

Wharton Journal Spectator

Wednesday, April 24, 2019





Wharton County fair now in its 43rd year

The old saying goes, "Time flies when you are having fun!"

It's fair time again, and I am once again honored to welcome you to the 43rd annual Wharton County Youth Fair.

I cannot thank everyone enough for their support, dedication, guidance and patience given to me through my first year as president. I am truly blessed to have an awesome family at home and an awesome fair family who has helped me along the way this past year. We made it through one year, so let's have a "Fiesta at the Fair" for round two.

RODNEY JEDLICKA: MESSAGE **FROM** THE WCYF **PRESIDENT**



As we prepare for the fair, I rolled out this year's theme "Fiesta at the Fair" in my opening paragraph. If you think about "Fiesta at the Fair" it truly goes with our county fair. Fiesta—the Hispanic word for party, a fiesta is meant to be fun. We all want the fair to be fun. If you look into the Hispanic culture, their beliefs run deep in tradition, work ethic and faith. Those beliefs are also at the root of the Wharton County Youth Fair; a tradition that has been around for 43 years, hard work that continues to make our fair possible and faith that we can do it again next year.

I am also honored to announce that the 2019 WCYF is dedicated to Ross and Peggy Glaze. Ross and Peggy have been involved in the fair for many years. Their dedication to this great organization runs deep with family tradition and fair involvement. These two great people exemplify what the WCYF is all about—family. Their fair involvement spans three generations, with all three of their sons participating in the fair and now their granddaughters. Ross has served many years on the board as director, executive board member and has also held a Vice President position. Ross Glaze would be an awesome President. Through Ross' years of directorships, Peggy has been by his side heading up the Learning Center as well as the WCYF Preschool Day. Dedicated is what Ross and Peggy Glaze have been to the WCYF for many years, now is the time for the WCYF to return the dedication.

The Wharton County Youth Fair continues to reward high school seniors for their hard work and dedication by awarding scholarships. This past year, we awarded35 seniors of Wharton County scholarships for

the past 43 years the Wharton County Youth Fair has awarded over \$1.8 million in scholarships.

This fair would not be possible without

a total of \$67,750. I'm honored to say that in the endless support of sponsorships from across the whole county. As Fair President, I want to say "Thank You" to all of our spon-

See Message Page 5

JULE HE KVEN

Fair Week

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

..Creative Arts Check-In

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Admission Gates Open - 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

9:30 a.m.. .Judging of Creative Arts 12 p.m.. Rodeo Slack (Johnson Arena) ..WCJC host "NIRA" Rodeo (Johnson Arena)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Admission Gates Open - 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

.Open Team Roping (Johnson Arena) .Little Mr./Miss Pageant (Crescent Hall) 3 p.m.. ..Princess Pageant (Crescent Hall) .Jr. Miss Pageant (Crescent Hall) .Queen Pageant (Crescent Hall) ..WCJC host "NIRA" Rodeo (Johnson Arena)

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Admission Gates Open - 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

10 d.mCowboy Church (Midway Stage)
11 a.m CRC Youth Rodeo (Johnson Arena)
1 p.mWee Folks Pet Show (Midway Stage)
1 p.mGo-Texan Dominoes (Gym)
1 p.m 6 p.mCreative Arts Open for Viewing
1:30 p.mAg Mechanics Show (Midway Concrete Slab)
2 p.m 6 p.mLegacy "Kick-Off Dance" (Gym)
3 p.mPoultry Show (Ammann Barn)
3:30 p.mChute & Barrel Rodeo (Johnson Arena)
5:00 p.mFamily Fun Night (Johnson Arena)
(Pig Loading – ages 4-6, Chicken Chase 5 & under
Pig Chase, Goat Loading & Cash Scramble - 6 & 7 year olds)

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Admission Gates Open - 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

9 a.m	Horse Show (Johnson Arena)
9:15 a.m	Rabbit Show (Crescent Hall)
4 p.m 8 p.m	Creative Arts Open for Viewing
4 p.m	Swine Show (Ammann Barn)
5 p.m. – 8 p.m	Ag Adventures Open
6:45 p.m	Chicken Chase (5 years & under)
	Cash Scramble (6 & 7 year olds)
7 p.m	Businessman's Rodeo (Johnson Arena)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Admission Gates Open - 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

10 a.m	Commercial Heifer Show (Ammann Barn)
2 p.m	Lamb Show (Ammann Barn)
4 p.m 8 p.m	Creative Arts Open for Viewing
5 p.m 8 p.m	Ag Adventures Open
6 p.m	Steer Show (Ammann Barn)
6:30 p.m	Mutton Bustin' (Johnson Arena)
7 p.m	Youth Bull Riding (Johnson Arena)
7 p.m	Cash Scramble (6 & 7 year olds)
7:30 p.m	Team Challenge Tuesday (Johnson Arena)
8 p.m	Keith Junot (Gym)
•	

Adult \$10 • Ages 6-12 \$5 SEASON PASSES \$40

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Preschool and Special Friends Day Carnival opens 5 – 10 p.m. "Buddy Night" - Wednesday Only - 2 ride for price of 1 Admission Gates Open - 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

9 a.m	Special Friends Day (Gym)
9 a.m	Extra Special Livestock Show (Ammann Barn)
9 a.m	Pen of Three Heifer Exhibitor Interviews
10 a.m	Goat Show (Ammann Barn)
2 p.m	Pen of Three Heifer Show (Ammann Barn)
4 p.m 8 p.m	Creative Arts Open for Viewing
5 p.m 8 p.m	Ag Adventures Open
6 p.m	Ag Day Banquet (Crescent Hall)
6:30 p.m	Mutton Bustin' (Johnson Arena)
	Chicken Chase (5 years & under)
7 p.m	Cash Scramble (6 & 7 year olds)
	PRCA "Xtreme Bulls" (Johnson Arena)
	Bubba Westly (Gym)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Senior Citizens Day - 62 & older (Free until 5 p.m.) Carnival open 5 – 10 p.m. Admission Gates open - 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

9 a.m	Sr. Citizen's Day (Crescent Hall)			
10 a.m	Dairy Show (Ammann Barn)			
	Dairy Merit Show (Ammann Barn)			
2 p.m	Jr. Breeding Beef Show (Ammann Barn)			
2:30 p.m 4	:30 p.mSr. Citizen's Polka Dance (Gym)			
	Bucket Calf Show (Johnson Arena)			
(show will immediately follow the Jr. Breeding Beef show)				
4 p.m 8 p.m				
	Ag Adventures Open			
6:30 p.m	Mutton Bustin' (Johnson Arena)			
7 p.m	Chicken Chase (5 year & under)			
7 p.m	Cash Scramble (6 & 7 year olds)			
	PRCA "Xtreme Bulls" (Johnson Arena)			
CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT				

..A.J. Guel (Gym)

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Student Day (free until 5 p.m.) Carnival open 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Admission Gates open 9 a.m. until 11 p.m.

