

# Guadalupe County 4-H Newsletter February Edition

## Clubs

### Los Amigos Santa Rosa

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Rita F. Sanchez Admin bldg., Rm 106

### Soaring Eagles Vaughn

This club does not currently have a standing meeting date. Please contact the Extension Office or the Leaders of this club with questions!

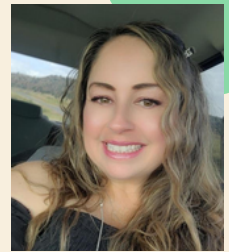
### Painted Horses Anton Chico

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Anton Chico Community Center (behind the Catholic Church)

## Leaders



Rosa-Elia  
Romero



Pepper  
Zamora



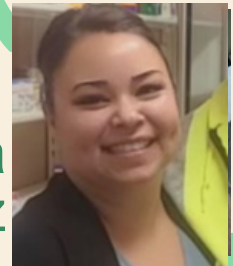
Leslie  
Perez



Shellia  
Madrid



Ruby  
Tenorio



Patricia  
Sanchez

## NOTE

Club meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your club leaders or the Extension Office if you were not present at the previous meeting and are unsure of the schedule.



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# Important Features In This Edition:

County Council Meeting and  
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Enrollment Information



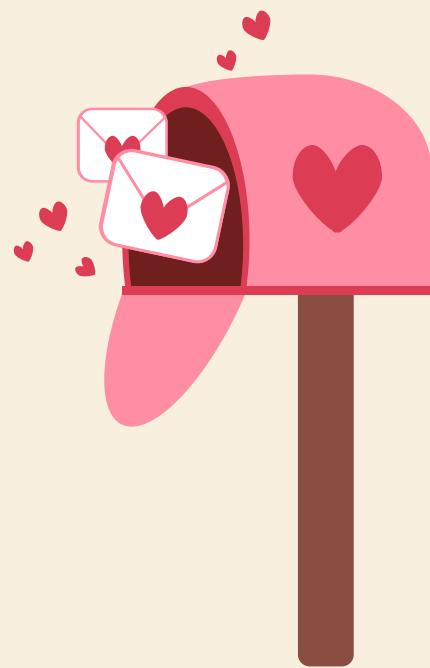
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Coaches & members

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Opportunities

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# Upcoming Meetings

## Los Amigos

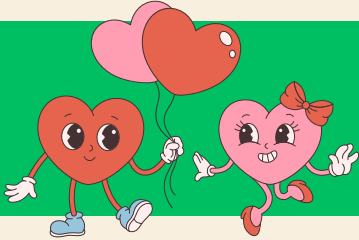
Feb. 17th 6:00pm  
@ Ext. Office  
Meeting Room

## Painted Horses

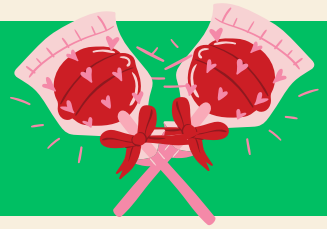
Feb. 16th 6:00pm  
@ Anton Chico  
Comm. Center

## Soaring Eagles

Feb. 26th 4:00pm  
@ Vaughn School  
Gym Concession



# Club Officers



## Los Amigos

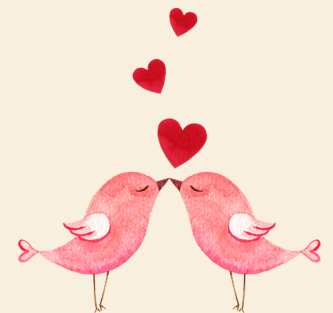
President-  
Cinco Sisneros  
Vice Pres- Maribel  
Romero  
Secretary- Bailey  
Johnson  
Treasurer- Danni  
Thompson  
Reporter-  
Trey Thompson  
Historian-  
Violet Tenorio  
Song & Rec-  
Porter Thompson  
Parliamentarian-  
Max Tenorio

## Painted Horses

President-  
Alayna Jaramillo  
Vice Pres- Alexis  
Villanueva  
Secretary- Myra  
Jaramillo  
Treasurer- Jonas  
Baca  
Reporter/  
Historian- Larianna  
Jaramillo  
Parliamentarian-  
Elena Lucero  
Song & Rec.-  
Margarito Jaramillo  
& Amaya Jaramillo

