## + Mharton County 4-K

As we enter the Christmas season, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes 4-H so special, the sense of community, service, and growth that brings us together throughout the year. This season is a reminder to slow down, celebrate the small moments, and appreciate the people who make a difference in our lives. Whether it's time spent with family, lending a helping hand, or continuing to learn and grow, these moments are at the heart of the 4-H spirit.

I am incredibly grateful for our 4-H members, volunteers, families, and supporters who give their time and talents so generously. Your dedication and passion make a lasting impact, not only during the holidays but all year long.

Please note that I will be out of the office on Annual Leave beginning December 22 and returning the week of January 5. I appreciate your patience and understanding as I take this time to rest and recharge.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season filled with peace, gratitude, and special moments with those you love. I look forward to all that the New Year will bring for our 4-H program.

Warmest holiday wishes,



### JANUARY PALA AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

January 5, 2026 Extension Office

PALA - 6:30 PM

County Council Social: 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM

Meeting 7:00 PM Community Service: Blue Jean collection for Blue Jeans Go Green

#### County Roundup

January 19, 2025

El Campo High School

- Entries for Talent, Public Speaking, and Educational Presentation are due January 8, 2026.
- Entries for CDM, Quiz Bowl, and Leaders 4 Life are due February 10, 2026.

More information and entry form can be found here:

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



#### **Photography Contest**

- Entries due for Clover Kids, Juniors, and Intermediates: January 5, 2026
- Entries due for Seniors: February 28, 2026

More information:

https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/events/photographycontest/photography-rules-and-guidelines/ Photo Upload:

https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/events/photography-contest/county-photography-entries/

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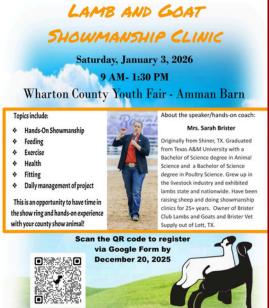
December 24–26, 2025 Christmas

January 1, 2026 for









Free to all Wharton County Youth Fair lamb and goat exhibitors only!