

# Ralls Chamber of Commerce

## 2017 Photo Contest

**WHO:** The 2017 Photo Contest is open to all photographers, professional and amateur, 18 years & older who are residents of Crosby County.

**WHAT:** The Ralls Chamber of Commerce is committed to honoring agriculture. For the 2017 Photo Contest, we are looking for original, striking images of agricultural life in West Texas. There will be separate categories for professional and amateur photographers. Photographs that have won other photo contests are not eligible for submission.

Entries must be:

- Original work and must have been shot by the entrant since January 1, 2017.
- Non-infringing on the rights of others, including but not limited to copyright.
- Respectful of the rights, sensitivities, and culture of persons depicted.
- An accurate reflection of the subject matter and scene as it appeared, without alteration (other than standard optimization, including removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, etc.)

**WHEN:** All entries must be submitted by 5:00 PM, September 1, 2017. Winners will be announced and all photos will be on display at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cotton Boll Festival in Ralls on September 9, 2017.

**HOW:** Up to 5 photographs may be submitted per person. Entries should be at least 8 x 10 size and may or may not be framed. Entries should include a caption on the back which includes: title, location, date, and a detailed description of subject matter. A separate entry form and photo release must accompany each entry.

Entries may either be mailed to the Ralls Chamber of Commerce, 808 Ave I, Ralls, TX 79357 or dropped off in person to Raegan Rainwater at Caprock Insurance, 807 Main Ave, Ralls, TX 79357.

**JUDGING:** Entries will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. The story behind the photo may influence the judges' decision. Decisions made by the judges are final.

**WINNING ENTRIES:** All entries may be used by the Ralls Chamber of Commerce in printed publications, including 2018 fundraising calendar and web-based publications, provided that all uses are accompanied by appropriate attribution to the photographer. Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs. A selection of winning photos may be featured on the Ralls Chamber of Commerce website and social media pages.

For questions regarding the 2017 Photo Contest, please contact Raegan Rainwater at 806-252-3297.