## Soaring Eagles

President-  
Jaycee Armijo  
Vice Pres- Daisy  
Aragon  
Secretary- Ryker  
Ramirez  
Treasurer- Natalie  
Lucero  
Reporter/  
Historian- Raqui  
Ramirez  
Song & Rec-  
Ryder Ramirez



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# Agent Message



I am so excited about the way our 4-H year is kicking off! Before I elaborate, I will start by saying THANK YOU to each of our club leaders, project volunteers - including shooting sports coaches, parents and our youth leaders! Last, but certainly not least, I must take time to applaud my amazing Guadalupe County Extension Team - Berna and Aesa - who work so hard every day to keep our programs moving forward. What a blessing! 4-H is all about the community and how we build our programs; we are all in this together!

Now, for the brag portion! I am excited to say that we are taking 6 youth to 4-H Day at the Roundhouse on February 4th, and have several more of our 4-H members who will be going to the Roundhouse the very next day with their FFA chapters. We are making strides at partnering more with FFA to help make our youth leaders' lives a bit more manageable. That is very important to me. In addition, we have kicked off the Shooting Sports program, and have youth enrolled in projects already - including some new project areas such as welding, wildlife, entomology and sewing! We will be holding workshops on these, some through the schools, and maybe some others.

Keep your eye on the newsletter, and as always, call me if you have questions or I can help with anything!

All the Best,

*Susann*

## County Council Corner

### 2025 County Council Officers

Los Amigos Representatives

**Cinco Sisneros & Porter Thompson**

Painted Horses Representatives

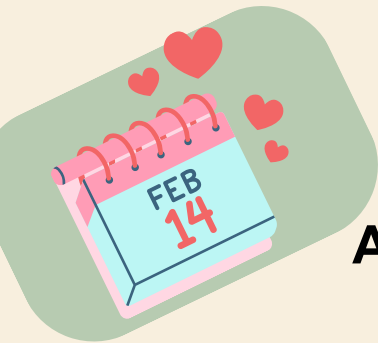
**Alayna Jaramillo & Alexis Villanueva**

Soaring Eagles Representatives

**Raqui Ramirez & Jacee Armijo**

Agent Appointees

**Cienna Martinez & Natalie Lucero**



### County Council Next Meeting:

Monday February 10th @ 7:00 - Please be on time!

The zoom link has been sent to your emails, please reach out to the Extension Office if you did not get the link or have any questions.



# Upcoming Activities



## Annual Bedding Plant Fundraiser

**Start: Tuesday, February 16th**

**Orders Due: Monday, March 24th**



All Guadalupe County Clubs will continue participating in the Annual Bedding Plant Fundraiser. Through this fundraiser, we are able to fund the Guadalupe County 4-H Scholarship to be given out as 4-H members' graduate from High School.

Physical order forms will be given out at all February club meetings. An online order form can be found at the QR Code, Please call the Extension Office with questions.

## Youth Get Away

**When: April 11th- 13th**

**Where: Glorieta New Mexico**

**Theme: Be out of this world with 4-H**



**Camper Registration Deadline:**

**Friday February 24th**

**CIT (Counselor in Training) Registration Deadline:**

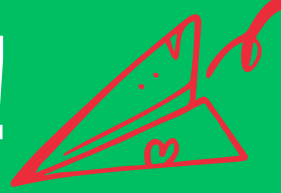
**Friday March 4th**

Youth Get-Away is an overnight youth leadership development event open to both Novice (9-11) and Junior (12-13) aged youth hosted by the New Mexico State 4-H Leadership team. Youth will be engaged in workshops and activities centered around personal growth, leadership skills and 4-H projects with themed dances each night.

Please call the Extension Office if you are interested in registering for this event.