	•
8:30 a.m	Academic Rodeo(Crescent Hall)
9 a.m	Spelling Bee (Office Bldg. Complex)
10 a.m	YOUTH Washer Pitching (Gym)
10 a.m 2 p.m	Creative Arts Open for Viewing
10 a.m 4 p.m	Ag Adventures Open
11 a.m Live	stock Judging Contest (Johnson Arena)
12 p.m	Freezer Sale Opens (Office Bldg)
1 p.mYOUTH	Shuffle Board Tournament (CCC/GYM)
5:30 p.mExh	nibitor's Awards Banquet (Crescent Hall)
	DULT Shuffle Board Tournament (Gym)
6 p.mAD	OULT Go – Texan Washer Pitching (Gym)
8 p.mSam Riggs &	Stoney LaRue Concert (Johnson Arena)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Carnival open 12 p.m. – 11 p.m. Admission Gates open - 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

....Buyer's Luncheon (Crescent Hall)Sale of Excellence (Crescent Hall) Immediately followed by Freezer Sale and Buyer's MealRanch Rodeo (Johnson Arena) 8 p.m...Tejano Dance, David Lee Garza - Los Musicales (Gym)

www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org





Wharton County Junior College

ONEER



Wharton County Junior College Features

- Academic transfer and vocational programs
- On-campus dorms for women and men
- Multiple national and regional championships Multiple national and regional championships
- Scholarships and travel money available
- On-campus arena with horse stalls
- Practice stock for timed events and rough stock
- State-of-the-art weight room facility
- Centrally located for convenient travel to college, youth, amateur, and professional rodeos

Plan. Achieve. Transfer or Work. wcjc.edu | 1.800.561.WCJC

WHARTON SUGAR LAND RICHMOND BAY CITY

Music performers target various genres

At this very moment, all three acts who will be part of the 2019 Wharton County Youth Fair music entertainment are in other parts of the state and country, doing what they do best – putting on a good show.

They are Sam Riggs, Stoney Larue and David Lee Garza y Los Musicales and they will all be here the first weekend of May performing in concert.

According to each musicians' website, they have a very busy tour schedule.

Before Riggs brings his brand of music, which has been described as "daring country rock with a chip on his shoulder" to Wharton County, he will have been in his home state of Florida and various parts of the upper East Coast.

Riggs counts Garth Brooks, Foo Fighters, George Jones, and Blink-182 among his influences.

To date, Riggs has racked up more than 2.2 million streams on Spotify and more than 600,000 views on YouTube. Some of his singles hit the upper levels of the Texas music charts, including the ultra-country "Hold On and Let Go," the thumping concert recreation "High On a Country Song" and his vulnerable "Second Hand Smoke."

Riggs earned a Texas regional radio award three years ago for "Top New Male



SAM RIGGS



STONEY LARUE

Vocalist." His 2016 Indie release "Breathless" debuted at number 12 on the Billboard Country Albums Chart.

Following Riggs, who is still consid-



DAVID LEE GARZA Y LOS MUSICALES

ered and up and comer, will be Larue, who doesn't have any difficulty relating his choice of music with the crowd.

"I like to connect with people at any age whatever it might be sonically or to the depth of what they are willing to think," Larue said.

He said it's important to "foster a connection" with his fans. His career, which has spanned over 15 years, is proof of this.

Together LaRue and his fans have culled

together a favorite live song set that is dedicated to his loyal and growing fan base.

LaRue is known for his real life thinking man's music as well as his high-energy live concerts with fans singing along to songs such as "Feet Don't Touch the Ground," "Look at Me Fly," and "Oklahoma Breakdown."

See Music Page 15



Time to enter WCYF's Wee Folks Pet Show

The Wharton County Youth Fair's annual Wee Folks Pet Show is scheduled Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m. on the Midway Stage.

And like the shows of the past, it promises to keep spectators impressed with some of the fashion ideas the contestants not only come up with for themselves, but their animals, said KULP Sales Director Ricki Johansen Boyd.

The show, like years before, is sponsored by KULP Radio 106.7 FM/1390 AM. Boyd has been involved in this show since 2013 and provided some brief history on its participation not only with the Wee Folks Pet Show, but also the WCYF.

"KULP has been the sponsor of the Wee Folks Pet Show at least 15 years. We (KULP) are a platinum sponsor of the fair and we relish the opportunity of getting information about the fair out to the community," Boyd said. "We broadcast live from the fair all week. The fair is celebrating its 43rd anniversary and KULP has been involved since the beginning."

There is still time to register for the show, which is open to children ages 2 through 12 years and their pets. Show officials said the only pet that is not allowed to be showcased is fish

The entry deadline is Wednesday, April 24. Applications may be downloaded off the WCYF website (www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org).

There are several categories associated with the show that pertain to

both man and/or beast. For the dogs, they will be judged as best costume, best trick, looks like owner, best on leash, largest and smallest.

All other pets will be judged on best costume, best trick, most unusual, largest and smallest.

Boyd said she is always impressed with the presentations the contestants come up with. She said it never gets old for anyone involved.

"The animals in the show are the pets of the kids and you can see the obvious bond between most of them," Boyd said. "They are judged on different categories chosen by the participants. Some of them being largest, smallest, best trick, looks like owner, etc."

There are up to 25 entries per See Pet Page 15



Courtesy photo

The Wharton County Youth Fair gives youth an opportunity to enter their pets and themselves in a contest that brings creativity to it.

Businessman's Rodeo becoming fixture at fair

The Businessman's Rodeo has become a Wharton County Youth Fair fixture once again as this is the third consecutive year that it will be held, giving spectators a chance to see roping at its finest.

It began in the 1990s and was discontinued for several years.

One of the organizers, Dustin Frankum, said he is pleased that is has been held for several years in a row.

"After some fair schedule changes, we were

able to bring it back," Frankum said. "Since bringing this event back, we've had an outpouring of interest within the community as both contestants and spectators. It's a just a fun night to get to watch people step out of their comfort zone and do something that they don't get to do every day."

This year's rodeo will be Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. inside the Johnson Arena. The rodeo event is expected to have 20-25 entries.

The reason the rodeo has "businessman" at-

tached to its name is because Wharton County business people are asked to get participants so they can all enter as a team.

According to the rodeo rules, teams must represent a Wharton County business and one member must be affiliated with that business. Members, however, can participate on multiple teams.

And this rodeo, like many WCYF events that are competitive, raise funds for scholar-ships.

This year, the rodeo will have competitors trying their hands at ribbon roping.

The rules stipulate that a roper will be provided if needed.

Once a three-man team is set to compete, a roper will start in the roping box, call for a calf to be released from the chute (no barrier), and catch it as fast as he/she can. The roper, however, must stay on the horse. The mugger will then

See Rodeo Page 15

-Message Continued from Page 2

sors. We truly appreciate your support and

dedication to this organization.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers, associate directors, directors and the executive board for all of your hard work to make this fair possible and I appreciate each and every one of you. This fair is not about the leader, it's about those who help the leader along the way. It takes each and every one of you to make it successful and meaningful for our youth. It's not about me, it's about us and what we all stand for, the WCYF.

Thank you all and please join me as we Fiesta at the Fair.







