October 17, 2025



Happy Friday Wharton County 4-H Families!

I hope you have all had a great week. This week we have been busy preparing for the upcoming County Food Show and Food Challenge. I want to take this time to thank all of you who have volunteered to serve as judges or reached out to others to volunteer. Also, don't forget to sign up for Chick-fil-A if you will be spending the day with us! Since we are bringing it in, it will be an easy lunch option for everyone.

This week I also worked on travel plans for our District 11 4-H Crossroads event. This year we have 28 kids registered to attend the college and career event! That is wonderful, but ensuring transportation for all of them has been a challenge. Special thanks to those who have volunteered to chaperone and help transport kids, I certainly couldn't do it without you!

We are also busy preparing for our Bingo fundraiser. If you have not signed up to bring something or volunteer, please do so as soon as possible. We need everyone's help to make this event a success!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Laura

TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

PALA and County Council Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2025
Extension Office
6:30 PM PALA Meeting
6:30 PM County Council Social
7:00 PM County Council Meeting
Community Service: Adopt A Grandparent

Wharton County 4-H T-Shirt

Cost: \$25 each

Sizes: Youth and Adult (Bella + Canvas soft-style shirt)
Payment options: Cash, Check (payable to 4-H PALA), or

Venmo (@Wharton4H)

Deadline: Orders and payments are due October 15th Order yours here: https://forms.gle/ipP2ka3uBfPrVovK9



Attention County Council Members

El Campo Police Departments has cancelled the Trunk-or-Treat event that we participate in each year. Therefore we will not be setup for you to join us and handout candy. We will be donating all of the candy collected for other trunk-or-treats that are happening in our community. We are sad to miss out this year but looking forward to next year! Please let Ms. Laura know if you have any questions.

MAJOR SHOW SIGN UP NIGHT

November 3, 2025 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm



If you plan on exhibiting Livestock at any Texas Major or participating in any of the contests please be sure to attend that day or fill out paperwork ahead of time.

Quality Counts must to be completed for those exhibiting livestock. If you have moved to a new age division please be sure to complete the course.

Let Ms. Laura know if you have any questions.



Crescent Fairgrounds

Ammann Barn

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Registration: 5:30pm Dinner & Program: 6:00pm

Topics

Session Options

Steer & Heifer
Dr. Jon DeClerck,
Executive Vice President
American Simmental Association

Lamb & Goat
Bucky Jackson,

Animal Selection
Daily Care
Nutrition
Supplements
Showmanship

PLUS!

Animal Demonstrations, Door Prizes & Purina Feed Discount Coupon

RSVP to 979-543-7756 or email michellef@unitedag.net by November 7, 2025 to receive coupon.



Our BIG fundraiser of the year is off to a great start! With only ONE table and 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: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CA5AB23ABF49-58415203-bougie#/

Club Managers: Please keep in mind that Ms. Laura is requesting that each club support Bougie Bingo by doing one of the following:

- Donate a Bingo Prize (can be donated by a business)
- Provide a \$200 cash donation to the Green Hearts Club
- Donate items equal to \$200 retail value (businesses often donate at cost if you ask!)
- The Please sign up with your contribution here: <u>Club Fundraiser Sign-Up.</u>





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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!
- 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