the exciting program they are involved in...4-H! Members can win one of the following trips:

- One FREE registration for a Novice member (ages 9-11 of the current 4-H year) and a friend to attend Youth Get-Away in April 2014.
- One FREE registration for a Junior member (ages 12-13 of the current 4-H year) and a friend to attend Youth Get-Away in April 2014.
- One FREE registration for a Senior member (ages 14-19 of the current 4-H year) and a friend to attend 4-H Senior Leadership Retreat in January 2014.

4-H Record Book stories must be in the State 4-H Office no later than November 1, 2013.

Check out the information about the essay contest on the State 4-H website at http://nm4h.nmsu.edu, click on State and National Events, and then click on Essay Contest at the bottom; or go to the flyer on your smart phone by scanning this QR code.

New Mexico 4-H 2013 Buckle Available

The 2013 New Mexico 4-H Buckle is now available for $75. They make great gifts or awards. The buckle was designed by the State 4-H Leadership Team and is made by Rowdy Silver of www.rowdysilver.com. Profits benefit the New Mexico State 4-H Leadership Team.

Send payment by check, cash or money order. Make checks or money orders payable to the New Mexico State 4-H Foundation. Send order form below with payment to the 4-H Youth Development Program, MSC 3AE, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003. Allow 4-6 weeks for shipping.

NM State 4-H 2013 Buckle Order Form

Name __________________________________________
Address ________________________________________
City __________________________ Zip ________________
State __________________________ Zip ________________
Number of Buckles ____________
(Buckles are $75 each) X $75
Total $ ______________________

Notes from Amy
Senior Leadership Retreat
By Amy Zemler
State 4-H Activities Specialist

2014 is not too far away and with that comes Senior Leadership Retreat! The event is going to take place at the Marriott in Albuquerque on January 25-26, 2014. (The event is a two-day, one-night event filled with great workshops and neat opportunities.)

During this weekend youth will be involved in hands-on activities while learning about college degrees, leadership skills, community service, and much more! There will be time for them to cut the rug and show their dancing skills! The 2013 Ambassadors and Diplomats are excited about putting on this event for all who attend! Registration will be approximately $110 per person.

Community Service Scholarship Application for Senior Leadership Retreat - Deadline Near
Community Service Scholarships are available to any Novice, Junior or Senior 4-H member, serving as a State 4-H Officer, Ambassador, Diplomat or participant in a 4-H activity. Those interested in applying for the scholarship must submit a New Mexico 4-H Community Service Scholarship application form which is available on the 4-H website.
2014 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Announcement and Rules

Sponsored by The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.

Awards: Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners:
1st Place — $750.00
2nd Place — $500.00
3rd Place — $250.00

Each state winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey.

Topic
For the 2014 essay contest, the essay topic is: “Beekeeping in Colonial Times.” To the earliest European settlers in the New World, honey bees were an important part of their existence. Cargo manifests show that honey bees were among the first shipments of animals. How were they shipped? Why were they important? Why were they so important to the colonists? How does that differ from today?

The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated.

Historical research will be important. The more authoritative the source, the better. Personal interviews with beekeepers and others familiar with the subject are valued sources of information and should be documented. Sources, which are not cited in the endnotes, should be listed in a “Resources” or “Bibliography” list.

Note that “honey bee” is properly spelled as two words, even though many otherwise authoritative references spell it as one word.

Rules
1. Contest is open to active 4-H Club members only.
   4-H’ers who have previously placed first, second, or third at the national level are not eligible; but other state winners are eligible to re-enter.
2. Requirements (failure to meet any one requirement disqualifies the essay):
   • Write on the designated subject only.
   • All factual statements must be referenced with bibliographical-style endnotes.

   • A brief biographical sketch of the essayist including date of birth, gender, complete mailing address, and telephone number, must accompany the essay.
   • Length - the essay proper: 750 to 1000 words.
   • The word count does not include the endnotes, the bibliography or references, nor the essayist’s biographical sketch - which should be on a separate page.
   • Preparation for National Judging: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS ONLY. Prepare your essays double-spaced, 12-pt. Times or similar type style, following standard manuscript format. Submit as a Microsoft word compatible document.
3. Essays will be judged on (a) scope of research - 40%; (b) accuracy - 30%; (c) creativity - 10%; (d) conciseness - 10%; and (e) logical development of the topic - 10%.
4. Final judging and selection of the National Winner will be made by the Foundation’s Essay Committee, whose decision is final.
5. The National Winner will be announced by May 1, 2014.
6. All National entries become the property of the Foundation and may be published or used as it sees fit. No essay will be returned. National winning essays will be posted at: http://honeybeepreservation.org.

