

Wilson County 4-H



NEWSLETTER

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STRESS BUSTERS: *STRESS LESS, SMILE MORE*

Express Gratitude

Gratitude helps you recognize all the things you have to be thankful for. Whether you're grateful for a sunny day or thankful you arrived at work safely, think about all the good things you have in life. Gratitude also reminds you of all of the resources you have to cope with stress, which can be quite empowering.

HAPPY 4-H NEW YEAR!

TIME TO ENROLL

Enrollments begins September 1st

You must enroll online on our new system 4-H Online.

<https://v2.4honline.com>

If you enroll before October 31, 2021 your participation fee is only \$25 per member.

After October 31, 2021 the fee will increase to \$30 per member, so sign up ASAP!

HOW TO ENROLL

Visit <https://v2.4honline.com>

RETURNING MEMBERS - If you are a returning member, **DO NOT create a new profile.**

Duplicate profiles will not be accepted! Use the same email and password you used last year.

For **detailed instructions** visit:

[Family guide: Opening an existing profile](#)

NEW MEMBERS— you must create a new profile. For detailed instructions visit:

[Family Guide: Creating NEW family profile](#)

For training and details about 4-H Connect:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/4honline/>

Be sure to triple check all your information!

Enter an **email you check regularly!** This is the email the Extension Office will use to send newsletters, upcoming events and all other important information.

Fast Facts



REGISTRATION PAPERS

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PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Did you know we have a 4-H Photography Group?

Wilson County 4-H has a private Facebook group dedicated to the 4-H photography project!

[JOIN HERE](#)

QUALITY COUNTS

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS MUST COMPLETE QUALITY COUNTS BY NOVEMBER 1ST!

All livestock exhibitors must complete the Quality Counts training once every age division (not every year). So if you are up for the training again this year, please DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE! Your livestock entries can not be submitted without this number, so it must to be completed by November 1.

FAQ & INFO.

For questions about Quality Counts, how to register, and more, visit: <https://agrilife.org/qualitycounts/>

REGISTER

To register, visit: <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>

TECHNICAL ISSUES

For any technical questions regarding the website or login credentials, please have exhibitors reach out to our helpdesk at learnonline@ag.tamu.edu

2021-2022 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: <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/tea-uil-side-by-side>

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.

County Updates

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

When: September 1, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Where: Extension Classrooms
Theme: TBD

More information to come!

The Wilson County Council serves to develop leadership, to promote and encourage 4-H participation and to coordinate 4-H activities in the county. All 4-H members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

When: September 2, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Where: Extension Classrooms

Join Livestock Quiz Bowl!

Come join the State Qualifying Livestock Quiz Bowl team for the first practice of the season! For a full schedule of practices and details about Livestock Quiz Bowl, visit: <https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/4-h-livestock-quiz-bowl-information-meeting/>

ADULT BOOSTER MEETING

When: September 8, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Where: Extension Classrooms

The Wilson County Adult Boosters is designed to promote, encourage and assist the Wilson County 4-H Program. Every year the Adult Boosters raise money for scholarships, educational programming, 4-H equipment and supplies, expenses related to 4-H competitions, and much more!

4-H KICK OFF

When: September 12, 2021, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Pecan Park, Floresville

We are kicking off the 4-H year with a BANG! Join us for all kinds of 4-H fun! Come learn more about 4-H all while you are playing games, competing in mini-contests, eating some popcorn or sweet treats, and MUCH MORE! Bring your friends, tell your family, and nudge the neighbors— it's time for 4-H!

Volunteers Needed!

CLUB BOOTHS

Each club is invited, and strongly encouraged, to have a booth with more information about your club. If you want to run the booth for your club, please reach out to your club manager.

PROJECT BOOTH

We need volunteers to work booths with more information about the different projects in 4-H. If you are interested, please complete the volunteer form here: <https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/4-h-kick-off/>

HEIFER VALIDATION ORDERS DUE

When: September 14, 2021 by 11:30 pm
Where: [ONLINE](#) or In-Person
Cost: \$17
Late Tags: \$35 (after Sept 14 until day of Validation)

4-H members showing heifers during the 21-22 show season MUST validate their heifer.

Validations may be purchased at the County ONLINE at: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/livestock-shows/#Tag-Orders>

In person orders are accepted as well.

County Updates

MYSTERY FOOD WORKSHOP

When: September 15, 2021 @ 6 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo (Showbarn)
RVSP: [Online](#)

Dinner Provided!

It's a mystery... there's food ... it's a Food Mystery! Join us to learn more about cooking, knife safety, mysterious foods, and more! You'll also have a chance to solve the mystery!

For more information, visit: <https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/mystery-food-workshop/>

SWINE VALIDATION TAG ORDERS DUE

Order Deadline: September 23, 2021
Where: [ONLINE](#)
Cost: \$17
LATE Deadline: November 17, 2021
Late Cost: **\$50**

4-H members showing swine during the 21-22 show season **MUST** validate their animals.

