

DECEMBER 2021

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WHARTON COUNTY 4-H



Happy Holidays Wharton County 4-H Families!

I don't know about all of you but it is hard for me to wrap my head around the fact that it is already December! It seems like we were just getting ready to start the new 4-H year and time has just flown by. November was a busy month with Major Show entries, Major Show Validations, and Thanksgiving. I hope that you were all able to take some time for family and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

December typically tends to be our slow time here at the office and I plan on taking advantage of that this year and taking some much needed time off. I know several of you have heard me say how this year has been a fast and furious one but I am so proud of all of the things that we have accomplished in Wharton County 4-H in 2021. We have had successful contests, 4-H members doing outstanding things but also giving back to our community and helping those in need. I am so blessed to get to work with 4-H members and their families on a daily basis. As we round out the year and you reflect back on all of the things that 2021 brought be sure to remember all of the wonderful people who assisted you throughout the year. We wouldn't be where we are without all of our Club Managers and Volunteers! Thank you to all of you for a great 2021 and I look forward to 2022 and the rest of our 4-H year. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Laura Reyna

4-H Youth Development Agent

4-H UPCOMING EVENTS

*County Council Delegates
you're invited to*

Wharton County 4-H
County Council

CHRISTMAS PARTY

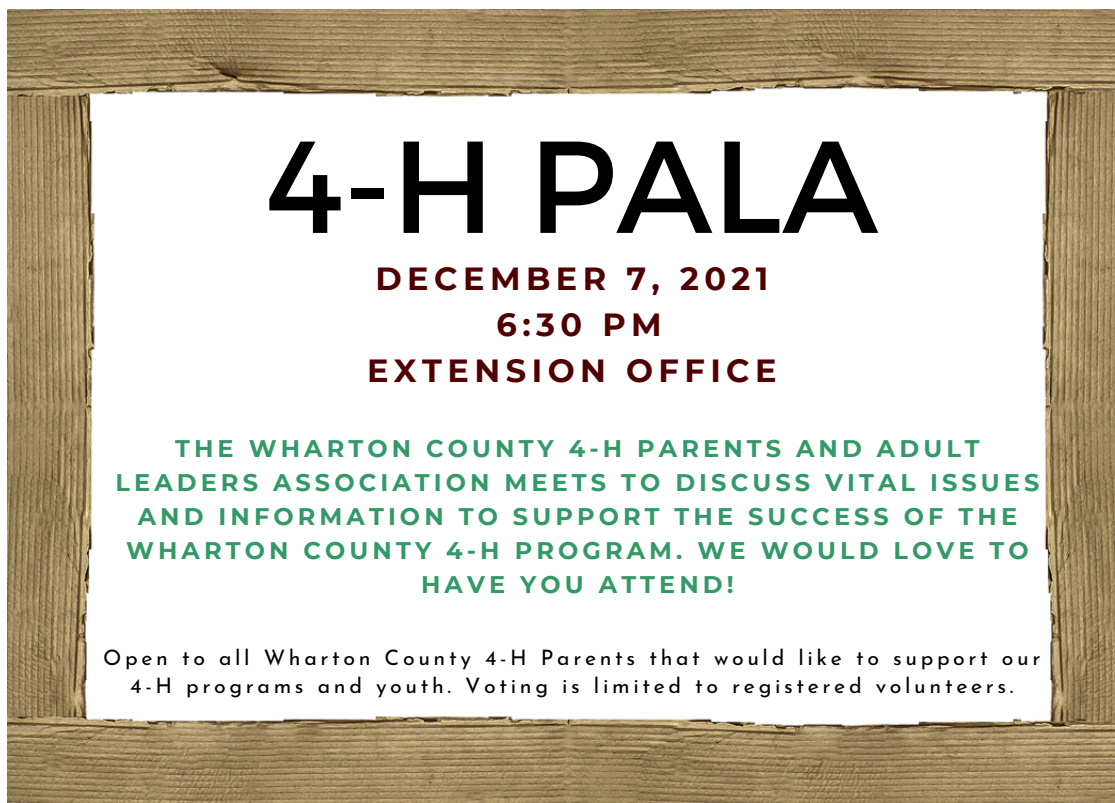
Fajitas will be catered, Christmas games, and Please bring a \$10 White Elephant Gift and Candy to donate for community service

