

January 2026



WILSON COUNTY 4-H

# NEWSLETTER

## At A Glance

- Dec. 31 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 1-2 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 6 SALE Broiler Pick Up
- Jan. 7 County Council Meeting
- Jan. 9 WCJLS Commercial Heifer Record Books due
- Jan. 11 Horse Project Group meeting
- Jan. 15 Deadline to add Allison on scholarship app
- Jan. 16-25 Wilson County Junior Livestock Show
- Jan. 19 Extension Office Closed
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- Jan. 28 Adult Booster Meeting
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- Feb. 15 4-H Foundation Scholarship due
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- Feb. 17 District Photography Contest reg. due  
District Horse Judging registration due

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[Website Link](#)



[New Member Guide Link](#)

## 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



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# County Updates



## County Meeting

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



## Senior Cookie/Snacks Donation

**January:** Wilson 4-H Shooting Club

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

## 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) 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.

**Champagne Royal Arabians** (2432 CR 126, Floresville) is looking for volunteers to assist in helping clean horse stalls, fill waters, minor fence repair, etc. If you are interested, please email Lori @ [fnightshade08@hotmail.com](mailto:fnightshade08@hotmail.com) or call at 830-321-1327.

## 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

## Dog Validation Due

**When:** January 10, 2026

**Where:** 4-HOnline

The Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 7-9, 2026 at the Hill Country Youth Event Center in Kerrville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by the deadline each year.

# County Updates

## **2025-2026 Eligibility Guidelines**

We advise all Wilson County 4-H members to inquire with their school on 4-H events and activities eligibility requirements.

### **No Pass, No Play**

As always, 4-H events will follow the No Pass No Play guidelines. Keep your grades up!

### **TEA-UIL Side by Side Rules**

Texas 4-H follows the UIL Side by Side guidelines. You can review this document [here](#).

### **Open Shows**

Open shows do not require 4-H membership, therefore, the Extension Office is not able to request eligibility and/or an excused absence for these events. A letter may be sent on behalf of the member demonstrating that these events support the 4-H members project work, however, the decision will remain up to the school (as with all requests).

**If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school first, as the school has final say on eligibility. Once you have contacted the school, please contact the Extension Office.**

# Livestock Exhibitors



## 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](#)

## IMPORTANT

## 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!

### SALE Broiler Pick Up

When: January 6<sup>th</sup> around 12 pm  
Where: Extension Office

### LVJLS Broiler Pick Up

When: January 23<sup>rd</sup> around 12 pm  
Where: La Vernia Ag Shop

### HLSR/RA Broiler Pick Up

When: January 30<sup>th</sup> around 12 pm  
Where: Extension Office

## Good Luck!

Good luck to all who are showing and competing at the major stockshows this spring! Send us pictures!

## Wilson County Junior Livestock Show

When: January 17-25

If you are exhibiting a project at WCJLS, make sure you are familiar with the rules ([link here](#)) and schedule (found below). **Be sure that you keep up with the show events as some things have changed from previous years!**

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: January 11, 2026 at 2 pm  
Where: Showbarn



# Check out the changes!

## 2026 WCJLS SCHEDULE

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### 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

**NEW**

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

**NEW**

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\*\*\*

**NEW**

## 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



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

### 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](#)

# 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.



## 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"



Meeting link:  
<https://agrilife.zoom.us/j/92204714314?pwd=VU1EbnhWZjZkZGlnQm9lSXB0aG9lLnQ=>  
Meeting passcode: HTYA25

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# PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

High School Students, ages 14-18  
within the State of Texas

Win Cash and Prizes  
To enter scan the QR code below





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# State Updates

## HORSE MANAGEMENT —101—

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Horse Management 101 is a two-day, hands-on workshop designed for new and existing horse owners and enthusiasts who want to build foundational knowledge in horse care, behavior, and management. Participants will work directly with experienced instructors in classroom and arena settings. This program is ideal for anyone wanting to learn safe, effective horsemanship and management practices.