Abby Wallis



Allie Bohuslar



Kaylee Horn



Kenzi Gibson



Kolbie Klatt



Lyla Seymour



Morgan Krasucky



Presley Bacak



Reagan Domel



Taylor Bohuslar

Girls come out for shot as county's 'Princess'

Eleven young girls will take the stage in Crescent Hall for the 2019 Wharton County Youth Fair Princess Pageant at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27. All contestants are residents of Wharton County and are enrolled in the third, fourth or fifth grade.

Contestants are as follows:

Frame Repair

Lynx Service - Glass Repair

AND MUCH MORE!!

• Kenzi Gibson, daughter of Kristi and Jonathan Gibson, attends Newgulf Ele-

mentary.

- Lyla Seymour, daughter of Brian and Gretchen Seymour, is a student at Northside Elementary in El Campo.
- Morgan Krasucky, daughter of G.W. and Lauren Krasucky, attends Newgulf Elementary.
- Allie Renee Bohuslar, daughter of Tim and Renee Bohuslar, is a student at Hutchins Elementary in El Campo.

(979)532-5805

www.pekarsautobody.com

For Time and Temperature Call: 532-2790

- Taylor Nicole Bohuslar, daughter of Tim and Renee Bohuslar, attends Northside Elementary in El Campo.
- Kaylee Horn, daughter of Kevin and Kelly Horn, is a student at Northside Elementary in El Campo.
- Kolbie Claire Klatt, daughter of Dwayne and Amanda Klatt, attends Hutchins Elementary in El Campo.
- · Presley Grace Bacak, daughter of

Bart and Heather Bacak, is a student at Northside Elementary in El Campo.

- Abby Nicole Wallis, daughter of Kyle and Andrea Wallis, attends St. Philip Catholic School in El Campo.
- Reagan Elyse Domel, daughter of Jody and Brooke Domel, is a student at East Bernard Elementary.

Modeling on stage in jeans and a white button down shirt, each girl will be

judged on self-introductions and stage presentation. They will also be evalulated for their individual interviews held prior to the pageant. Points will be added for fair and 4-H involvement.

All winners will receive awards and prizes with the Princess receiving the crown and buckle.

Pageant chairpersons are Brooke and Taylor Burns and Melanie Schubach.



3030 N. RICHMOND RD. WHARTON, TX 77488 979-531-8623 MON - FRI: 9AM - 6PM SAT: 9AM - 4PM Biggest Selection. Best Prices. **BUY ONE GET ONE 1/2 OFF** LADIES DRESS SHIRTS MENS & KIDS SHIRTS ALL CAPS ALL EXOTIC BOOTS - \$25 OFF! KIDS BOOTS - \$10.00 OFFL BELTS, WALLETS & JEWELRY - 10% OFFL **SEASONAL OUTERWEAR 60% OFF** SPRING CLEANING OF LADIES CASUAL FOOTWEAR! 10% OFF SUNGLASSES! www.TNTwestern.com 🐻 Instagram **III** Facebook

Little Miss, Little Mr. pageants set

As the first of four pageants at the Wharton County Youth Fair, the Little Mr. and Miss contest gets under way at 1 p.m. in Crescent Hall on Saturday, April 27. There are 24 little girls wing for the Little Miss crown and five boys hoping to be the next

Contestants, all from Wharton County, range from kindergarten through second grade.

Points are tallied from personal interviews with judges prior to the pageant. Then on stage, each must give a self-introduction and answer some personal questions. Those who make the finalists' list are then asked additional questions for a final tally of points before the winners are revealed

All winners will receive awards and prizes with the Little Mr. and Miss earning additional prizes along with a trophy, a sash and more.

Little Miss contestants are:

- Channing Elizabeth Bacak, daughter of Bart and Heather Bacak, is a student at Hutchins Elementary.
- Faith Cerny, daughter of Brent and Sarah Cerny, attends St. Philip Catholic School.
- Cameron Couey, daughter of Tristan and Kristin Couey, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School
- · Morgan Ellis, daughter of Dustin and Lindsay Ellis, attends St. Philip Catholic School.
- Macy Ellis, daughter of Dustin and Lindsay Ellis, is

- Gabrielle Gutierrez, daughter of Ericka Norris, attends Sivells Elementary in Wharton.
- · Sadie Hensley, daughter of Chad and Robin Hensley, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School.
- · Harper Hubenak, daughter of Brad and Jennifer
- Hubenak, attends Presbyterian Pre-School. · Callie Kitzmiller, daughter of Cody and Amanda
- Kitzmiller, is a student at Newgulf Elementary. · Maysen Kocian, daughter of Stuart and Ashley
- Kocian, attends Sivells Elementary in Wharton.
- · Addison Koudela, daughter of Jason and Ashley Koudela, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School.
- Alli Koudela, daughter of Jason and Ashlev Koudela, attends St. Philip Catholic School.
- Tinley Laitkep, daughter of James and Amanda Laitkep, is a student at East Bernard Elementary.
- Brooklyn Rae Leopold, daughter of Russell and Raelyn Leopold, attends St. Philip Catholic School.
- · Mallory Mahalitc, daughter of Louis and Cindy Mahalitc, is a student at Newgulf Elementary.
- Ellasyn Milliff, daughter of Megan and Justin Wilcox and Brandon Milliff, attends East Bernard Elementary.
- · Kinlee Peikert, daughter of Josh and Morgan Peikert, is a student at Hutchins Elementary.
- · Brynlee Price, daughter of Scott and Lindsey

- · Vanessa Riha, daughter of Toby and Megan Riha, is a student at Myatt Elementary.
- · Faith Riha, daughter of Todd and Alicia Riha, attends Hutchins Elementary.
- Devin Leann Treybig, daughter of Derek and Debi Treybig, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School.
- · Darcy Ann Treybig, daughter of Derek and Debi Treybig, attends St. Philip Catholic School.
- Raegan Vallet, daughter of Jason and Stephanie Vallet, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School.
- · Alleigh Wittig, daughter of Keith and Kim Wittig, attends Newgulf Elementary.

Little Mister contestants are:

- · Korben Dorotik, son of Trent and Laura Dorotik, is a student at East Bernard Elementary.
- Brayden Kudelka, son of Duane and Jennifer Kudelka, attends Hutchins Elementary in El Campo.
- · Hudson Riha, son of Toby and Megan Riha, is a student at Myatt Elementary in El Campo.
- · Gage Seymour, son of Brian and Gretchen Seymour, attends Hutchins Elementary in El Campo.
- Slate West, son of Shain and Rebecca West, is a student at Newgulf Elementary.

Chairpersons of the Little Mr. and Miss Pageant are Ryan Cavness and Peter Stelzel.

Wharton County Youth Fair presents



WEDNESDAY - SATURDAY MAY 1 - MAY 4 Armboand Nights

ADVANCE SALE \$20 PRESALE

Available at the following locations until WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 AT 5 P.M.

Lowes Foods (East Bernard) First State Bank (Louise, El Campo, Wharton) asGulf Federal Credit Union (El Campo, Wharton) Community Bank of Texas (Boling) Wal-Mart (El Campo)

\$25 AT THE CARNIVAL BUDDY NIGHT! WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 ONLY 2 PEOPLE RIDE FOR THE PRICE OF 1

lickets

The purchase of a season pass or gate tickets does NOT include carnival rides tickets does NOT include carnival rides.
Season Pass - \$40 - Adult - \$10
Child (6 to 12 years) - \$5 - Child under 5 - FREE
Concert admission is \$20 after 5 p.m. Friday
Season passes can be purchased from
Queen Contestants until April 27.

