September 5, 2025



Happy Friday, Wharton County 4-H members!

This week we kicked off our first PALA and County Council meetings, and it was wonderful to see such a great turnout at both. I hope we can keep that same level of energy and attendance throughout the year!

On Wednesday, I attended the District 11 4-H Agent Retreat, where we had the opportunity to tour corporate H-E-B in San Antonio. It was fascinating to learn about the company's culture, how they develop new products, and the ins and outs of produce procurement. The values H-E-B upholds reminded me so much of our Texas 4-H program and what we strive to achieve.

Just like H-E-B, we want to provide opportunities and activities that help our 4-H members build valuable skills and lessons to carry into adulthood. More importantly, our 4-H network is something truly special—we are one big family! With that, I hope you take some time to read through this week's Friday Roundup. There's lots of important information included, and it takes all of us, as a family, to ensure everything happens successfully. Ms Laura

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

281-642-9354

Major Tag Orders

- Fall Sheep & Goat Tag Orders Due September 10 to the **Extension Office** 2025 Lamb & Goat Tag Order - Majors
- Fall Swine Tag Orders Due September 26 to the Extension
 - <u>2025 Fall Swine Tag Order Form Majors (Updated)</u>

PALA and County Council Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2025 **Extension Office** 6:30 PM PALA Meeting 6:30 PM County Council Social 7:00 PM County Council Meeting Community Service: Bring Bags of Candy for our Trunk-or-Treat and Bougie Bingo Work Night

Quilts of Valor Sew Day

Monday, October 6, 2025 **Extension Office** 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Come sew a square for our Quilts of Valor Ouilt!

County Food Show and Food Challenge

October 25, 2025

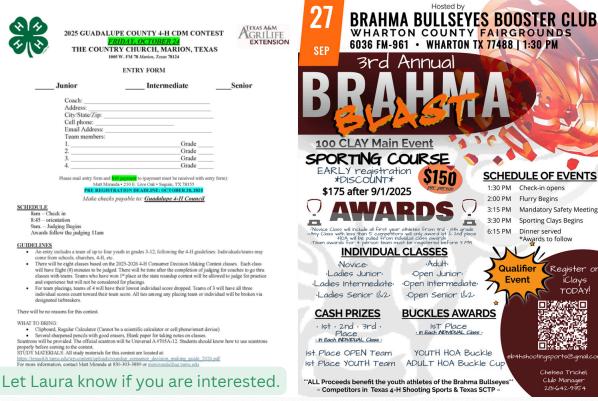
Location: TBA

Entry Forms Due: October 2, 2025

Food Show: https://forms.gle/kz6aiFmm5J9TRrgK9

Food Challenge: https://forms.gle/3CgjBdpp4fAvBY4x7





Friday ROUNDUP

New Reimbursement Criteria

We have adjusted it to reflect our only fundraiser.

Members must complete the following to receive reimbursement:

- 1. Sponsorship
 - Secure 1 sponsor for Green Heart Club Membership (\$50 per member).
 - o Larger sponsorships may be divided among family members.
- 2. Community Service
 - o Complete 2 hours of community service.
- 3. Bougie Bingo Fundraiser (4 credits required)
- 4. Credits can be earned in the following ways:
 - o Sign up to bring a dessert → 1 credit
 - Volunteer at Bougie Bingo (before or during event): 1 hour = 1 credit
 - o Donate a Bingo Prize, Bucket Raffle Prize, or \$50 → 1 credit
 - Example: \$200 retail value of Bingo prize = 4 credits

Reimbursement Forms will be due on August 1, 2026.

Form can be found here: https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2025/09/25-26-District-State-Reimbursement-Form.pdf

County Calendar

We are excited to release this years county calendar. Please make note that we will do our very best to adhere to these dates but things happen and sometimes they may need to change.

https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/events/event-deadlines-and-dates/

** Support the Future of Wharton County 4-H! **
We are excited to announce the return of our Green Hearts
Club Membership Drive! This program gives individuals
and businesses the opportunity to invest in the future of
our youth while being recognized throughout the year for
your support.