Validations may be purchased at the County Extension Office or ONLINE at: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-livestock-home-page/>

CATTLE CLINIC

When: September 26, 2020, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

Join us for our first Livestock Clinic Series of the year focusing on the 4-H Cattle project!

Topics will include:

- Feeding & Nutrition
- Show Day Preparation
- Showmanship

This clinic is hosted by the Wilson County Livestock Ambassadors. Ambassadors will be on site to answer questions, mentor other members and more!

A guest speaker to be determined. For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-cattle-clinic/>

POULTRY CLINIC

When: September 26, 2020, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

Join us for our first Livestock Clinic Series of the year focusing on the 4-H Poultry project!

Clinic will focus on both broilers and turkeys and will include topics like:

- Feeding & Nutrition
- Environmental Control
- Culling
- Showmanship

If you are new to the poultry project or just want to brush up on your skills, this is a great opportunity to learn more BEFORE you get your birds!

This clinic is hosted by the Wilson County Livestock Ambassadors. Ambassadors will be on site to answer questions, mentor other members and more!

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-poultry-clinic/>

County Updates

4-H DOG CAMP

When: September 29– October 27
Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Where: 1103 4th St, Floresville, Tx
Extension Meeting Room

Do you own a dog? Great! Come join us for this five-week Dog Camp!

This year's camp will focus on training for the Canine Good Citizen Test! This test is universally recognized as the first step in training and is often used for insurance purposes, renters agreements, and more! At the end of the five weeks, campers will have a chance to pass the test and be awarded the Canine Good Citizen Certificate!

To learn more, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/dog-camp/>

ONE DAY 4-H

When: October 3, 2021, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center

Extend a helping hand to your community by participating in ONE Day 4-H! Every year, 4-H has one day dedicated solely to community service.

This year our county-wide One Day 4-H project will be to clean up at the Wilson County Expo Center (showbarn). The Expo serves the 4-H community in so many ways and Wilson County Council feels it important to give back! For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/one-day-4-h/>

T-Shirts– Order by September 9, 2021

Want a ONE Day 4-H t-shirt? Order them here: <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/oneday/>

COUNTY ROUNDUP

When: October 11, 2021 @ 2 p.m.
Where: TBD
Entries Due: October 5, 2021
Online– Coming Soon!

Qualifying Contests:

These contests are required for those wishing to compete at District.

- Food Show
- Food Challenge

When entering online, you will receive and email confirmation of your entry. If you do not, please contact the Extension Office.

NEED A FOOD CHALLENGE TEAM? Contact the Extension Office at (830) 393-7357.

For more information, visit: <https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/county-roundup/>

HEIFER VALIDATION

When: October 11, 2021 4-6 p.m.
Where: Wilson County Expo Center

At validation the following must be present:

1. **Animal** being validated
2. **Registration papers** for Breeding Animals
3. **Parent/guardian** – must be present to sign paperwork.
 - Parents may sign for exhibitor if child cannot attend
 - Parents unable to attend must sign waiver & paperwork before validation

Anyone with conflicts, must NOTIFY the extension office PRIOR to validation.

For more detailed information about validation, please visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-fall-heifer-validation/>

County Updates

SHEEP & GOAT VALIDATION

When: October 18-19, 2021 @ 4-6 p.m.

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

*** Late Tags Deadline:** October 5, 2021

Cost: \$50

At validation the following must be present:

1. **Animal** being validated
2. **Registration papers** for Breeding Animals
3. **Parent/guardian** – must be present to sign paperwork.
 - Parents may sign for exhibitor if child cannot attend
 - Parents unable to attend must sign waiver & paperwork before validation
 - Ag Teachers & Agents CANNOT sign on behalf of parent

Anyone with conflicts, must NOTIFY the extension office PRIOR to validation. Please call (830)393-7357.

For more detailed information about validation, please visit: <https://counties.agrilife.org/wilson/event/4-h-lambgoat-validation-fall/>

** Late tag orders that are not purchased by October 5, 2021 will be on a first come, first serve basis the day of validation. If there are not enough tags available at validation, your animal will not be validated. If you need to purchase a late tag, do so early!*

SHEEP & GOAT CLINIC

When: October 24, 2021, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

Guest Speaker: Kyle Ramsey

Clinic will focus on both sheep and goats and will include topics like:

- Feeding & Nutrition
- Show Day Preparation
- Showmanship

This clinic is hosted by the Wilson County Livestock Ambassadors. Ambassadors will be on site to answer questions, mentor other members and more!

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-sheep-goat-clinic/>

RABBIT WORKSHOP

When: October 24, 2021, 2-4 p.m.

Where: Wilson County Expo Center
435 TX-97, Floresville

Clinic will focus on the rabbit project and will include topics like:

- Feeding & Health
- Tattooing
- Showmanship

If you are new to rabbits or just want or brush up on your skills, this is a great opportunity to learn more BEFORE you get your rabbits!

This clinic is hosted by the Wilson County Livestock Ambassadors. Ambassadors will be on site to answer questions, mentor other members and more!