Cashless payment system to be used

The Wharton County Youth Fair & Expo preferences. Buying in advance helps avoid passFAQ. has announced the launch of an innovative cashless payment system to provide a more seamless and stress-free event-going experience for their fair from April 25 through May 4.

This cashless service, called BlastPass, allows event-goers to pre-purchase loaded wristbands or cards, either online or at the event, and reload them at any time. With BlastPass, customers can buy food credits for the Midway concessions or food and ride credits for the Mighty Thomas Carnival, all in one easy online transaction, before the

Wharton County Youth Fair & Expo BlastPass credits can be purchased in a variety of increments, based on entertainment

standing in lines and leaves more time for food and fun.

Fair officials said this year's events promise to offer a variety of entertainment for the whole family, including new carnival rides, nightly entertainment and concerts, livestock shows, food and competitive exhibits.

Tickets are available online at www. whartoncountyyouthfair.org/tickets.

Admission to the fairgrounds is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6 through 12 and free for children 5 and under. Season passes good for the full run of the fair are also avail-

To learn more about BlastPass, visit the following website:

www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org/blast-



See Cashless Page 15



Wharton Journal Spectator









Camille Burns



Hailey Peters



Jolie Konarik



Kamryn Till



London Cavness



Myla Mahalitc



Sarah Spitzmiller





Zoey Johnson

Girls ready to compete for Jr. Miss

Taking the stage at this year's Wharton County Youth Fair Jr. Miss are 10 young ladies, each a student in either the sixth, seventh or eighth grade in a Wharton County school.

Each girl must sell raffle tickets and those funds will be used for the fair's operational expenses. Points will be area awarded for selling a minithe most will given a prize.

Judging involves pre-pageant interviews before the judges. While onstage, each will be evalulated on self-introductions and modeling of western attire consisting of jeans and a button down shirt of the contestant's chioce.

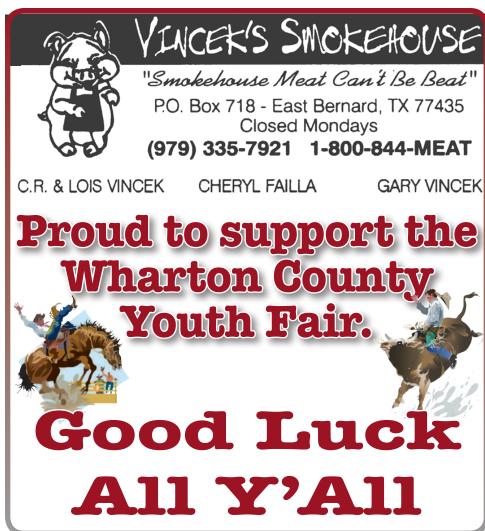
In addition, points will be a given for fair and 4-h Taylor and Brooke Burns, is a student at lago Jr. involvement

- Ir Miss contestants are as follows:
- Sydney Blair of El Campo, daughter of Bubba and Sally Blair, is a student at El Campo Middle
- · Camille Taylor Burns of Wharton, daughter of

 London Cavness of East Bernard, daughter of Jarrod and Ryan Cavness, is a student at East Bernard Jr. High.

See Jr. Miss Page 10





Queen Pageant has six contestants

Lana Foyt has been involved with the Wharton County Youth Fair for 12 years. In addition to being a Queen contestant, she currently is a member of the WCYF Jr. Fair Board. She has been an exhibitor for junior breeding beef, commercial heifer, swine, steer. bucket calf, beef merit heifer and Cre-

Erica George has been an exhibitor at the

Wharton County Youth Fair for eight years,

showing her goats and rabbits. This year she

is one of six high school girls vying for the

"Fair has been a huge part of my life and I

would love to represent WCYF as a royalty,"

Kendal Klatt has been involved with the

fair for the past 10 years as an exhibitor and

participant in the Creative Arts Department

where she volunteered as a worker and en-

tered her projects. This year she hopes to be

"As your fair queen, I will use my title as a

platform to drive awareness among the

title of fair queen.

the next WCYF Queen.

ative Arts. She has participated in livestock judging, Team Challenge Tuesday and is a WCYF youth volunteer.

She has also been involved with chutes and barrels, Tough Enough to Wear Pink coloring contest and Wee Folks Pet show.

Foyt's top awards include Reserve Champion

she said. "As being a queen I want to be

a role model for younger kids and to help

Other areas of involvement in the fair in-

clude the dairy show, Creative Arts, heifer

George has also done livestock judging and

youth on how agriculture shapes our lives,

and especially the future of our county,"

Klatt said. "Farming and ranching are the

heart of this community, and along with the

youth involvement, are what the Wharton

County Youth Fair is truly about. The fair

queen has a great opportunity to be present

in schools and community functions, and

others whenever they need help."

exhibitor and raising a bucket calf.

youth showmanship in junior breeding beef, third in youth showmanship for junior breeding beef, grand champion junior breeding beef commercial heifer and reserve champion gray Brahman in junior breeding beef show.

See Foyt Page 13

was a livestock leader. She has assisted in several areas of the fair, such as helping get lamb and goat pens ready before the fair, fair cleanup, assisting in the office and helping load floored animals after the fair. She has also assisted with

See George Page 10

I will be honored to be the face of our incredible organization. The fair queen should also always have confidence in herself. The queen is representing the county at all times so she should always be able to speak her

See Klatt Page 12

mind and be able to do it fearlessly.'

manship each of those years. She has been involved with Creative Arts in the open youth division for two years, Jr. 4-H three years, intermediate 4-H for two years and senior 4-H

In addition to trying out for Queen last year,

See Sutton Page 13



Lana Foyt



Kendal Klatt





Hannah Sutton



Makensie Till



Leslie Zahn

Hannah Sutton has been involved with the fair for nine years, competing in the arena with her roasters, entering items in the Creative Arts division and participating in pag-

Sutton, who participated in the Queen's contest last year, will take a shot at it again this

hopes of becoming the 2019-20 Queen.

Mackensie Till has been involved with the Whar-

ton County Youth Fair for the past 12 years and has previously been a Queen's contestant with

"The reason I would like to be chosen for the

2019 Wharton County Fair Queen is because I

believe I will represent Wharton County well. Till

said. "I will set my goal to be active and encour-

"I feel a fair queen should have leadership, responsibility, respect and a caring attitude," she said. "I want to be fair queen so I can lead as an example to not only the kids that show at the fair but to all children of Wharton County.'

As a fair exhibitor, Sutton has had roaster projects for five years and has placed in show-

> age the youth of our county to become involved in all aspects of the fair as well as our community. The qualities a fair queen must possess are confidence, responsibility, integrity, courage and accountability."

> Till's involvement at the county fair started at a

See Till Page 10



1327 N. Alabama Rd. Wharton, Texas 77488 979-532-0021

Representing:

Leslie Zahn began her pageant career as a Little Miss contestant. She has also competed in the Princess, Jr. Miss and Queen's contests. This year she returns hopeful to gain the crown.