Our Wharton County 4-H membership has exploded in recent years, and we are on track to break even more records! Just look at what our 4-H members have accomplished since May:

- # 18 students advanced to State competitions
- 🝀 50 county Recordbooks submitted
- **34** District Recordbook qualifiers
- 30 Kids in the Kitchen participants
- # 18 Kids in the Sewing Room participants
- # 71 members in the District Spring Spectacular Contest
- # 19 youth attended Leadership Lab
- ** Youth representing Wharton County as State
 Ambassadors in Livestock, Photography, Poultry, Healthy
 Texas Youth, and more!
- \$\iiiis 250 attended our 4-H Banquet, with 100 members recognized for their achievements

And this is just a snapshot! We are also seeing incredible growth in shooting sports, robotics, STEM, and more. To continue this momentum and provide even greater opportunities, we invite you to team up with the Wharton County 4-H Parent and Adult Leaders Association by becoming a Green Hearts Club sponsor. Membership levels range from \$50 to \$1,000, ensuring there's a level to fit every supporter.

Your membership helps us:

- Expand programs and projects
- Provide scholarships
- ▼ Fund prizes for competitions
- ✓ Support and celebrate our future leaders
 Thank you for helping us make the best even better!
 Together, we are growing leaders right here in Wharton
 County.

Membership Form:

https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/files/2025/09/PALA-4H-Green-Hearts-Club-Membership-Form-2025-2026.pdf

Our BIG fundraiser of the year is off to a great start! With only a few tables and individual tickets left before well sell out! We need your help to ensure it's success.

Sign up to Donate a Bingo/Bucket Raffle/Silent Auction Prize:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4EADAB2DABF5C34-58193711-11202025#/

Sign up to Bring a Dessert: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DAFA62DA2F5CE9-58226464-bougie#/

Volunteer Sign up will be coming soon!

WHARTON COUNTY 4-H

BOUGIE BINGO

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NOVEMBER 20, 2025 WHARTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS | CRESCENT HALI COCKTAIL HOUR | 5:30 PM DINNER SERVED | 5:45 PM - 6:15 PM BINGO | 6:30 - 9:00 PM

> **INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$60** SPONSORSHIP TABLES FOR 10 48 **INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS MEAL PROVIDED**

1-2 CARDS DEPENDING ON LEVEL OF TICKET PRIZES | IEWELRY, BAGS, GUNS & MORE

SILENT AUCTION | HEADS OR TAILS | MORE GAME CARDS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

3 BLACKOUT GRAND PRIZE

LOUIS VUITTON BAG, COOLER FULL OF STEAKS, GRANDE TURTLE BOX





PLATINUM TABLE

\$1,500 FOR 10 PEOPLE PREMIUM SEATING 2 VIP PARKING PASSES

3 BOTTLES WINE OR 3 BEER BUCKETS 20 DRINK TICKETS

2 CARDS PER PERSON



BINGO BOOKS - \$20 SINGLE GAME - \$1 OR \$5 HEADS OR TAILS - \$20 BUCKET RAFFLE - \$5/TICKET OR 5 TICKETS FOR \$20 SILENT ALICTION

ALL TICKETS INCLUDE

A MEAL AND TWO DRINK TICKETS DRINK TICKETS WILL INCLUDE SET UPS, BEER & SELTZERS. WINE & LIQUOR CAN BE BROUGHT INSIDE.

We are SO excited to announce that Bougie Bingo is back! Our loyal supporters from last year had the first chance to grab their tables and tickets, and now we're opening sales to the public! Limited tables and tickets remain — don't wait to snag yours! Join us for a fun-filled evening of bingo, prizes, and laughter, all while supporting the Wharton County 4-H.

Get your spot today and be part of this unforgettable night!



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