



WILSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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[Website Link](#)
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4-H'ers are...

2x

more likely to
have the goal
of being a
leader

3x

more likely to
participate in
community
service

2x

more likely to
report living life
with intentionality
and purpose



County Updates



County Meeting

Join us at the **Courthouse Annex**
January 7th
@6:30



WCJLS Baked Food Entries Due

When: December 9 by 5 pm
Where: Extension Office



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EXTENSION

Senior Cookie/Snacks Donation

December: Three Oaks 4-H

6 dozen (or more) cookies may be donated directly to the Wilson County Expo Center between 11-2 p.m. or you can bring them by the Extension Office. Place two cookies per baggies.

Water is welcome if your club would rather donate water and/or snacks (Chex mix, crackers or pretzels, fruit snacks etc.) can be large bags or individual snack package.

Adult Booster Meeting

When: January 28 at 6:30 pm
Where: Extension Annex Classroom

Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship

Applications are open now! January 15th is the deadline to add Allison to your application if you want suggestions. Training recording [HERE](#)

Due: February 15, 2026

Community Service Opportunities

Part of the 4-H pledge is “Hands through larger service” – a commitment to make our communities a better place to live!

Wilson County No Kill Shelter (1059 CR 301, Floresville, Texas) is looking for volunteers to help wash and scrub agility furniture (toys), pick up trash and other little jobs. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Brandi Barnett @ 979-627-5861 to set time and date.

Livestock Exhibitors

IMPORTANT

Stockshow Rules

The local and major stockshows rules are on our website in the County Show Information and Major Show Information boxes. Please be familiar with the rules before attending the show.

[Link HERE](#)

Tattoo Checks

Stockshows are fast approaching! Please be diligent in checking your animals' tattoos.

Breeding animals will need to have tattoos/brands/tags that reflect their registration papers.

Market animals will need to have a clear "247" tattoo. If your market animal's tattoo is ineligible, please let us know ASAP!

Broiler Pick Ups Coming Up!

WCJLS Broiler Pick Up

When: December 12th around 2 pm
Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

SALE Broiler Pick Up

When: January 6th around 12 pm
Where: Extension Office

LVJLS Broiler Pick Up

When: January 23rd around 12 pm
Where: La Vernia Ag Shop

HLSR/RA Broiler Pick Up

When: January 30th around 12 pm
Where: Extension Office

WCJLS Rabbit Validation

When: December 21, 2025 @ 5-6:30 pm
Where: Wilson County Expo Center (showbarn)
All show rabbits must have a breeder tattoo before validation.

If your rabbits need a breeder tattoo, Mrs. Moczygembra will be tattooing rabbits before validation. [Please fill out this form if you plan to attend- HERE](#)

When: December 17, 2025 from 6 pm- 7:30 pm
Where: Extension Annex Classrooms

Market steers, lambs, goats, & wether dams & does- 247 in the animal's right ear

Breeding animals tattoos/brands must match their registration papers!



Horse Project Meeting

When: December 7, 2025 at 2 pm
Where: Showbarn

Check out the changes!

2026 WCJLS SCHEDULE

Friday – January 9, 2026

12:00 pm Commercial Heifer Record Books Due to the Wilson County AgriLife Extension Office

Friday – January 16, 2026

6:00 pm Set-up & Horse check-in

Saturday – January 17, 2026

7:30-9:00 am Check-in Commercial Heifers – (Carr Ranch – 6720 HWY 97 West)

7:00 am Check-in Horse Show

9:00 am Commercial Heifer Show (Carr Ranch)

9:00 am Horse Show (halter followed by showmanship, in hand trail, and stock horse pleasure)

7:00-9:00 am Baked Food Show

4:00-6:00 pm Awards & Public Viewing

Sunday – January 18, 2026

TBA Commercial Heifer arrive at Nixon Livestock Commission

11:00 am Set-up for all species – Showbarn

2:00-4:00 pm Check-in Arts & Photography

Monday – January 19, 2026

8:00-9:00 am Check-in all Rabbits

9:30 am Judging of Rabbits

10:00 am Commercial Heifer Sale - Nixon Livestock Commission-1924 HWY 87 East, Nixon, TX

2:00-3:00 pm Check-in all Poultry

3:30 pm Poultry judging beginning with Broilers immediately followed by Turkeys.

