



# CLOVER CHRONICLE

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**Remind:**

Text @wharton4 to 81010  
Or (469)530-2399

## 4-H Enrollment 2015-2016!!

### How do I join 4-H?

Call your county office of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.  
4-H Agent, Rachel Berry  
979-532-3310  
rachel.berry@ag.tamu.edu



### Enrollment is by grades and no longer by ages

*Clover Kids—Kindergarten—2nd grade*  
*Junior—3rd grade-5th grade*  
*Intermediates—6th grade-8th grade*  
*Senior—9th grade-12th grade*

### How much does it cost?

4-H has a participation cost of \$20 (before November 1st of each year) to \$25 (November 1st and after) to join. Some projects might cost something to get started -like, is you want to do photography, you will need a camera and money to get pictures developed.

### How do I enroll?

4HConnect is a web-based system used to enroll youth and accept applications for adults in the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program

**[TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM](http://TEXAS.4HONLINE.COM)**

If you haven't enrolled yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**To participate in the WCYF you must be enrolled in 4-H by January 30.**

## Texas 4-H NEW Website

The new Texas 4-H Website is up and running! It is updated with all things 4-H for Texas 4-H members to use. Personally, I saved it to my home screen on my phone because the information is so useful. The address is:

**<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>**



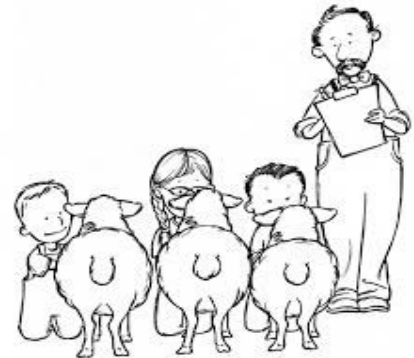
## Livestock News

Major Shows will be starting in January with Fort Worth. If you entered for Fort Worth, please come by the 4-H office and see Rachel for your passes.

Good Luck to all who are exhibiting in Fort Worth!!

### Wharton Co. Youth Fair News

Jan. 8—Broiler Order Due  
 Feb. 1—Creative Arts Entry Due  
 Feb. 6—Swine Tag-in  
 Feb. 7—Ag Mech Entry Due  
 Feb. 17—Roaster Pick-up  
 Feb. 26—Jr. Beef Entry Due  
 Feb. 28—Progress Show Dairy/  
 Dairy Merit/Horses ONLY!!



## District 11 Food Show/Food Challenge

**Date:** Saturday February 6, 2016

**Location:** La Grange Randolph Recreation Center, La Grange TX

**Entry/Registration Deadline:** 4-H Connect deadline January 8

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 per person (per

event); \$25 Late fee assessed from January 9 – January 22

If you are an adult volunteer that is interested in serving as a judge or helper at the District Food & Nutrition Contests, please contact your County Extension Office and let

them know of your interest! Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!



## Record Book Training

**Tuesday, February 9, 6:30pm**  
**CEO**

Open to all Wharton Co. 4-Hers needing more information on how to put together a record book, the dos and don'ts and what the judges are looking for.

If you are interested, please RSVP to Rachel.berry@ag.tamu.edu by Friday, February 5.



**4-H Record books are books you make to record your annual projects.**

## County Council Corner

The next county council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26. Meal will be served at 6:00pm, meeting will start at 6:30pm.

The council shirts should be in by this meeting. If you have not paid for your shirt, you need to pay the \$20 for the shirt as soon as possible.

Discussion:

- Community Service for the spring
- Selling t-shirts in the spring
- Summer trip planning
- County Photography contest
- County Round-Up

If any council member can help for the Roundup Project Workshop, please email or text Rachel.



## County Roundup

County Roundup is Saturday, March 5. Registration will begin at 8:30am, contests will begin promptly at 9:00am.

Photography awards will be posted on the wall in CEO. You may come by to pick up your pictures and awards at Roundup.

**Contests that are offered at County Roundup:**

- Public Speaking
- Educational Presentations
- Share the Fun
- Fashion Show
- Fashion Story Board
- Duds to Dazzle
- Quiz Bowl
- Ag. Product Identification
- Entomology Contest

Information on all contests can be found on Wharton Co. 4-H website.