Essays must be sent electronically to: Summer Eaton at seaton@nmsu.edu in the State 4-H Office by February 15, 2014.
Notes from Mindy

Project Catalogs
By Mindy Turner
Extension 4-H Youth Specialist, Home Economics

Ask your County Extension Office for the new 2013-14 Literature Handbook. This catalog contains descriptions for the 4-H Projects and publications available in 4-H! You can also pick up a copy of the Curriculum Kits catalog and find out about resources available for check out. Catalogs are available at your County Extension Office or online at http://nm4h.nmsu.edu.

Helpful Tip – When you see publication numbers for any New Mexico 4-H Publication they are typically followed with an N-# or an R-#. For example, 4-H Cakes 100.E-86 (N-08). This denotes if a project is a Revision (R) or New (N) and the year of the publication. Cakes is a new project book in 2008. Look at the publication number to make sure you have the most recent version of any publication.

100.E-86 (N-08)

If you have questions or concerns you would like to have addressed by the curriculum committee please contact Mindy.

Save the Date:
6th Annual NM 4-H Home Economics School
March 14-15, 2014
Tracks and Location to be announced.

Note from Linda

National 4-H Salute to Excellence 2014
Volunteer Recognition Awards
Linda Schultz
4-H Youth Development Specialist

The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Awards recognize 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege. Two awards are available:

The Volunteer of the Year Award is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, district or state level.

The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, district or state level.

A completed nomination will consist of an overview resume of the applicant’s 4-H and relevant community volunteer experiences and three (3) letters of recommendation. Award information and a template for the resume is available on the website; go to Adult Volunteer Leaders page and scroll down to the bottom.

Nominations are due no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, November 1, 2013, and must be sent electronically to schultzl@nmsu.edu. Attachments (i.e. Resume & Letters of Recommendation) must be in Word format.
2013 New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum

Who:
Adult 4-H Leaders, 4-H Parents and 4-H Staff from throughout New Mexico

When:
Saturday, November 9, 2013

Where:
CNM Workforce Training Center
5600 Eagle Rock Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113

What Is It All About?
☑ Enthusiasm
☑ Sharing
☑ Workshops
☑ Dynamic Motivational Speaker
☑ Developing Fresh Ideas
☑ Meeting New People
☑ Learning
☑ Displays
☑ Silent Auction
☑ Fun!

Learn How To:
☑ Get along with difficult people.
☑ Use the new home improvement/repair project.
☑ Involve youth in two foods projects, including community service ideas and exhibits.
☑ Engage Cloverbuds with hands-on activities.
☑ Design your own 4-H project.
☑ Crack the code of text messaging.
☑ Overcome the fear of projecting their voice in front of others.

☑ Utilize hands-on activities for bringing agriculture alive.
☑ Organize a year’s worth of Housing and Interior Design project meetings.
☑ Include Hippology Contest materials in working with your members.
☑ Prepare members for the Favorite Food Contest.
☑ Incorporate STEM into Shooting Sports projects.
☑ Build on your 4-H knowledge.

October 15th Registration Deadline for Best Rate!
See 4-H website (Adult Volunteer Leaders tab) or request details from your county office.
Notes from Linda

4-H International

By Linda Schultz
4-H Youth Development Specialist

Youth who are 10th-12th graders (minimum age 16 by travel date) may be interested in pursuing the ultimate “learn by doing” experience by living for a month with a host family in Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, or Norway. A two-week exchange will also be conducted with Tanzania; States’ 4-H first outbound exchange to Africa. In summer 2014, through the 4-H International Program, youth will travel in groups from the U.S. with one or more adult advisors and stay with host families in their host country.

If you know of a teen that is interested in learning about another culture and sharing their own customs and way of life with others, this may be the program for them!

All program participants travel with an adult chaperone to and from the host countries. Information about the countries including dates and tentative 2014 costs and application forms are on the 4-H website under the “4-H International” tab. Opportunities also exist for adults to serve as chaperones to groups of outbound delegates.

Contact Linda Schultz at schultzzl@nmsu.edu or 575-646-1156 for the latest details and/or if you have questions.

Delegate and Chaperone applications are due in the State 4-H Office by November 15, 2013. [Bernalillo County youth and families should contact the local 4-H International Committee or John Garlisch to alert them of their interest.]