# Project Spotlight!



SEWING PROJECT EDITION:

**Come and have  
Sew  
Much fun!**



*Join the 4-H Sewing Project today!*

*Sewing  
Workshops*



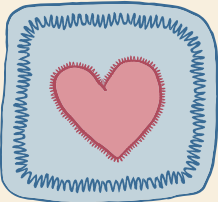
*Fun & interesting  
project  
opportunities*



*New  
coaches*



*Possible Studio  
Fieldtrip  
Workshop*



**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENROLLING IN THE 4-H SEWING PROJECT, ENROLL ON ZSUITE &/OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE TODAY!**

# 4-H Shooting Sports

 **LAST CHANCE TO JOIN FOR THE YEAR!**

 **Shotgun** 

 **Rifle** 

**Our 4-H Shooting Sports season is rapidly getting underway!**

**If you are interested in joining, there is a *mandatory* safety and basic information clinic tentatively set for, *Saturday March 1st 2025***

**This is the second clinic for the year, if you are unable to attend this one, and also did not attend the first, you will not be eligible to join Shooting Sports this season.**

 **Hunting** 

**Looking  
for  
coaches!**

 **Archery** 

**If you are interested in joining 4-H Shooting Sports this season, please ensure you are enrolled on ZSuite and reach out to the Extension Office ASAP.**



# Scholarship Opportunities:

## *New Mexico Junior Livestock Foundation Scholarship*

**Opens: January 1st**

**Deadline: April 1st**

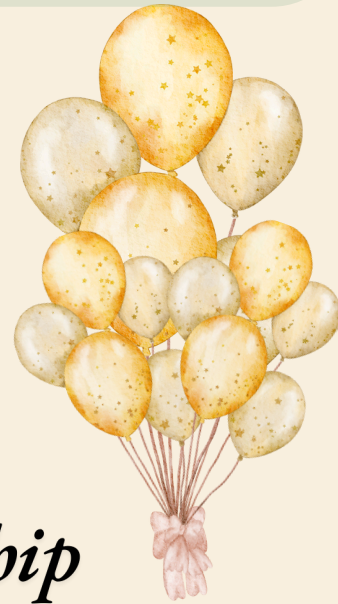


More information can be found here:

<https://www.NMJLF.org>

## Scholarship Requirements

- High School Seniors
- New Mexico FFA or 4-H Member
- 2 References from:
  - 4-H Agent
  - FFA Advisor
  - Teacher



## *Guadalupe County 4-H Scholarship*

**Opens: January 1st**

**Deadline: April 15th**



Call the Guadalupe County Extension Office with questions at 575-472-3652

## Scholarship Requirements

- Member of a Guadalupe County 4-H Club
- Turned in a completed record book the previous 2 years (10th & 11th grades of High School).
- Must be active in 4-H through their 12th grade year of High School, documented through a club leader letter.
- Must be seeking a higher education through an accredited college or vocational institution.





# Open Enrollment

## ENROLLMENT FOR THE NEW 4-H YEAR IS UNDERWAY



# NOW!!!



Enrollment must be renewed annually by all members-new & returning with the start of the new 4-H year every October.

**To renew your enrollment, follow these easy steps:**

1. Log into your ZSuite account.
2. Look over the information that's been input about you in years past (for example, your address, your emergency contact etc.) Make sure it is all correct and up to date; please update as necessary and add new information.
3. Download the prompted waivers, fill out the necessary information, sign and date the bottom. When completed, reupload the waivers into ZSuite.
4. Pick your club and whatever projects you may be interested in for the upcoming year!
5. Call the Extension Office at 575-472-3652 if you need help!



# ZSuite Trainings:

Your ZSuite account offers several trainings that are beneficial to volunteer leaders and parents. They may benefit youth club leaders, as well. Volunteers are required to complete a few of the following trainings:

## NEW MEXICO WORKING WITH MINORS TRAINING:

**This training is mandatory for all volunteers & leaders.**

The "Working with Minors" training on ZSuite covers policies, reporting procedures, creating a safe environment, and handling emergencies.

## NEW MEXICO WORKING FINANCE TRAINING:

**This training is beneficial for club treasurers and other officers.**

The financial training on ZSuite covers budgeting, financial reporting, managing funds, and understanding financial policies. It also includes procedures for handling donations, tracking expenses, and ensuring financial transparency and accountability.

## 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE:

**This training is beneficial for volunteers, members and leaders.**

The 4-H Volunteer training course on ZSuite covers the organization's mission and values, volunteer roles and responsibilities, safety protocols, and effective communication with youth. It also includes strategies for creating engaging and educational activities, understanding youth development, and fostering an inclusive environment.

## NEW MEXICO 4-H 101:

**This training is beneficial for volunteers, members and leaders.**

The NM 4-H 101 training on ZSuite covers the basics of 4-H, including its history, mission, and structure. It also explains the roles and responsibilities of members and volunteers, as well as the programs and activities available. Additionally, it includes guidelines for creating a safe and inclusive environment for all participants.