### Roundup Contest/Project

#### Workshop

**Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 9:00-11:00am CEO**

This workshop will be offered in a round robin format. 4, 20-30min sessions will be offered starting at 9am. A survey was sent out to all members to select the contests they were interested in. The workshop will give information on the contests, what is needed, what is expected and how to succeed in these contests.



## Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

Scholarship applications can be found on the Wharton Co. 4-H website as well as

[www.texas4-H.tamu.edu](http://www.texas4-H.tamu.edu)

**Texas 4-H awards 225 scholarships for students** – all you need is 4-H experience, financial need, and your academic record. The scholarship awards range from \$1,000-\$20,000.

There is a scholarship category for most everyone, including:

- **Baccalaureate Scholarship:** For students interested in a four-year degree.
- **Technical Certification:** For students interested in joining the workforce soon after finishing high school. Some 4-H approved examples are vocational nursing, veterinary technology, and electrical design technology. More 4-H approved vocational programs are listed on page 5 of the Opportunity Scholarship Application and Guideline page.
- **Courageous Heart:** For students who continued school and 4-H during hardship.
- **Collegiate Scholarships:** For former 4-H students currently attending a college or university. You will need at least 30 hours of college credit and a GPA of 2.7 to apply.

For the first three scholarship types, you will follow the same application instructions and process. When you submit your application, 4-H will determine all of the scholarships that you are eligible for. The collegiate scholarship has its own application. See below.

How to get started:

1. Review the application and submission guidelines for baccalaureate, technical, and courageous heart. The guidelines will list the requirements for each scholarship type, such as GPA and SAT scores.
2. Review samples of example applications.
3. Choose the type of scholarship you want to apply for – baccalaureate, technical, or courageous heart. You will note your scholarship type at the top of your application.
4. Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application and submit the student aid report with your 4-H scholarship application. We have prepared a
5. Download and complete an application.
6. Submit your completed application and FAFSA student aid report to our local county office.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO RACHEL BERRY BY JANUARY 27!!!**

## County Photography Contest

**Deadline to send in your photos is Friday, February 19 at 5:00pm**

**Please follow the instructions below for photo entry. If the photos are not sent in this format, they will be lost. There will be a form that will need to be sent along with the photos to make sure all photos are accounted for.**

All county entries will be submitted by email. Email all entries to [rachel.berry@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rachel.berry@ag.tamu.edu)

**Photo entries MUST be labeled as follows, (OR it will NOT be accepted!!):**

**DIVISION\_CATEGORY\_LastNameFirst Name**

*Example: Intermediate\_AnimalsDomestic\_DoeJohn*

Photo entries are due to be emailed to Rachel, NO LATER than Friday, February 19, 2016

### **2016 Categories:**

Animals – Domestic

Animals – Wildlife

Catch-All

Details & Macro

Digital Darkroom

Dominant Color

Elements of Design

Food

Marine/Aquatic

Nature Landscape

Night Photography

People

Plant/Flora

Storyboard

Theme—"4-H Ribbons, Awards and Recognition"



There will be an awards given to Overall Photo in each division and an Overall Best in Show of all 3 divisions combined.

# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					1 CEO-Closed	
3	4	5	6	7 Vet Science 6:30pm CEO	8 D11 FS/FC Entry deadline WCYF Broiler order deadline	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 CEO-Closed MILK Fair Board Mtg. 7pm Directors Rm.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 County Council Mtg. 6:00pm CEO	26	27 Opportunity Scholar- ships due to CEO	28	29	30 Roundup Project/ Contest Wrkshps. 2-4pm CEO
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# February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 WCYF Creative Arts Entry Deadline	2 Record Book Wrkshp. 6:30pm CEO	3	4 Vet Science 6:30pm CEO	5 D11 FS/FC Lagrange, TX WCYF Swine Tag-in	6
7 WCYF Ag Mech Entry deadline	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 County Photography Entries Due	19	20
21	22 County Council Mtg. 6:00pm CEO	23	24	25 County Roundup Entries due to CEO WCYF Beef Entry Deadline	26	27
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Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Wharton County Extension Office at (979) 532-3310 two work days prior to the meeting to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.