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**ON THE CALENDAR  
MONTHLY**

Pistol League: Tues. 7pm

Trap & Skeet: 1st, 2nd &  
4th Sat. 9am-1pm

Trap & Skeet: Sun. 1-5pm

Trap & Skeet: Wed. 3pm-?

Sporting Clays: 3rd Sat.

(www.nwtfsclays.webs.com)

**CALENDER - 2026**

**May**

TSRA State Competition: 1, 2 & 3rd

NRA Rifle: 2nd

Kids Fishing Rodeo: 9th

Memorial Day - Office closed 25th

Directors Meeting: 28th

**June**

Youth Fishing Trip: 6th

Directors Meeting: 25th

**July**

Don James Memorial Shoot: 4th

4H State Shooting Sport: 13-18th

Directors Meeting: 23rd

**The District 3 4-H Rifle & Pistol Shoot**, hosted by the

Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association, proved to be an exceptional showcase of youth shooting sports in Texas. With 128 young competitors representing 14 counties, the event highlighted both the popularity and the growing strength of the 4-H shooting program across the region. By several measures, it may well rank as the largest youth rifle and pistol shoot in the state, a testament to the dedication of participants and organizers alike.

Executing an event of this scale required remarkable coordination and commitment. A team of 45 volunteers worked behind the scenes and on the firing line to ensure everything ran safely and efficiently. Three ranges operated simultaneously throughout the competition, allowing events to progress smoothly while maintaining strict safety standards. Over the course of the shoot, approximately 7,500 rounds were fired—an impressive figure that underscores both the size of the event and the level of activity on the range.

Amid strong competition, standout performances helped define the day. One of the most coveted awards, the Silver Belt Buckle for Junior competitors, was earned by local shooter Lola, bringing pride to the host association and showcasing the strength of its youth program. Achievements like this reflect not only individual talent but also the quality of coaching and mentorship that supports these young athletes.

Beyond the scores and awards, the event embodied the core values of 4-H: discipline, responsibility, and community. Families, coaches, and volunteers came together to support the participants, creating an environment where learning and sportsmanship were just as important as winning. For the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association, hosting such a successful and large-scale event reinforces its commitment to youth development and ensures that the traditions of safe, responsible shooting sports continue to thrive in North Texas.



# DISTRICT 3 4-H RIFLE & PISTOL SHOOT HIGHLIGHTS









**A GREAT DAY  
WAS HAD BY ALL  
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4-H RIFLE  
&  
PISTOL SHOOT!**



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AND STREAM

# RAFFLE



\$50.00  
each ticket

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**AUG. 27  
2026  
7:00 PM**

**PURCHASE LOCATION** MON. - FRI. 1:00-5:30  
2005 SOUTHWEST PKWY. WICHITA FALLS, TX

09 MAY 2026

# KIDS FISHING RODEO

*Learn to fish day hosted by the  
Northwest Texas Field & Stream*

Free to the  
public

**10:00 AM  
TO  
12:00 PM**

Free hot  
dog lunch at  
11:00

PRIZES AWARDED BY AGE GROUP:

1-3 YRS; 4-6 YRS; 7-9 YRS; & 10-12 YRS

2005

SOUTHWEST

PKWY

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

This is your invitation to *Join & Enjoy* the Northwest Texas Field & Stream Association.

*Fun for the entire family*

**\$75.00**

**Annual Family Membership AND**

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**“Families that hunt and fish together stay together.”**

**MAIL THIS APPLICATION TODAY**

With your check for **\$100.00** for Range Membership

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Family membership ending March 31, 2027**

**NWTF&S Association**

**P.O Box 9161**

**Wichita Falls, TX 76308-0161**

**Questions call 940-692-1141**

**YOUR 2026 FIELD AND STREAM MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED 3-31-2026. RENEW TODAY!**

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MATCH REGISTRATION INCLUDES TARGETS \$10.00.

FIRST SATURDAY IN JULY IS A  
SPECIAL SHOOT DON JAMES MEMORIAL, INCLUDES  
LUNCH & AWARDS.

**COME OUT AND ENJOY THE FUN!**



A new addition to  
NWTFS Director  
Emeritus Plaque is  
Margaret Kroes.

Margaret was a big  
part of the North-  
west Texas Field &  
Stream for many  
years.

**YOUR 2026  
NORTHWEST  
TEXAS FIELD  
AND STREAM  
MEMBERSHIP  
EXPIRED  
3-31-2026.**

**The Beauty of Spring  
on Display!**



Betty had a visitor recently! She says “ Even the snakes are heading to higher places to avoid the rain!!”

*Memorial Donations  
Made in  
Honor of:*

*Mike Campsey*

*By:*

*LeRoy & Kathie  
Chaddick*

*Larry & Linda Carr*

*Billy Holmes*

**FROM THE OFFICE**  
**LOSS & FOUND NOTICE**

A couple of items were turned in to the office over the last couple of weeks. If you are missing something please call the Southwest Parkway office at 940-692-1141 Monday - Friday between 1 PM and 5:30 PM.

Please describe the missing item to verify the item found.