New Mexico 4-H Leaders’ Association

By Linda Schultz
4-H Youth Development Specialist

Applications for the Executive Board positions are due by November 1. Three-year positions are open in each of the four 4-H districts. In addition, the SE district has a 2-year position available.

Duties include:

• Plan the annual New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum.
• Communicate with County 4-H Leader Associations in their district for the expansion, improvement, and promotion of 4-H youth and leader educational programs.
• Advise the State 4-H Program Leader on matters of program policy and future directions.
• Transact necessary business of the Association.

Application forms are available on the website, from your County Extension Office, or Linda Schultz at 575-646-1156. Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by November 1, 2013.
Note from Linda

New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum:
Registration Scholarships Available – due October 15

By Linda Schultz
4-H Youth Development Specialist

Eight, $30 registration scholarships are available for 4-H Leaders and 4-H Parents to apply for. You must submit a completed 4-H Adult Forum registration form AND payment, along with your completed Scholarship application. If you are selected, you will receive the scholarship funds following the event. Registration materials and the Scholarship Application form are available from the New Mexico 4-H website (under the ‘Adult Volunteers Leader’ tab) or from your County Extension Office.

Please consider participating in this year’s 4-H Adult Forum where you will meet other adults involved in 4-H; hear a motivational speaker on “Conscious Leadership”; participate in workshops, a community service project, Make and Take activities, silent auction and more! Come for a full day of fun, networking and education. Registration includes the workshops, speaker, special activities, lunch and breaks – it is a bargain at $30.

Registration scholarship applications are due October 15.

Ideas to guide you into a successful and fun 4-H year

By Michelle Stearns, President
New Mexico 4-H Leaders’ Association

Greetings New Mexico 4-H families, supporters, alumni, volunteers and more! 2013 has been an amazing year of growth and success for New Mexico 4-H! I have had the opportunity to watch youth grow, flourish, change, learn and smile. It is an awesome feeling to know that we, as the adults influencing these youth, have made an impact and have aided in the today’s and tomorrows of our outstanding 4-H members. As we are nearing the close of the 2013 4-H program year, we are all very excited to see what 2014 may hold in store.

Are you also wondering what 2014 may hold for your 4-H program? Let us give you some ideas and guide you into a successful and fun year. Each year, volunteers, agents, specialists and supporters, share our ideas, our knowledge, and our skills with 4-H adults who are looking to strengthen and grow their local programs. Even if you have the most ideal 4-H club in the state, you might just love what we have to offer. One day only, Saturday, November 9, 2013 in Albuquerque, we will once again host the annual New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum. Registration is only $30 per person, and that includes lunch!

We will have a phenomenal guest speaker who writes children’s books about leadership, 12 dynamic workshops that will inspire you, a community service project, make and take projects, door prizes, silent auction and 4-H displays. The day is full of enthusiasm, sharing, meeting new people, rekindling friendships with others, learning, and fun!

The New Mexico 4-H Adult Forum is open to ALL adults in New Mexico who care about and love 4-H, whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, alumni, project leader, organizational leader or are looking into 4-H as something your family might like to try, we welcome you with open arms and hope that you will join us in Building the Next 100 Years of New Mexico 4-H.

For more information, please logon to the state 4-H website at http://nm4h.nmsu.edu and go to the Adult Volunteer Leaders tab.
Growing up, I was never one of those girls who was popular. Between my frizzy golden locks and the metal in my mouth, I definitely wasn’t turning any heads in the hallway. High School is one of those points in your life that when you’re older, you look back on and say, “How in the world did I make it out alive?” It wasn’t until my senior year that everything began to turn around. I was an active member of the Que Posse Riders 4-H Club in Socorro, New Mexico, and we had recently got a new extension agent by the name of Tom Dean. He was one of those young extension agents with Big Plans for our county, and he hit the ground running! One of my friends in 4-H had recently decided to run for State 4-H Diplomat and I couldn’t have been more excited for her. One day Tom mentioned that I should consider running for a spot on the leadership team. I told him that I would think about it, but knew in the back of my mind that I would never do something like that. Those positions are reserved for the 4-H elite! The beautiful girls with tons of friends and the cute boys with all the two-steppin’ moves. With an encouraging push from Tom and a leap of faith from myself, I chose to run. Today, almost 10 years later, I still...
JAMIE GERARD  
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remember the sense of accomplishment that I felt when they announced me for the first time as a 2003 New Mexico State 4-H Ambassador. Frizzy hair, braces and all: I stood proud.