DATE 2021 Dec 7

TIME 6:30 pm

PLACE Extension Office

4-H UPCOMING EVENTS



Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The Texas 4-H Foundation has released the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. Guidelines and the application can be found here:

<https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>



Applications for review & assistance are DUE to Ms. Laura by January 14, 2022
 Applications are DUE for submission on February 15, 2022

Upcoming Deadlines and Events

2022 County Photography Contest

Junior and Intermediate entries will be DUE on January 14, 2022

Senior entries will be DUE on March, 1, 2022

Entry forms can be found here:

<https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/events/photography-contest/>

TEXAS 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST 2021-2022 CATEGORIES	
<p>It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and County Extension Agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.</p>	<p>LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL) The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. Examples: Gardens/landscapes, outdoors, scenics, etc. Not allowed: Primary subject is a person or wildlife.</p>
<p>ANIMALS - DOMESTIC Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations. Examples: Chickens, cows, dogs, cats, hamsters, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, etc. All waterfowl (ducks and geese) should be entered in Animals - Wildlife.</p>	<p>LEADING LINE This image composition technique features lines that draw the viewer's eye from point A to point B, which is the primary subject. Example: A river that begins in the foreground and draws your attention to a photogenic bridge in the background.</p>
<p>ANIMALS - WILDLIFE Category focuses on animals not typically tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. Examples: Birds, deer, elephants, snakes, whales, etc.</p>	<p>LONG EXPOSURE Also known as time-exposure or slow-shutter, this technique involves using a long-duration shutter speed. It can be used to sharply capture stationary elements of an image while blurring, smearing, or obscuring the moving elements. It is also used in low-light conditions. Examples: fireworks, moving water, light trails, Milky Way, light painting, night or low-light conditions, etc.</p>
<p>CATCH-ALL Photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. Not allowed: A duplicate photo also entered in another category.</p>	<p>MOTION/ACTION The capture of movement within a single photo. The subject appears stopped or "frozen". Examples: Ferris wheel spinning, sporting events, horse running across a field, etc.</p>
<p>DETAILS & MACRO Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. The goal is to zoom in close on an object to see its finer details or to make small objects appear life-sized or larger than we do not normally get to see with the naked eye. Examples: Insect eyes, veins on a leaf, a reflection in a water droplet, etc.</p>	<p>PEOPLE Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos must have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and subject. Examples: Babies, families, kids, portraits, models/fashion, etc.</p>
<p>ELEMENTS OF DESIGN Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Examples: Line, pattern, perspective, shape, etc. Not allowed: Digital creations or graphic designs made in software such as Photoshop, InDesign or Illustrator.</p>	<p>PLANT/FLORA Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a <u>single</u> flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Landscape & Nature category. Examples: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, etc.</p>
<p>ENHANCED A single photo that has been technically manipulated to be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Others variations are allowed as well. Examples: Software edited composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic, etc.</p>	<p>SHADOW/SILHOUETTE A silhouette is an outline that appears dark (typically a single color) with little or no details/features against a brighter background. Recording patterns of light and shade for a desired effect or emphasis is the definition of a shadow. The silhouette or shadow must be the primary subject and focus of the image. Examples: shadows/silhouettes of people, plants, animals, structures, architectures, or natural structures. Not allowed: reflections</p>
<p>FOOD A still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. Examples: Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc. Not allowed: A photo of alcohol beverages.</p>	<p>THEME (New) The 2021-2022 theme is "My Hometown". Show what is special, iconic, unique, or even quirky about your hometown. Capture what makes it exceptional, historic, fun, or simply the best place to grow up. Examples: statue, an old home, cityscape, natural area, town square, the barber shop, etc.</p>



Upcoming Deadlines



2022 County Roundup

County Roundup will be held on January 30, 2022 at the Extension Office.

