



WILSON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

At A Glance

Dec. 31 Extension Office Closed
 Jan. 1-2 Extension Office Closed
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 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
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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



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 T  [Website Link](#)
 A  [New Member Guide Link](#)



County Updates



County Meeting

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



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 or call at 830-321-1327.

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

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

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!

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

Good Luck!

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

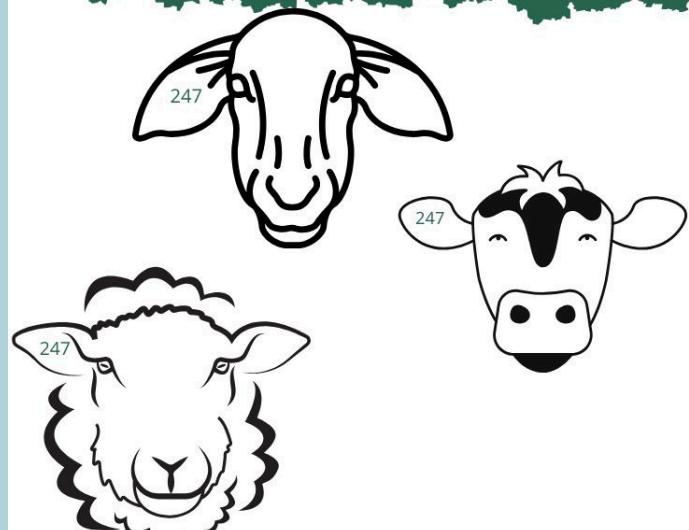
Wilson County Junior Livestock Show

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

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

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.



Meeting link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9220474434?pwd=V0F0FWF593ZGjinOgTSmdm0jI4>
Meeting passcode: HTYA25

The members of Texas 4-H Age in our provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetics information, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other classification proscribed by federal, state, or local law and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas 4-H AgriLife.

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"

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

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

Win Cash and Prizes
To enter scan the QR code below



Presented by

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State Updates

HORSE MANAGEMENT 101

TEXAS A&M
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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



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!!



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/Rsvw78zzdf4bMfV7Z>

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 for 2026

- Complimentary tail-pinch 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
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The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.



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Helpful Website Links:

District 10 4-H

Texas 4-H
4-HOnline

Club Directory

Clubs

Bentwood 4-H

Betty Fraiser
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1st Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Eagle Creek 4-H

Kristi Seesengood
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2nd Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Labatt 4-H

Valarie Campos
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1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Sunnyside 4-H

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Towerlake 4-H

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Floresville 4-H

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Stockdale 4-H

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Clover Kids

(Kindergarten - 2nd grade age)

Bentwood Clover Kids

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Floresville Clover Kids

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Spin Clubs

Wilson County Goat Club

Jaime Peck
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Wilson County Archery Project

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2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Wilson 4-H Rifle

Christopher & Stephanie Kirtland
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Tuesday & Thursday (seasonal)

Wilson 4-H Shooting Club

Donna Delarm
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Sunday (varies) at 2:00 p.m.