One item was found at the 25 yard range and the other at the 100 yard range.

We would like to thank those members who turned the items in. Remember, if you find something you can bring it to the SW Parkway office or the Gun Club if someone is there and we will try to help it get back home!!

**Families that hunt and fish together stay together!**



James J. Herring (President) 5030 Stone Lake Dr.  
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**KID'S FISHING RODEO  
MAY 9, 2026  
10 AM—12 PM  
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NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD  
& STREAM  
2005 SOUTHWEST PKWY.**

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOTICE**

**2026 Membership expired March 31, 2026. Renew Today!**

**This includes new memberships, \$75.00 per year, as well as those whose memberships have expired. New members and expired memberships would also pay the \$25.00 Range Key Card.**

**Please remember that we do not send out renewal notices!**

### **Remind your friends!**

**Payment can be made by:**

- 1) Stopping by the office at: *2005 SW Pkwy Wichita Falls, TX 76308 (Monday-Friday 1pm-5:30pm).***
- 2) Mailing in a check or money order to our:  
*P.O. Box 9161 76308***
- 3) Submitting it online on our website: *nwtf.org***

## **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

This message is a friendly reminder regarding safety regulations at the North Texas Field and Stream (NWTF) ranges. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the specific rules for each shooting range.

Each of our ranges, varying in distance from 15 to 100 yards, have unique safety protocols in place. Clearly marked signage at each range details these specific requirements. We strongly urge you to carefully read these signs before commencing your shooting activities. Your adherence to these rules is crucial for maintaining a safe environment for all users.

While we want everyone to have fun and enjoy their time at NWTF, it's important to understand that violations of these safety regulations can have serious consequences. Unfortunately, recent incidents captured on our range cameras have highlighted the need for increased vigilance. These incidents are being addressed promptly and appropriately.

For a complete overview of our standard range rules, please visit the NWTF website. These comprehensive guidelines complement the range-specific signage and provide a complete understanding of our safety policies.

Your cooperation in upholding these safety regulations is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require clarification on any of the rules, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**Office: 940-692-1141    Web Site: [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org)    E-mail: [office@nwtf.org](mailto:office@nwtf.org)**

# NORTHWEST TEXAS FIELD AND STREAM DIRECTORS MEETING

**April 23, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m

Directors present were: M. Bedwell, K & J Cannaday, L Carr, J & M Gallagher, J. Godby, L. Hare, P. Herrera, F. Jones, R. Kroes, J. Lamberth, N. Mason, E. Matelski, P. Mitchell, J. Petenbrink, B. Rowland, J. Scales, B & J Stephens, M. Watson and A. Woods.

**Invocation:** Linda

**Pledge:** Norman

Norman asked that we also keep those people we know that are having health issues at this time in our prayers. Thanks to everyone for coming. Thanks once again to the cooks. (Mark W. who **picked up dinner** this evening. Literally, from United!!! ) And, thanks to Linda for the flowers on the table which Linda said was to represent Mother's Day which is coming soon. If you had a blue sticker under your chair, the flower on that table was yours to keep.

**Guests:** Bobby Adams (4-H), Russell Arbuckle (4-H),

**Minutes:** Linda: Motioned to accept. Jessica seconded motion. Motion approved

**Financials:** Frank motioned to accept. Mark G.: Seconded motion. Motion approved.

**Correspondence:** Roger

Received a Thank you card from the Campsey family for the flowers and thanked all those who came. Friberg Cooper VFD – yearly donation request. Frank motioned to approve \$200.00 donation. Mark B. seconded. Motion approved.

**Gun Club:** John L.

Held the Home Builders match, the 410 match and a club shoot. Has nothing else on the schedule as of yet.

**Rifle:** Jon S.

Had 7-8 at last match. Tasha has been coming out to shoot rifle also.

**Pistol:** John P.

Just finished week 6 with average of 12 – 17 each week. Will do a make-up session next week.

**4-H Rifle/pistol:** Roger

Wanted to recognize Tasha, who moved here earlier this year from Alaska. She is Brian D's. stepdaughter. She has been helping out with the 4-H training. Asked Roger if she could shoot air pistol. Roger was impressed with her abilities and fast tracked her. She went with them to the Amarillo match and took 2<sup>nd</sup> Marksman with 198. Also won High Junior representing Field & Stream. She received a metal pistol case as a trophy.

Dist. III coming up. Has labeled 1,000 targets and mentioned that they'll go through 1, 000 rounds! Explained the changes in range layout for this year. Wants to get done before any bad weather comes. Have 128 registered out of 14 counties. After that is the TSRA match May 1 – 3 with participants coming from CA, MN, AL and the Carolina's. Also have 5 Army marksmen coming in. There

tickets available for the M1 Garand. Camp Perry only has 1 – 2 that may be eligible. Some of the adults may not be able to go. Held in July.

**Youth Shotgun: Frank**

Will wrap it up next Tuesday. Have 7 dedicated shooters. Dist. Match moved to Nov. State shoot in July. They're doing well but some are just not there yet!

**Archery: Mark G.**

Has been having issues getting students. Will talk to Katrina so see if they need to change something. Different Day/time???