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-rabbit-workshop-2/>

County Updates

4-H SCIENCE NIGHT

When: October 26, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

Save the Date!

More information coming soon! Come out for a spooky science night full of fun, hands-on STEM experiments for all ages!

For more information and to register, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/event/4-h-science-night/>

WCJLS BROILER ORDERS DUE

When: October 28, 2021 by 5 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

Members showing Broilers at WCJLS must turn in an order form and payment by October 28, 2021.

To download the order form, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/4-h/4-h-livestock-home-page/>

BUCKLE BATTLE

When: October 30, 2021

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

This Goat prospect show benefits the Wilson County Goat Club.

For more information, visit: <https://wilson.agrilife.org/files/2021/08/2021-Buckle-Battle.pdf>

WILSON 4-H RIFLE REGISTRATION

When: November 9, 2021

Where: Wilson County Expo Center

Time: 6-8 P.M.

Cost: \$100 (Non-Refundable)

Interested in learning how to safely and competitively shoot rifles? Wilson 4-H Rifle Club will be holding registration for kids in the 3rd through the 12th grade. You must be registered on 4-H Online prior to registration with Wilson 4-H Rifle Club.

Safety Meetings:

January 4, 2022 (Mandatory for new shooters)

January 6, 2022 (Mandatory for new shooters)

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For more information call Nathan Merecka @ 210-725-6046 or Christy Merecka @210-725-6038

District Updates

DISTRICT 10 MEGA MEETING

When: September 25, 2021
Where: Comfort High School
Cost: \$30
Registration: Sept. 1-13, 2021 4HOnline

This District event gives youth and adults the opportunity to expand their 4-H knowledge and meet 4-H members in D-10. It provides for district level leadership that they can take back to their county and teach to local 4-Hers. Mega Meeting will feature hands-on game sessions for youth, adult volunteers and agents!

For more information, visit: <https://d104-h.tamu.edu/district-events-activities/mega-meeting/>

DISTRICT 10 FALL ROUNDUP

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2021 District Fall Roundup is scheduled for
November 30-December 2, 2021
in Kerrville!

Contest will include: Educational Presentations, Entomology, FCH Quiz Bowl, Food Challenge, Food Show, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestock Quiz Bowl, Public Speaking.

More information will be coming soon!

State Updates

RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA

When: September 18, 2021

Where: Belton, TX

Registration: September 10, 2021

Learn more about the rabbit project, show your rabbit, compete in skills contests, and more!

For more information, visit: <https://texas4h.tamu.edu/events/rabbit-extravaganza/>

STATE ROUNDUP

Already looking forward to 2022 State Roundup?

You can find more information here: <https://texas4h.wpengine.com/events/roundup/>

4-H CALENDAR

Support 4-H, get your 2022 calendar!

The Texas 4-H Foundation is excited to announce the release of the NEW 2022 calendar! Proceeds from the sales will provide Texas 4-H members the opportunity to attend camp through scholarships. Each month will feature two winning Texas 4-H member photos, the winners are listed below. Also included in our 2022 calendar will be the names of all District Officers and State Council Officers for the 2021-2022 year. Sales are open from September 1st-September 30th. [Order now!](#)

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER

Who: Grades 7-12

The Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer program provides advanced instruction to photography enthusiasts. Only dedicated photography project youth wishing to expand their knowledge as well as service to others should apply for this opportunity.

There are two workshops, one in September and one in December.

For more information contact:
d-bruton@tamu.edu

4-H DAY IN AGGIELAND

When: October 2, 2021

Where: College Station

4-H Day in Aggieland will be held October 2, 2021. Be on the watch for more details about, campus tours, and workshops coming soon, but get those game tickets and t-shirts purchased now! We will be holding a complimentary, private 4-H tailgate before the game at the TAMU Gardens. More info. and purchase game tickets, [click here](#).

Member Spotlight

Brody Kowalik



Age: 15

Years in 4-H: 5

4-H Club: Stockdale 4-H

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: Rocky Road

Would You Rather:

Show a PigOR.... Show a Rabbit

Lick a Dirty Trash CanOR..... The Bathroom Floor

Be Invisible....OR..... Be able to Fly

Be a famous Singer ...OR..... Be a famous Actor

Be the funniest person alive.....OR.... the Smartest

Brody's Projects:

Some of the projects I participate in are Rabbits, Goats, Shooting Sports (shotgun), Veterinary Science, Clothing and Textiles and Food and Nutrition. I would have to say my favorite is a tie between Shooting Sports and Goats!

Brody's Favorite Thing About 4-H:

One of my favorite things about 4-H is that it is so much fun but you're learning all these interesting new things and skills with your various projects! I have really enjoyed making some great friends while at meetings, practices and shows. I am naturally on the shy side and 4-H has helped me gain so much confidence and learn to assert myself in ways I otherwise would not have. I also love the opportunity to interact with the animals in my projects because I really love animals. There is a lot to love about 4-H; I can't pick just one thing!

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