Arrival of Market and Breeding Swine 30 minutes after poultry show is over

Tuesday - January 20, 2026

7:30 am All Market and Breeding Swine must be in place

7:30-9:00 am Weigh and classify all Market Hogs

9:00 am Check-in Breeding Gilts

2026 WCJLS SCHEDULE

12:30 pm Judging of Breeding Gilts, Market hogs will follow 30 minutes after completion of Breeding Gilt show and then Showmanship

Wednesday - January 21, 2026

7:30-8:30 am Check-in Breeding Sheep and Check-in, Weigh and Classify Market Lambs

8:30-9:30 am Check-in Breeding Goats and Check-in, Weigh and Classify Market Goats

10:00 am Judging of Breeding Lambs followed by judging of Market Lambs and Lamb Showmanship

1:00 pm Judging of Breeding Goats followed by Market Goats and Goat Showmanship**
****or 30 minutes after the completion of the lamb show****

5:00 pm Art & Photography Contest Awards

Thursday - January 22, 2026

7:30 am All Market Steers must be in place

7:30-8:30 am Weigh and Classify Market Steers

7:30-8:00 am Check-in of Breeding Heifers and Breeding Bulls

9:30 am Judging of Breeding Bulls

10:00 am Judging of Breeding Heifers followed by Heifer Showmanship 

11:00 am Ag Mechanics projects check-in

12:00 pm Judging of Ag Mechanics projects

3:30pm Judging of Market Steers followed by Steer Showmanship

Friday – January 23, 2026

10:00 am Set up Auction in Banquet Hall *****New Location*****

Saturday – January 24, 2026

12:30 pm Wilson County Junior Livestock Show & Baked Food Show Auction

*****Wilson County Expo & Community Center Banquet Hall*****



Sunday – January 25, 2026

10:00 am Clean up at the showbarn

All events except commercial heifer show & sale will be held at the Wilson County Expo Center – 435 HWY 97 East, Floresville, TX 78114

County Updates

WILSON COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

ENTER ON JUDGING CARD BY DECEMBER 12 @ 12:00 PM , REGISTER AT THE CONTEST, OR
MAIL ENTRIES TO:

NO
REFUNDS

WILSON COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION
1420 3RD STREET SUITE 300
FLORESVILLE, TEXAS 78114

\$15/INDIVIDUAL
\$50/TEAM

December 13,
2025
Check-in 8:00
am-8:30 am
Orientation
8:45 am
Contest 9:00 am

WILSON COUNTY
SHOWBARN INC
435 TX-97
FLORESVILLE, TEXAS
78114

JUNIOR 3RD-8TH GRADE
SENIOR 9TH-12TH GRADE

QUESTIONS?

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County Updates

Save the Date!

Insect Collection Contest

Will follow the State 4-H
Collection Contest Guidelines,
more Information to come!

Pinning and
Spreading Workshop
in April 2026

Collection Due in May 2026
good review before state!

District Updates



2025-2026 District 10 4-H Calendar

FALL & WINTER DATES

District 10 FALL Roundup – Kerrville, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Oct. 1, 2025

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025

LATE REGISTRATION: W-F, Oct. 29 - 31, 2025

Fall Roundup CONTEST DATES

Dec. 3, 2025 • Food Challenge

Dec. 4, 2025 • Food Show
• FCH Quiz Bowl
• Entomology Judging

Dec. 5, 2025 • Ed. Presentation &
Public Speaking
• Livestock & Horse Quiz Bowl

District 10 4-H Horse Judging at HLSR

****All 4-H members must submit an HLSR Stock Show entry form/fees to their County Office to compete in the District 10 4-H Horse Judging contest that is being held conjunction with the Houston Stock Show.**

DISTRICT REGISTRATION OPENS: Jan. 20, 2026

DISTRICT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Feb. 17, 2026

DISTRICT LATE REGISTRATION: Feb. 18-20, 2026

Mar. 9, 2026 • Horse Judging @ HLSR

District 10 4-H Virtual Photography Contest

REGISTRATION OPENS: Tues., Jan. 20, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tue. Feb. 17, 2026

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. Feb 18-20, 2026

Feb. 17, 2026 4HOnline Registration **CLOSES**

Mar. 31, 2026 Photography Results Released

SPRING & SUMMER DATES

District 10 SPRING Roundup – Fredericksburg, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Mon., Mar. 2, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., Mar. 24, 2026

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri, Mar. 25-27, 2026

Spring Roundup CONTEST DATES

April 14, 2026 • Leaders 4 Life (TBD)

April 15, 2026 • Meat Judging (San Angelo, TX)

April 20, 2026 • Livestock Judging

April 21, 2026 • Range/Pasture ID &
Range Evaluation (AM)
• Soil Judging (AM)
• Wool & Mohair Judging (PM)

April 22, 2026 • Livestock Skillathon
• 4-H Storyboard & Textiles

April 23, 2026 • Duds 2 Dazzle (Team/Solo)
• Fashion Show Contests

April 24, 2026 • Talent Showcase
• Consumer Decision Making

April 25, 2026 • Smallbore Rifle (Floresville, TX)

District 10 Leadership Lab – Brownwood, TX

REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, May 1, 2026

EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 26, 2026

LATE FEE REGISTRATION: May 27-29, 2026

EVENT DATE: June 24-26, 2026

District 10 Record Book Judging – Fredericksburg

REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, June 1, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tues., June 23, 2026

LATE REGISTRATION: Wed.-Fri. June 24-26, 2026

EVENT DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026

District 10 Newsletters

Make sure to check out the monthly newsletter posted on the District 10 4-H website [HERE](#)

District Updates

DISTRICT 10's COWBOY CHRISTMAS



Join us for:
food
music
games
fun

EVERYONE WELCOME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND
FAMILY!