Serving as an Ambassador literally changed my life. It took me from the girl sitting in the back row of the conference to the girl in the spotlight up on stage. I still can’t believe that such an amazing experience almost slipped through my fingertips because I was afraid of what others might think of me. The confidence and leadership skills that I gained from serving the 4-H organization throughout my years have led me to so many other exciting adventures in life. The following year I was elected as the 2004-2005 New Mexico State FFA District III President/State Vice President. Most recently, I held the title of 2012 New Mexico State Fair Queen and was a contestant in the 2013 Miss Rodeo USA Pageant. These days I spend my time with my nose shoved in textbooks as I am completing my degree in Nuclear Engineering at the University of New Mexico. Honestly, I don’t know what the next ten years of my life will hold but I can say with 100% certainty that I am more than prepared for whatever life throws my way.

For those of you 4-Hers who read this and can relate to the way I felt as a teen, I hope that you take some things away from this article. First, make it a point every single day to look past the things that hold you back and set goals for your future. For me it was a struggle with poor self-image and self-confidence, and I went on to become a pageant queen. Trust me when I say that it starts from within. Second, find someone who can see the greatness in you. Someone who believes in your abilities and wants amazing things for your life! I will always be grateful to Tom Dean for his endless support in all of my endeavors, but none as meaningful as the encouragement he gave me in 4-H. I am so thankful for the opportunities I had in this organization, and know that I would not have gone on to accomplish so much if not for the skills and confidence that I gained in 4-H. I hope that each of you know how very special you are, and always remember, no matter what we look like on the outside, we all bleed green!

Volunteer Today
Help youth be all that they can be in 4-H! Visit the New Mexico 4-H website at http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h to see how to be a volunteer.

THE NEW MEXICO 4-H FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO THE

“Fall 4-H Clover Buster!”

Saturday October 19, 2013
Eddy County Shooting Range
100 Fire House Rd.
Artesia, NM 88201
On-Site Registration begins at 8:00 am
Shoot Begins at 9:00 am
Lunch (provided) at 12:00 pm by Camminis Rocky Mountain

Awards Reception for teams provided by Southwest Dairy Farmers
ENTRY FEE IS $5.00 PER SHOOTER/100 Sporting Clays
4-H’ers & SHOOTERS 18 and under ENTRY FEE IS $5.00
Shooting teams will consist of 5 members.
Visa & MasterCard accepted

Prizes for Top Team, Top Male, Female, Youth shooter,
Gun Boarlets (choice of high-powered rifle, shotgun, and Yeti cooler)
Mulligan draw for a flat of shells

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:
BRONZE: $500: Station Sponsorship
SILVER: $300: One Shooter & Station Sponsorship
GOLD: $200: Two Shooters & Station Sponsorship

Proceeds will benefit NM 4-H YOUTH through Scholarships and Assistance with National 4-H competition expenses.
4-H is the youth development program under the leadership of the Cooperative Extension Service.

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Las Cruces, NM 88003
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Science Experiment will be—4-H Maps & Apps! Designed by Colorado State University Extension, the year’s set of activities will turn young people into geospatial thinkers as they design and map their ideal park, use GIS mapping to solve community problems and contribute data about their community to the United States Geological Survey.

Currently, more than five million young people across the nation participate in 4-H STEM programming in topics as varied as robotics, agricultural science, rocketry, wind power, environmental science and alternative energy.

For more than 100 years, 4-H has been at the forefront of teaching young people about science, engineering technology and math (STEM). 4-H National Youth Science Day is the premier national rallying event for year-round 4-H STEM programming, bringing together youth, volunteers and educators from the nation’s 109 land-grant colleges and universities to simultaneously complete the National Science Experiment.

For more information and to register, go to [www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/nysdhome.aspx).

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### New Mexico State 4-H Calendar of Events - 2013 - 2014

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To learn more about New Mexico 4-H, visit our Website at [http://nm4h.nmsu.edu](http://nm4h.nmsu.edu)
More than 70 bikers and support vehicles celebrated NMSU’s 4-H Youth Development Program during the 2013 Ride for the 4-H Clover, August 24-25. NMSU President Garrey Carruthers and Regent Chair Mike Cheney headed the list of NMSU dignitaries and motorcycle riders making the two-day tour of NMSU’s 4-H and Extension programs in southwestern New Mexico. They rode over 650 miles, to raise awareness and help people understand the purpose of Cooperative Extension and 4-H programs.