More information will follow

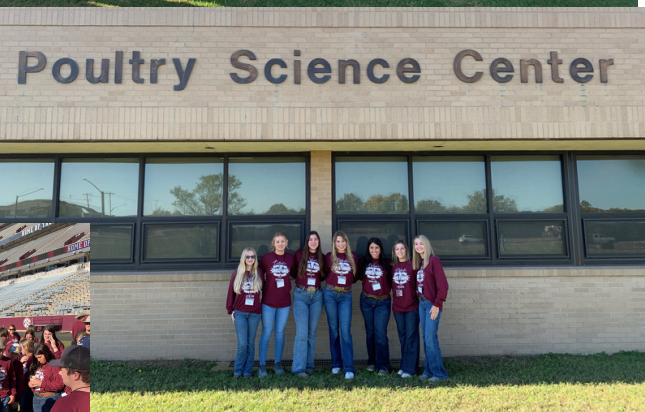
Entry forms are DUE on January 14, 2022

Entry forms can be found here:

<https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/events/roundup/>

D11 4-H Crossroads

Crossroads is a 3 day, 2 night College and Career Development event. This year Wharton County 4-H was represented by 16 4-H members!



- 10 Things That Require Zero TALENT
1. Being On Time
 2. Work Ethic
 3. Effort
 4. Body Language
 5. Energy
 6. Attitude
 7. PASSION
 8. Being Coachable
 9. Doing Extra
 10. Being Prepared

<<<Sign in the Equestrian Teams Locker Room



WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR April 22nd - April 30th, 2022

ORDERING DATES AND DEADLINES

Roaster Ordering Deadline	_____	Wednesday, November 3, 2021
	<i>Minimum - 25 birds</i>	<i>Maximum - 50</i>
		<i>Price - \$2.40/bird</i>
Broiler Ordering Deadline	_____	Wednesday, January 5, 2022
	<i>Minimum - 25 birds</i>	<i>Maximum - 75</i>
		<i>Price - \$2.40/bird</i>
Ag Mechanics Deadline	_____	Monday, February 7, 2022
Junior Breeding Beef Deadline	_____	Wednesday, February 23, 2022
Bucket Calf Deadline	_____	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Rabbit Deadline & Tattoo	_____	Monday, March 21, 2022
Absent From SHOWING	_____	Thursday, April 21, 2022
Ag High Point Award Deadline	_____	Friday, April 22, 2022
Absent From SALE	_____	Thursday, April 28, 2022
Thank You Notes— AWARD & SALE	_____	Monday, June 20, 2022

PICK-UP DATES, TAG-INS, & DRAWINGS

Commercial Heifer Tag-in (8 - 9 a.m.)	_____	Saturday, October 9, 2021
Steer Tag-in (8 - 9 a.m.)	_____	Saturday, October 9, 2021
Pen of Three Tag-in (8-10 a.m.)	_____	<i>Tag-in will be at Wharton Livestock Auction Barn</i> Saturday, October 23, 2021
Dairy Merit Heifer Validation & Entry Fee (8 - 9 a.m.)	_____	Saturday, October 30, 2021
Lamb & Market Goat Tag-in (5:30 - 6:30 p.m.)	_____	Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Swine Tag-in (8 - 9 a.m.)	_____	Saturday, January 29, 2022
Roaster Pick-up Date (time TBA)	_____	Friday, February 11, 2022
Broiler Pick-up (time TBA)	_____	Friday, March 11, 2022
Rabbit Tattoo 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	_____	Monday, March 21, 2022
Jr. Breeding Beef late entries due	_____	Wednesday, April 13, 2022

PROGRESS SHOWS

Dairy (entry fee due) & Dairy Merit (1:30 p.m.)	_____	Sunday, February 20, 2022
Horses {entry fee due}(2:00 p.m.)	_____	Sunday, February 20, 2022

Entry forms **MUST** be signed by the **EXHIBITOR, PARENT and AG TEACHER/4H LEADER** and turned in **with the correct entry fee**. Forms are available at www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org. Poultry & Rabbit entries can be dropped off at the Fair office or mailed to: **WCYF, P.O. Box 167, Glen Flora, TX 77443**. If entering a project in more than one division, please be sure the exhibitor's name and address are the same on all entries. Only **one** Release Of Liability Form needs to be on file per exhibitor, not per project.

FIRST YEAR EXHIBITORS MUST TURN IN A W-9 Form.

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Our Vision

Help Texans better their lives

Our Mission

Through the application of science-based knowledge, we create high-quality, relevant continuing education that encourages lasting and effective change

What We Do

We provide programs, tools and resources—local and statewide—that teach people how to improve agriculture and food production, advance health practices, protect the environment, strengthen our communities, and enrich youth.



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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