"I want to be fair queen because I would like to represent the fair and be someone the little kids look up to and to teach the people the true meaning of the fair," Zahn said. "I believe that

the qualities the queen should have are a great personality, gets along with anyone she meets, honesty, hardworking, and to stay true to comments she makes when she is crowned."

Zahn has been involved in many aspects of the fair, as well as 4-H, FFA and FCCLA.

See Zahn Page 12



WABLER PERCHES HUNDL KERLICK

ATTORNEYS ATOMAW wphk-law.com



Supporting WCYF & All Participants







—Till

Continued from Page 9

very early age.

10

"I have been involved in the fair ever since I was in Pre-K. I began my show career exhibiting bucket calves," she said. "In the last eight years of competitive showing, I have exhibited swine, rabbits, broilers, lambs, commercial heifers, junior breeding beef cattle, Ag Mechanics and creative arts." In addition to her animal projects, she has competed in the Creative Arts Department as well as helped with the Special Friends livestock show and served on the Jr. Fair Board. As a volunteer

at the fair, Till has worked in the computer room, assisted the swine chairperson, goat chairperson and junior breeding chairperson.

She has assisted with the exhibitor pickup process, served as a monitor in the Creative Arts room, distributed pamphlets to local businesses, helped the awards committee, volunteered with assisting the judges at the WCYF Cook-Off, helped set up for the Sale of Excellence and participated in work nights at the fairgrounds.

Till's involvement in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo includes exhibiting broilers, junior breeding beef and participating in livestock judging. She also made the sale for junior breeding beef and livestock judging.

At Rodeo Austin, she exhibited broilers and junior breeding beef.

As a member of FFA, Till was on the poultry judging team, livestock judging team and radio broadcast team. She has done swine presentations with Ag in the Classroom and taught swine showmanship, lamb showmanship and junior breeding beef showmanship to fellow FFA members.

Community service projects include donating items to local classroom teachers, canned goods to the local food pantry, toys to Toys for Tots, candy to Trunk or Treat event. She baked items for Strike Out Parkinson's alumni baseball fundraiser and adopted a family at Christmas time.

She donated pet supplies to SPOT, school supplies to local schools, donated jeans to the Go Green Drive, and hung posters in local businesses promoting 4H.

She also assists with Shall Not Hunger project and has volunteered to do cleanup at the fairgrounds as well as helping at the Taiton Fall Festival.

Till looks forward to the fair because it is one time a year when the county comes together to help the youth. She also looks forward to seeing all her friends throughout the county.

"I love to see our people come together to support the youth of our county," she said. "Also, I get to see my friends that I have met through the fair from different towns."

— George Continued from Page 9

Creative Arts show and Preschool Day.

She has participated in Team Challenge and has helped with the Sale of Excellence.

On the fundraising aspect of the fair, she has sold raffle tickets and cow drop tickets.

Her involvement with fair pageants include being in the Little Miss contest and Jr. Miss.

George's interest in the fair came about through

family influence.

"My older brothers showed at the fair so as growing up I was around the fair and showing," she said. "I always loved watching them show and wished that one day I would be like them. My favorite would have to be showing cattle because I get to keep them after showing and raise my own herd."

George has been involved in Jr. FFA, FFA and 4-H for several years and has completed several community service projects. As a 4-H member, she has been on the Food Challenge team that won area

and district six years and at the state level for one year. She served on the Jr. Fair Board and served as 4-H president, vice president, second vice president and treasurer. She has also served on the 4-H County Council. Other 4-H activities include participating in the Duds to Dazzle at area and district, fashion show and food show, leadership lab and dairy judging team.

George also participated in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Food Challenge, HLSR scramble heifer and was on the dairy judging team competing at HLSR, Fort Worth Livestock Show and San Antonio Livestock Show.

FFA participation includes the dairy judging team, FFA Chapter conducting team, wildlife team and serving as sentinel for one year.

George is looking forward to the fair, because it is a place for meeting old friends and making new ones.

"The fair is my favorite time of the year, but my favorite is seeing my friends from other schools," she said. "One of my best friends that I have I met at fair and if fair wasn't here, I wouldn't have met her."

-Jr. Miss

Continued from Page 8

• Zoey Johnson of Wharton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ashton Jr., is a student at Whar-

ton Jr. High School.

- Alyssa Jones of Louise, daughter of Jarret and Keri Jones, is a student at Louise Junior High.
- Jolie Konarik of El Campo, daughter of Jay and Amy Konarik, is a student at El Campo Middle School.
- · Myla Mahalitc of Elm Grove, daughter of Tom-

my and Holli Mahalitc, is a student at East Bernard Jr. High.

- Hailey Peters of El Campo, daughter of Shawn and Angela Peters, is a student at El Campo Middle School
- Sarah Spitzmiller of Wharton, daughter of Robert and Kelley Spitzmiller, is a student at St. Philip

Catholic School.

Kamryn Till of Nada, daughter of Kevin and Tammy Till, is a student at St. Philip Catholic School. The Jr. Miss pageant will be held Saturday, April 27 starting at 5 p.m. Keith Ermis is chairman of the event





For more information call Greg Goudeau (936) 825-6545 or (936) 661-8432 or for a FREE market report, go to

www.navasotalivestock.com

WC brings out creative arts to masses

As a visitor to the Creative Arts portion of the Wharton County Youth Fair, if you see the tiny hands of a newborn baby then it's in keeping with one of the rules to enter the contest. You must be a Wharton County resident and can be an infant to enter (with the help of a loved one of course). If there are adults with eight decades (85 years age limit) of life in them, then they also qualified to enter.

The deadline was early February, so now it's up to dozens of volunteers and the executive committee to present all entries for viewing, but more importantly for judging.

It's expected that there will be 1,251 exhibitors and 4,529 articles in 2019, much higher than two years ago before Hurricane Harvey struck here four months later.

Grace Glaze, who is with the executive committee and has been a fixture here for 40 years, said she isn't surprised with the higher numbers that were entered, which included online registration for the first time.

"We have an open youth division for boys and girls so they do not have to be part of an organization to participate in Creative Arts. That's really catching on," Glaze said. "We've had a lot of participation in those ages."

The categories include baked products, canned products, clothing, horticulture, pho-



Courtesy photo

The Wharton County Youth Fair's Creative Arts contest has been an important part of the event that gives many, including adults, an opportunity to compete.

tography, crafts, fabric and fibers, and a quilt contest, which is a Go Texan event.

It's commonplace to also have citizens up to 80 years of age partake in Creative Arts.

Now comes to fun part for seven members of the executive committee to spend April 25-27 checking in and preparing the entries for contest. The viewing, which attracts hundreds of people during its weeklong run, begins Sunday, April 28 from 1-6 p.m. The viewing will continue Monday, April 29 through Thursday, May 2 from 4-8 p.m. and concludes Friday, May 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Various amounts of scholarship money are awarded to those who place first through third for the following: adult high point; senior 4-H, FCCLA and FFA high points; intermediate 4-H, FCCLA and FFA high points; and junior high school point.