# Coaches Corner

## UPDATE VOLUNTEER ENROLLMENT

All club and project leaders/coaches/volunteers **MUST** update their enrollment for the 4-H year annually.

Background checks do not have to be renewed annually, but every 5 years. If you have any questions regarding updating enrollment or the status of your background check please contact Aesa at the Extension Office.

## SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES MEETING

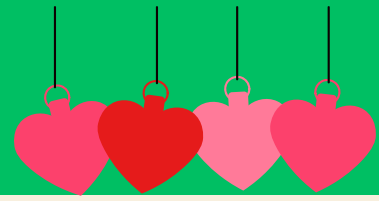
**When:** A date will be sent out to you via text message.

**Where:** The meeting will take place on zoom, please check your email for the link, or call the Extension Office/ Susann, prior to meeting time with questions.





# Volunteers



We are updating volunteer enrollment...NOW!

4-H Enrollments must be renewed for both members and volunteers annually in October. We SO GREATLY appreciate our volunteers! Please re-enroll as a volunteer in ZSuite, and confirm your information is still correct. Call the Extension Office at 575-472-3652 with questions!

## Background Checks

All volunteers must undergo a background check before working with our 4-H youth. Background checks are good for 5 years once completed. All volunteers, please check your status in your Zsuite account. Contact Aesa at the Extension Office if your volunteer status does not show as "approved."

## Mandatory Training

Volunteer must also complete the "Working with Minors Training" through Zsuite every year,. This helps ensure our youths' safety and keeps insurance costs down. This training can be found under the "Clover Academy," on the menu in your Zsuite account, once your enrollment (including background check - due every 3 years) is complete

# Remind

**Please make sure to sign up on the Remind app if you are not already! Through this app we are better able to communicate with parents and members important information.**

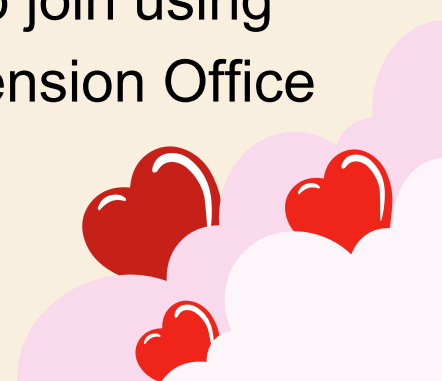
To sign up, please follow this QR code:



**Please note that if you are already signed up in the Remind app, you will not have to resign up for reenrollment!**



Then follow the instructions on the screen, providing you full name, as well as your phone number or email address. Once you join, you will receive Remind messages as a text message. You may also join using your email address. Please contact the Extension Office with questions and for assistance.



HAPPY  
**Valentines**  
DAY



We **LOVE** our members, we **LOVE**  
our families, we **LOVE** our leaders,  
we **LOVE** our volunteers, we **LOVE**  
our clubs, and **WE LOVE 4-H.**

**This Valentine's Day we hope  
you have much love to**

**celebrate.**

*Berna Velazquez*

*Aisa Thompson*

*Susan Mckelvey*



*From your Extension Team*



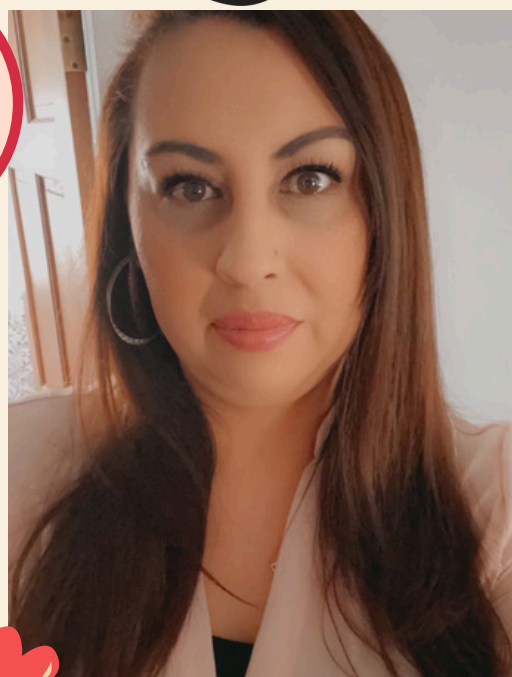
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