DECEMBER 3RD 2025

5:00-7:00 pm

Hill Country Youth Event Center
3785 Hwy 27 Kerrville, TX 78028



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State Updates

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Photography Contest

2025-2026



Purpose:
to encourage observation within specific 4-H Natural Resources project areas and allow youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography.

REGISTRATION
\$ 10/photo

Open to:
Any enrolled 4-H Member (Jr./Int./Sr.) or CEA/Program Assistant/Volunteer

Rules to be posted on Texas 4-H Natural Resources webpages
Contestant does not need to be active in a Natural Resources project area

Registration through 4HOnline:
Entries Open: December 1, 2025
Entries Close: December 15, 2025

****IMPORTANT****
Participants will upload photos in a separate system called Submittable. Instructions and a direct link will be provided during the 4HOnline registration process.

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EST. 2024
ALPHA GAMMA RHO
CHRISTMAS CASH

Christmas Cash
Steer & Heifer Jackpot
Awarding Over \$15,000 in Cash Prizes

Hosted by
Texas A&M Alpha Gamma Rho
Brazos County Expo Center
December 14th



SAVE THE DATE



December 12-13, 2025
Brazos County Expo Center
5827 Leonard Road, Bryan, TX 77807

WHAT IS SOUTHERN CLASSIC?

Southern Classic is an educational opportunity for new 4-H/FFA families participating in livestock projects to teach the basic principals of livestock management.

Breakout Sessions

Include:

- Showmanship
- Feeding
- Animal Health
- Selection
- & MORE

NEW THIS YEAR!

Workshops, sessions, & the prospect show will be condensed into just ONE DAY! Everything will happen on SATURDAY, DEC 13.

Registration info to come!



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SAVE THE DATE
EXPLORE
Texas Panhandle

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 15th
One of the goals of the CORE Academy is to bring awareness to an assortment of possible careers. These careers do not focus on any one discipline. Career tours can be anything from hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, criminal justice, culinary arts, agriculture & natural resources, to marketing and promotions. The objective is to expose the youth to careers and businesses that they may have never considered.

JUNE
15th - 19th
2026

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It's Paper Clover Time!



Nov. 28 - Dec. 14, 2025

Funds support scholarships to 4-H camp and leadership activities.



TractorSupply.com

State Updates

2025-2026 Record Book Guide

Guide Link [HERE](#), D10 Training Recording [HERE](#)

Summarized Changes:

- Replaced the 4-H Story with Narratives-** About Me Narrative (All Ages), College & Career Exploration Narrative (Intermediate & Senior Only), Essay Prompt Narrative which changes annually (Senior Only).
- Added “My Year in Photos” section** - This page is separate from the written narratives & forms.
- Section I – Projects-** All project information will be noted in this section (page limits have increased); Encouraged to include at least 4 projects with their main project (to reflect the record book category they are competing in) being the first entry.
- Removed Section IV – Other 4-H Projects-** added into Section I.
- Forms can reflect all years in 4-H, not just current and previous 3 years-** Mirrors requirements of the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship.
- Section V - Non 4-H Activities** should still focus on more recent years.
- Removed Animal Agriculture Category** and replaced with Open/Self-Directed.
- All record books should be typed-** Handwritten books should not be submitted.
- DISCONTINUED ZSuites-** We are exploring alternative online platforms for the future years.



Meeting link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/93204714324?pwd=V0F6ZW53ZGpQaTJmdm9jLzI>

Meeting passcode: HTYA25

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ONLINE LEARNING SERIES

course summary:

Oct. 30, 6pm | Mental Health Check-In
"It's Okay to Not Be Okay.... Mental Health for Teens"

Dec. 18, 6pm | Gratitude & Giving Back
"Gratitude in Action: Service and the Power of Thankfulness"

Feb. 5, 6pm | Managing the Juggle
"Balance, Boundaries & Burnout: Self-Care During Busy Seasons"

April 9, 6pm | Spring into the True You
Topic: "Goal-Setting That Sticks: How to Create Habits That Last"

May 14, 6pm | Digital Life, Real Impact
"Digital Citizenship: Social Media, Identity, and Responsibility"

2026 TOWA YOUTH EXCELLENCE IN CRAFT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Open to Grades 9-12

Categories:

PEOPLE OUTDOORS
LANDSCAPE
WILDLIFE

1st Place Prizes \$1,000



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

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[Texas 4-H](#)
[4-HOnline](#)

Club Directory

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(Kindergarten - 2nd grade age)

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Floresville Clover Kids

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Spin Clubs

Wilson County Goat Club

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Tuesday & Thursday (seasonal)

Wilson 4-H Shooting Club

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