**March  
20-21, 2026**

Hildebrand  
Equine  
Complex

College  
Station, TX



Registration  
\$225

Includes instruction, materials,  
lunch both days, and hands-on  
learning experiences



Questions? [jennifer.zoller@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jennifer.zoller@ag.tamu.edu)



## 2026 National 4-H Conference

April 10-15, 2026 in Arlington, VA

Applications are open in 4-HOnline and due January 18, 2026.

Delegates must be between 15-18 years of age.

More information can be found [HERE](#)

## JOIN US!!

### TEXAS 4-H NIGHT AT NASA

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER  
March 7-8, 2026



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For full details, visit the Texas 4-H Rocketry and Aerospace web page.

Registration opens December 15, 2025 - January 15, 2026

SPRING & SUMMER 2026

## TEXAS 4-H VIRTUAL SPORTFISHING PROGRAM

### Program Highlights

Zoom Educational Programs - No charge

March 17, 24, & 31 and May 19, 26 & June 9 @ 5:30 pm

Registration required via Google <https://forms.gle/Rsvw78zdf4bMfv77>

Freshwater & Saltwater Division Tournaments - \$50

Fish in YOUR location across the state!

Spring: April 4-May 30

Summer: June 13-August 8

Register via 4HOnline at <https://texas.4honline.com>

Texas 4-H Sportfishing Skill-a-thon Contest - \$5

Spring: May 15 - 30

Summer: July 17-August 8

Texas 4-H Sportfishing Angler Certification - No charge

Participate in 3 educational programs, one tournament and one skill-a-thon

**NEW!**

### New for 2026

- Complimentary tail-pinching tool & Check-it-stik
- Saltwater Fishing 101 & Managing Fish Resources programs
- First Fish Species Caught - Angler News Spotlight
- Black Drum and Rio Grande Cichlids permitted

Questions? Contact  
Dr. Jheri-Lynn McSwain at  
[jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:jlmcswain@ag.tamu.edu)



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**Happy  
New Year!**



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**HEALTHY and HAPPY**  
**NEW YEAR**



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## Helpful Website Links:

[District 10 4-H](#)

[Texas 4-H](#)

[4-HOnline](#)



# Club Directory

## Clubs

### Bentwood 4-H

Betty Fraiser  
betty@fandwelectrical.com  
1st Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

### Eagle Creek 4-H

Kristi Seesengood  
aaronco@flash.net  
2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

### Labatt 4-H

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### Sunnyside 4-H

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### Towerlake 4-H

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3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

### County Line 4-H

Sierra Ibrom  
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### Floresville 4-H

Lisa Fletcher  
floresville4h@gmail.com  
2nd Monday at 9:00 a.m.

### Stockdale 4-H

Whitney Fey  
stockdale4hclub@gmail.com  
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

### Three Oaks 4-H

Melissa Mangum  
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1st Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

## Clover Kids

(Kindergarten - 2nd grade age)

### Bentwood Clover Kids

Jennifer Kincaid  
jennifer@fandwelectrical.com  
1st Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

### Floresville Clover Kids

Anastasia Huffman  
floresville4h@gmail.com  
2nd Monday at 9:00 a.m.

## Spin Clubs

### Wilson County Goat Club

Jaime Peck  
thepecks1234@gmail.com  
Sundays Seasonal at 3:00 p.m.

### Wilson County Archery Project

Cindi Luna calsg@msn.com  
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

### Wilson 4-H Rifle

Christopher & Stephanie Kirtland  
wilson4hrifle@gmail.com  
Tuesday & Thursday (seasonal)

### Wilson 4-H Shooting Club

Donna Delarm  
wilson4hshootingclub@gmail.com  
Sunday (varies) at 2:00 p.m.

## Project Groups

### Bee Keeping

Maria Alaniz-George  
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