Besides belt buckles, winners receive between \$150 and \$200 scholarships and \$25.

According to the rules, the top two senior and intermediate and junior high school point winners sell in the Sale of Excellence. These events are sponsored by various businesses and residents.

All Creative Arts events will be held in Crescent Hall. When you arrive, you will see up to 45 sections of various works. It will include drawings, paintings, perennials, flower arrangements, perennials, molded items, ceramics, home accessories, preserves, breads, candies, pies, pickles and relish products, among others.

"There will be so much so see and smell," Glaze said.

Judging is Friday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Besides Glaze, executive committee members include Mary Jane Dornak, Melinda Gary, Laura Reyna, Lori Schindler, Marilyn Sebesta, and Barbara Ann Socha. There are 16 check-in committee members, and nearly 80 volunteers who will be assisting.

-Albert Villegas



"Quality feed you can depend on."

854 Wallace Street East Bernard, TX 77435

979-335-7554

GOOD LUCK TO ALL WCYF PARTICIPANTS!





Legacy "Kick-Off Sunday, April 28 Dance"

2 - 6 p.m. • Gym



TEXAS COUNTRY CONCERT Friday, May 3

8:00 p.m. · Johnson Arena

Sam Riggs & Stoney LaRue

Saturday, May 4 8:00 p.m. • Gym

Tejano Night

David Lee Garza-Los Musicales

MIDWAY ENTERTAINMENT

Marty Westerman - Magician • Joshua Seth - Hypnotist • Those Funny Little People Aquatic Acrobatic Show • The Evasons Mind-Readin Duo • Noah's Way Exotic Petting Zoo

TICKETS: SEASON PASSES \$40

Adult \$10 • Child 6-12 \$5 • Child 5 & under FREE

Fair Office (979) 677-3350 whartoncountyyouthfair.org

CRESCENT COMMUNITY CENTER



Sunday, April 28 Go Texan Pominoes @ 1 p.m. Kick-off dance Legacy @ 2-6 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30 The Keith Junot Band @ 8 p.m.

> Wednesday, May 1 SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY Bubba Westly @ 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 2 Senior Citizen's Polka Pance @ 2:30-4:30 p.m. Aj Guel @ 8 p.m.

Friday, May 3 Youth Washer Pitching @ 10 a.m. Youth Shuffleboard Tourney @ 1 p.m. Adult shuffleboard Tourney & Go Texan Washer Pitching @ 6 p.m.

-Klatt

Continued from Page 9

Klatt has been a finalist in the Creative Arts for four years. She has had a goat project, raised and exhibited rabbits where she was in the top 10. She has also made the Sale of Excellence several

In addition to being an exhibitor, Klatt devotes her time to helping out at the fair. She has assisted fair board members during the Sale of Excellence, worked the Learning Center and sold tickets for Jr. Miss fundraiser. She also helped plant flowers around the Crescent Gym, participated in work days at

the fair and has assisted with Special Friends Day.

She has participated in Family Fun Night's events of goat loading, pig chase and club challenge, was in the vouth shuffle board tournament and was a finalist in shuffle board.

As a pageant participant, Klatt has been in the Little Mr. and Miss contest where she was a finalist on two occasions; Princess pageant and finalist one vear: Jr. Miss contest and was named a finalist one year. As a Queen contestant she sold season passes.

Klatt became interested in showing animals at the fair at an early age.

"I first became involved in showing animals at the fair when I was in the third grade," she said. "Both of my parents showed animals when they were my age, so I knew that I was in great hands. First, my sister and I started with rabbits just to get a feeling of how to show. But recently, we've added on goats. Raising a goat has become my favorite animal to show because we interact with them so much. We learn to love them and they become a part of our crazy animal-loving family." Klatt's involvement in 4-H spans seven

years. She has served as a reporter and vice president of her club, has participated in the 4-H food Challenge, county and district Round up Share the Fun, county photography contest and participated in the 5 Star Fair Fundraiser.

Her volunteer efforts include donating to the Blessing Cup Storehouse, Women's Crisis Center and taking pet food to SPOT as well as making Christmas cards and hand delivering them to local nursing home residents. She has been a volunteer at a nursing home and has participated in FFA fundraising efforts. Klatt has attended 4-H camp at Lake Brownwood, participated in county and local 4-H fundraisers and has made donations to GI Joe & Jane Project and the Veterans Hospital in Houston. She has attended Texas A&M Vet School open house and entered their art contest.

For 4-H, she attended the District Crossroads camp, the Wharton County Showmanship clinic and FFA Progress

Show. Klatt has served as reporter for her 4-H group; has been a member of Jr. FFA and FFA; served on the FFA Jr. and Sr. Chapter Conducting teams; FFA Vet Tech team and the Wharton County 4-H Vet Science program.

Klatt looks forward to this year's fair, because it is a vital part of her family's life. "The legacy of the Wharton County Youth Fair is amazing," Klatt said. "My family has been involved at the fair for over 30 years, and it is such a surreal feeling to show in the same arena where my mom and dad did the same. The fair continues to have such a special way of bridging generations with each other, and I love that I am a part of the link from the past to the future."

-Zahn

Continued from Page 1

became interested in exhibiting projects by going to the shows and watching other kids show their animals and I thought it would be cool to do what they did," she said. "I enjoy exhibiting my pigs the most because spending time with them is really fun and working with them is a breeze. I also enjoy showing my rabbits and doing creative arts because it gives me something to do when I am not outside working with my animals."

Her activities at the Wharton County

Youth Fair include being a participant in Creative Arts, bucket calf project, helping with the Sale of Excellence and helping set up the event and entering the Wee Folks Pet Show.

"What I love most about the fair ... well I can't really tell you one thing I love most about the fair, because I love everything about the fair," she said. "If I had to pick a favorite it would be meeting new people every day, and showing my animals."

She has helped with the fair's cleanup day and cleanup after the awards banquet. She is a volunteer for the Extra Special Livestock Show. Her fair projects include rabbits, which she raises for herself and to sell, exhibiting swine projects, as well as participating in livestock judging at area and major shows

Working with the local radio stations, Zahn has recorded radio spots to help promote the fair.

Her involvement in 4-H, FFA and FC-CLA over the span of 10 years has brought her many opportunities and awards. She is a Bronze Star winner, has been a member of the 4-H Clover Kids and another 4-H group.

She has partcipated in county 4-H fundraisers.

Zahn has judged poultry, participated in the Food and Nutrition/Food Show at the county and district levels and the Food and Nutrition/Food Challenge at county and district contests. At the county and district level she has been involved in the Clothing and Textile Project/Fashion Show and Duds to Dazzle. She also participated in club clothing exchange.