**Safety: Mark G.**

Had someone fall at the Gun Club where he has started covering Saturday's. Asked everyone to be mindful of other people.

**Gun Show: John P.**

Nothing to report.

**Hunters Ed.: Frank**

Next class will be August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**Norman:**

Vote on the 2 nominated directors from last month. (Bobby and Russell) Linda motioned to approve. Pat M. seconded motion. Both approved.

**New Business:**

Artie noted that the flag needed to be replaced.

**John G.** – he and Roger have a meeting scheduled with a potential donor next week. Possible matching grants.

**Norman** – Asked for a motion to approve a new Appropriations Committee. They would be responsible for procuring donations, sponsorships, etc. Currently includes: Roger, John G. and Jennifer. John P. motioned to approve. Pat. M. seconded. Motion approved.

**Paul H.** – Asked if he could get some volunteers to help him pack up their stuff.

**John G.** – Deer hunts have always used 223 & 243 rifles. Would like to be able to bring AR-15's. Would only hold 1 load at a time with an acceptable caliber. Noted that the Game Warden's use them for their safety program. After a short discussion, John G. motioned to allow, Jennifer seconded motion. Approved.

Linda motioned to adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20

**NEXT MEETING May 28, 2026**



Tasha, Stepdaughter of Brian Davis, moved to Wichita Falls from Alaska.

She told Roger she wanted to shoot Air Pistol. She has been helping with 4H Training.

Roger brought her to the office to shoot Air Pistol. She was Good!

Her training was fast tracked and she went to the Amarillo match on the 11th, placing 2nd in Marksman and High Junior while representing Northwest Texas Field & Stream.

She was presented the case at the match.

**Congratulations Tasha!**



Welcome  
To Northwest Texas Field &  
Stream's newest Directors:  
Bobby Adams  
and  
Russell Arbuckle

Thank you to Academy  
Sports for the Gift Cards  
used to purchase the  
fishing rods for our Kids  
Fishing Rodeo  
May 9, 2026.



**WHO IS YOUR MENTOR?** I have had many amazing mentors with the different activities I have been involved with. **Mary Elizabeth Pearce** was my first mentor. She taught me about horses and participating in her horse program led to my joining 4-H. **Kelly Martin and Michael Hague** have been mentors with my dairy goat project. Kelly Martin has been there to help with choosing animals and answering questions about animal care. Michael Hague has become an invaluable local mentor who is available to answer questions that require hands-on learning. **Dwayne Pierce**, Ag/NR Agent has always been a big help with my photography. He is always willing to look over my photographs and provide guidance on how I can improve my work. **Katrena Mitchell**, my 4-H Agent, has been a great mentor. She has helped with my dog project, Wichita County 4-H ambassadors. She is the contact for everything livestock show related, and she is the person who always knows what I may want to try next. She is always there with suggestions of something new or interesting I can try. **Danelle Ivey and Roger Kroes** have been my instructors for shooting sports. They have been very patient and helpful as I have started participating in competitions. **Kirsten Polk** has been a mentor to me from the time I entered 4-H. She was also a youth involved in the 4-H program and kept me actively participating in events when I first joined the program. She is now an ag teacher out of the area and she has made multiple trips to come watch me compete, even when it was out of her way. She is always a big supporter no matter what project I am working on.

### **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GROW UP? OR WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE AND WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?**

I would like to be a welder. I am currently considering WyoTech, Vernon College, and Universal Technologies Institute.

### **TELL US A FUNNY STORY ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED WHILE CARING FOR YOUR ANIMAL OR DURING A COMPETITION.**

When my first goat was due to kid last year, I slept in a hammock all night waiting for the kids to be born. But that didn't happen! My Nubian doe, Artemis, gave birth when I ran into the house to get something to drink. I only left for about five minutes and when I got back, I heard Artemis yell at me then I heard two little squeaks and realized she gave birth on her own to two little babies in about five minutes.

**WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/INTERESTS?** Shooting sports, Legos, Archery, Trains, Photography, Goats, Horses, attending dairy goat jackpot shows.

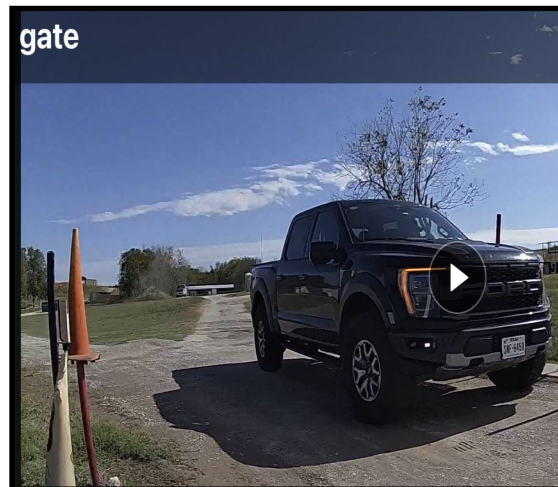
**COMMENTS/WORDS OF WISDOM OR ADVICE:** Try it before you say you are not interested in something.



**SMILE!!**

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