Zahn has participated in 4-H Round Up's Share the Fun Celebrate 4-H skit, both at the county and district level. She participated in Kids in the Kitchen and was a teen leader

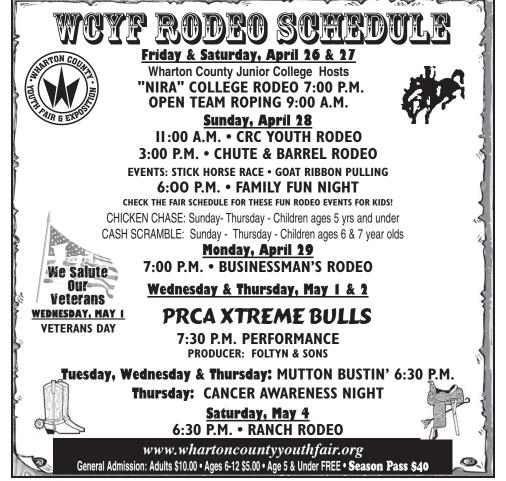
In FFA, she has been a member of the Junior FFA Chapter and an FFA member where she received the Green Hand Award. She has also been a member of the FFA Poultry Judging

As a volunteer, she has helped with

fair fundraisers, donated goods, clothes, blankets and Thanksgiving meals to others. She has made Christmas ornaments and Valentine cards for local nursing home residents, delivered animals to visit the elderly and made desserts for 4-H meals and bake

As a leader, she has served as 4-H Club parliamentarian, second vice president, third vice president and served as Council Delegate. She has been involved in the Junior Leadership Lab, photography contests at the county level and at the district level. She has done record book at the county level and at district.

More WCYF stories in WJ-S's April 24 issue







WHARTON DIVISION 979-532-8550

HUNGERFORD GRAIN DIVISION 979-532-5660

NINE POINT GRAIN DIVISION 979-543-2462

Grain Merchandising & Storage Liquid Feed Sales

Informed Farmers make better decisions-Let us keep you informed!

CASH SALES • DEFERRED PAYMENT • FORWARD CONTRACT • FUTURES FIRST CONTRACT

ADVANCE TRADING- Wharton Branch Office for futures and futures option needs. PRO-LIX LIQUID FEED- Wharton

Federally & State Bonded Warehouses

Good Luck to All WCYF Exhibitors!



-Sutton

Continued from Page 9

Sutton competed in the Little Miss pageant two years, Princess for two years, Junior Miss for three years where she was selected runner-up twice.

She has participated in fair work day and the Academic Rodeo spelling contest. Sutton has made the fair's sale of excellence four years and has served as a fair board member.

She has been a member of a Junior FFA Chapter where she served on the guiz team that placed at district and area levels of competition. She also was on the FFA Jr. Chapter conducting team, which placed at district and area.

As an FFA member, she received the FFA Greenhand award, served on the poultry judging team and had a swine project.

Sutton competed in major shows, such as the turkey shows at San Antonio and at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. At the HLSR, she sold her turkey both years. She has participated in the HLSR broiler show for two years with one selling at the auction one year.

As a 4-H member for the past seven years, she has served as first vice president, third vice president, parliamentarian, treasurer, secretary and as a fair board representative. She has exhibited roasters for five years and broilers two years.

Her volunteer efforts as a member of FFA and 4-H Club include donating items to the Michael De-

bakey Hospital for Veterans, to local classrooms, participating in service projects, such as cleaning up flower beds at city hall, painting fire hydrants, donating items to the local police department for the Blue Campaign and helping with FFA and 4-H fundraisers. She has assisted with fair cleanup day and other fair fundraisers.

"Through 4-H Club I helped raise funds and donated to the Disable American Veterans van for gasoline, enabling doctor's visits for veterans," she said. She has also handed out thank you cards to veterans on Veterans Day, adopted a family during the holidays by providing them with gifts and meals. Other service projects include donating items to

the Boys & Girls Club, bingo prizes to local nursing homes, giving Valentine's Day cards to nursing home residents and donating canned goods to the Blessing Cup Storehouse.

Her photography projects have also won county and district honors.

Sutton enjoys being involved in her community and

"My favorite part of the fair is being able to show my animals," she said. "I put my heart into raising the best projects I can. Showing is something I look forward to every single year."

Her favorite fair projects are roasters, broilers and

"Being the youngest of four children, I have grown up in 4-H and FFA," Sutton said. "I have always wanted to follow in my older sister's footsteps and here I am doing just that."

-Foyt

Continued from Page 9

As a Creative Arts exhibitor, she placed for high point in the junior and intermediate divisions, as well as intermediate high point grand champion.

Her fair pageant experiences include Little Mr. & Miss Pageant for two years as well as being named Little Miss; Princess Pageant three years and was named Princess. Then she participated in the Jr. Miss Pageant for three years, was named Jr. Miss and voted as Easiest to Get Along With. As a Queen participant last year, she was second runner-up and was voted Easiest to Get Along With.

Other fair activities include the Academic Rodeo Spelling Bee, Academic Rodeo and Family Fun Night club challenge.

Foyt has been a member of 4-H, Jr. FFA and FFA. She has held numerous offices in 4-H, including reporter, parliamentarian, secretary, first vice president and president. Currently she is vice president of her 4-H group and secretary of her FFA chapter. She is a Wharton County Council delegate, which she has served on for three years, was treasurer and is currently serving as third vice president.

She has participated in WCYF clean-up day, County Food Challenge, County Food Show, District Food Show where she placed first in 2018 in her division and advanced to state, District Food Challenge and Wharton County Senior Photography contests where she qualified for state in the following categories: animals domestic, dominant color, elements

of design and theme.

She is involved in County Round Up, participated in County and District Share the Fun events and County Cupcake Wars where she placed first in her

In record book, she has placed first and second at the county level and first at district.

She participated in a market swine youth project presentation at the Wharton County Extension Office, 4-H showmanship clinic held at Crescent, was a junior breeding exhibitor at Fort Worth, San Antonio and Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and District photography contests where she won Best of Show in 2016. She participated in County and District Round Up Education presentation, Consumer Decision Making, Ag Product ID, Beef Quiz Bowl and Share the Fun/Poetry.

Foyt was in the 4-H Vet Science Program and a Wharton County Livestock Judging Team member. She has also participated in major fairs as a calf scramble exhibitor record book contestant and in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo food challenge. She is a teen leader for 4-H Kids in the Kitchen and participates in 4-H Winter Wonderland and 4-H Spring Showmanship Clinic.

She is a member of the FFA livestock judging team, participant of the FFA Leadership Development Events (public speaking), FFA Career Development Events (public speaking) and has devoted numerous hours to community service projects for military, EMS, SPOT, nursing homes, special education students, school, hospital, back to school drives

Caney Valley Cotton

'Proudly serving Wharton County Farmers since 1972."

Good Luck to All 2019 Participants!



2203 N. Richmond Rd. Wharton

979.532.5210



Good Luck to All Participants of the 2019 Wharton County Youth Fair!

Wharton 101 E. Milam 979-532-1650

El Campo 202 E. Jackson 979-543-3349





More WCYF stories in WJ-S's April 24 issue



Midway events always part of annual WCYF

The Wharton County Youth Fair is coming up fast, and around the county the excitement is building. The food, the rides, the animals, and of course, the midway acts!

This year there are four new entertainments acts joining the fair, as well as the No-ah's Ark Petting Zoo, which is always a kid favorite. New this year however, is Aquatic Acrobat Show, complete with mermaids, the Evasons, which is a mind reading act, hypnotist Joshua Seth, and life sizes puppetry with Those Funny Little People.

Using a custom designed water stage, computer sound system, and plenty of special water effects, a family with five generations of performing experience brings you aquatic acrobatics. Living mermaids and jet skis are all part of the fun.

The Evasons, a comedy mind reading duo, have quite the resume of performances. They have performed for Las Vegas' Penn and Teller, on NBC, CBS, FOX, the Discovery Channel, and also on Netflix. They have received numerous awards for the psychic and mentalist abilities, as well as performed in 35 countries and for our troops overseas.

Joshua Seth is geared more for the young

adults and adults in the crowd, but knows his way around the stages as well. His comedy acts includes audience participation that seems sure to leave crowds laughing. Seth is also well know for his many voice over acts for programs such as Digimon, to Batman, and even Spongebob Square Pants.

Rounding out the entertainment is an act that got their first big exposure on America's Got Talent; Those Funny Little People. Based out of Chicago, these life sized puppets dance, sing, and leave audiences laughing. They are an all ages appropriate show, with multiple characters to match the amusement of all attendees. "Just being able to create a special moment for families as they interact with the characters, and with families being able to walk away with smiles on their faces is why we enjoy doing this," said Dave Gregoire, co-creator of The Little People.

2019 seems to shaping up to be another memorable year for the Wharton County Youth Fair exhibitors and attendees alike. With the entertainment, the animals, and the fun, it will be one not to be missed.

- Holly Evans





WE ARE

Hlavinka Equipment Company.

Pround WCYF Sponsor.
80 Years serving Wharton County.
7 Texas Gulf Coast locations.
Sales, Parts & Service.
Lawn, Garden, Farm & Ranch
Planting. Seeding. Harvesting.
Tillage. Mowers. Conditioners. Balers.



-Music

Continued from Page 5

LaRue has found or has shows across the state, performing at various fairgrounds and music halls.

His countless shows cultivated a following, allowing him to sell more than 1 million records.

Troy Schuback, one of the WCYF officials in charge of music, said there is something for everyone to enjoy with this year's musical entertainment.

"What you're looking at with Sam Riggs is a young musician who puts on a lot of energy in his shows. The younger crowds like him a lot," Schuback said. "With Stoney Larue, he's one of those guys that a lot of people know. They know his songs and he draws a crowd."

Riggs and Larue will perform Friday, May 3 with the first show beginning at 8 p.m. David Lee Garza will follow them on Saturday, May 4, with his show beginning at 8 p.m. also in the WCYF's gymnasium. DJ Jammin Ray will begin at 6 p.m.

Tejano Night

This is the fifth year that the Wharton County Tejano Committee has worked with the WCYF and been tasked with finding entertainment for a different genre of music fans

Maria and Bill York, who are with the Tejano committee, described Garza, who is from Poteet, as a legend.

Garza, who has recorded more than 30 albums, mostly plays the accordion to progressive Conjunto and distinctive Tejano music and allows the musicians around him to showcase their talents. The Yorks said it has led to many of his members of the group to move on and pursue solo careers and successful ones at that. Among them were the late Emilio Navaira, Ramiro "Ram" Herrera, Oscar G, Jay Perez, Marcos Orozco, Mark Ledesma and Ben Ozuna.

His new vocalist is Cezar Martinez, of Robstown.

"We've had a good reaction from those who now know David Lee Garza y Los Musicales will be here," Maria said.

Once they posted this on their Facebook page, it was shared, commented or liked more than 50 times. Some said they would be in attendance, another wore a Los Musicales T-shirt upon hearing the news of Garza coming here.

Like Riggs and Larue, Garza has also been extremely busy this spring. In a five-month period, he will have performed 25 times with more shows likely. His is literally a family show. He has two brothers in the band.

Garza, whose career has spanned 30 years, has produced a string of hits including "Con El Tiempo," "Hey David Who's That Gringo," "Cuatro Caminos," and "Te Quiero Te Amo."

They play a blend of country, Tex-Mex and Tejano music.

- Albert Villegas

-Pet

Continued from Page 5

year and Boyd said she anticipated the same in 2019.

If there is anything new to the show, it might be an animal. With so many species of animals in this world, it's likely owners will and could introduce new pets that have never been entered before.

Enter the bearded dragon.

"We decided a couple of years ago if something isn't broken, why fix it," Boyd said. "It's been successful and fun over the years and we hope to continue this trend. One thing new this year is we have a child showing a bearded dragon. This is a first."

When filling out the application in advance

of registering, contestants are asked to circle categories/pets that apply.

It goes without saying that this kind of event gives youth who don't raise farm animals the great opportunity to participate in the WCYF. Boyd said it opens it up to a different audience.

"It does get kids involved that don't raise animals and since they can participate in the Pet Show at two years old it gets them involved younger," she said. "I believe there are 50-plus directors of the Wharton County Youth Fair and the majority of those people were involved in the fair as a child in some way or another. I believe the fair is key in putting kids on a path to becoming successful adults."

You may also mail entries to KULP Radio, 515 East Jackson, El Campo 77437, or by email at wcyf@kulpradio.com.

– Albert Villegas

-Cashless

Continued from Page 7

About Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition

The Wharton County Youth Fair and Exposition was organized in 1975 as a corporation for the promotion of educational programs and activities for the benefit of the youth of Wharton County who are interested in agriculture, livestock production, and associated industries. The purpose is to provide encouragement and assistance through scholarships to these individuals to achieve proficiency through higher learning and education.

For more information visit www.whartoncountyyouthfair.org or call 979-677-3350.

-Rodeo

Continued from Page 5

mug a calf, then finally the runner will pull the ribbon from the calf's tail and run to the chalk circle.

On many occasion, first and second place finishes are seconds apart. The team with the fastest time wins. Buckles are awarded to first and second place teams.

The entry fee is \$100 per team (checks made payable to Rockin W) and all proceeds benefit

their scholarship fund. Participants must be entered by 7 p.m. the day of the rodeo.

Some of the past entries included TNT Western Wear, First State Bank of Louise, Texas Gulf Credit Union, Faith Rentals, United Ag, Wharton Feed, B&S Services, and numerous cattle companies and local farms.

Last year, TC Cattle Company and owner Tristan Gordon won. Gordon is a local rancher who supplies rodeo and cattle to many rodeos.

For more info call Frankum at 979-533-3675 or Werth Garrett at 979-533-4222.

– Albert Villegas

Wharton County news right to your door Subscribe today! Call (979) 532-8840 Or visit us online at www.journal-spectator.com Did You Know your subscription to the Wharton Journal-Spectator includes access to our 24/7 online eEdition at no additional cost? Call Today!

Edward Jones | INVESTMENTS

Derek J. Macha
804 N. Fulton, Wharton
(979) 532-1781
Put the power of Personal attention to work for you!

Good Luck to all WCYF Exhibitors!





CELEBRATING 43 YEARS OF WAGON WHEELS TO FERRIS WHIEELS WHILL THE WHARTON COUNTY YOUTH FAIR!

Your hometoun dealer since 1968 - Buy Local!

VON-WIL FORD, INC.316 N. Richmond Rd. • Wharton, Texas

www.von-wilford.com • Parts/Service/Sales