



HIGH BIDDERS

Supporting Texas Youth and Education

April 2025

2025 Rodeo

2025 Rodeo, what a way to begin our 41st Year!

In our 41 Years, High Bidders began holding fundraisers 13 years ago. Through it all, High Bidders has been able to provide over \$1,150,000 in support to very deserving youngsters.

This year we provided \$84,455 to twenty-seven (27) youngsters, all due to your support and commitment to our organization. Thank you for all you do!

Mark your calendars for our 2025 Annual Bowling Tournament (August 16th) and Shrimp Boil (October 11th). You do not want to miss out on a great time, all the while helping us help some great kids

Watch your email, as plans are underway for a Funday to share camaraderie and a toast(s) with our old and new friends.

High Bidders 13th Annual Bowling Tournament

August 16, 2025
Copperfield Bowl



It's time to get back to having some FUN!!



HIGH BIDDERS SHRIMP BOIL



Save the Date

October 11, 2025
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The Hideaway on Dunvale

Dear High Bidders,
Thank you for buying my steer in the Houston Commercial Steer Choice Action. This is my senior year. The money that I earn will go towards my college fund. I am planning on going into the Agricultural Industry after college.

Sincerely,

William Brown



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Junior Commercial Steer Purchases and Harship Awards

This year High Bidders purchased 10 steers, placing awarding bids of over \$40,455.00 to the following exhibitors - **Chloe Willis (Sulphur Springs)**, **Aubrey Schueler (Parmer County)**, **Crockett Guenther (Fayette County)**, **Gage Payne (Sam Rayburn)**, **Ethan Schumann (Austin County)**, **Bailen Kocurek (Burleson County)**, **Joan Schilling (Cooke County)**, **William Brown (Sanger)**, **Baden Bevers (Dallam County)** and **Darby Phillips (Hallettsville)**

Congratulations to each of you, we look forward to seeing you back next year!

High Bidders provided \$1,000.00 Hardship Awards to each of the following exhibitors - **Caleb McMullen (Spledora Jr. FFA)** who lost a steer to a back injury, **Max Fry (Bland FFA)** a week before the auction found one of his steers dead from bloat, **Luke Brown (Sanger FFA)** had a steer die 3 weeks before the show and **James Purvis (Corrigan-Camden FFA)** who found one of his steers dead in his pen from bloat.



Thank you High Bidders
for sponsoring my
Hardship Award. This was
my first year showing
commercial steers and this
was a devastating loss.
Your generosity is much
appreciated. Thank you for
supporting the youth of
Texas.

Caleb McMullen

Dear High Bidders,
Thank you for supporting me with my lost
steer. It was a tough loss to have during my
first year. This will help me cover my expenses
so that I can come back strong next year.
Thank you,
Luke Brown



Dear High Bidders,
Thank You for Purchasing my Commercial
Steer lot at the 2025 HLSR. I am twelve
Years old and a member of the Schulenburg 4-H
club, I have had lot's of Success in many
Projects such as Public speaking, livestock judging,
& beef Skillathon. This was my first year
with commercial steers, and I'm already
Planning for 2026 with hopes to do better. Again
Thank You for Supporting this Program.
~~Crockett Guenther~~ crockett Guenther



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Thank You for purchasing my 2025 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Commercial Steer. This was my first year here with this project. With some struggles along the way I didn't do as good as I hoped, This will help me work towards next years goals, not only for commercial steers but all my other projects to.

This event would not be possible without the support and generosity from people like you. Thank you again for your support.

Krockett Leventher
Schulenburg 4-H
7th Grade



Dear High Bidders Inc,

Thank you so much for buying steer 148! I learned a lot about my animals and science from the Houston Junior Commercial Steer Feeding and Management Contest.

I am 16 years old and a Junior in High School. I live in a small German town, Muenster. I am leaning towards engineering, and I may go to the local college, NCTC. Your purchase will help me pay for my education.

Sincerely,
Joan Schilling
President of the Muenster 4-H Club



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2025 Swine Helping Hand Awards

This year High Bidders provided four (4) \$1,000.00 Helping Hand Awards to the following Swine Exhibitors

James Cain (Asta FFA), James, a Senior, has two bad heart valves, and has had heart surgeries frequently since birth, he wanted HLSR to be the last show he did before graduating.

Creed Cox (Lubbock-Cooper) His pig began having issues when it got off the trailer at 2:30am, hyperventilating, could not stand up, would not eat, could not get able to get the pig right.

Presley Kemp (Collinsworth County 4-H) Pig began having neuro issues just before the show, had to put the pig down

Megan Terrasas (Pearland) Megan, 10th Grade, lost her Father a few years ago, was with him when he passed, she is still struggling with the loss. Her Ag Teacher sends her text every morning to help motivate her, raising pigs has been the best thing for her to keep going and feel more normal

2025 Steer Helping Hand Awards

High Bidders provided four (4) \$1,000.00 Helping Hand Awards to the following Steer Exhibitors

Sawyer May (Lynn County 4-H) Four nights prior to arriving in Houston, Sawyer and her family were on their way from Rodeo Austin, between College Station and their layover stop in Madisonville, where their steers were, when an oncoming car overcorrected colliding with them at 70 mph, all were blessed to walk away from the accident that left their stock show truck totaled.

Anonymous (Fort Bend 4-H) Does not wish name or application to be used

Easton Rankin (Mesquite 4-H) After the 2024 Show, Easton was diagnosed with Type One Diabetes, having to take four shots daily, wear a glucose monitor at all times, battling highs and lows constantly, and recently having to have an insulin pump.

Anonymous (Floyd County) Struggles with ADHD, Is in 9th Grade, Mother is a single Mom of 3, working 2 jobs, being with his animals calms his soul. Worked all summer saving money to be able to help with a trailer. On the way to the Vet recently, the trailer came loose, crashed into a ditch and was totaled.



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Welcome Our 2025 Calf Scramblers



Camryn (Aledo FFA)

Dear Daniel Galfione,
I hope you are doing well! I wanted to sincerely thank you for your generous sponsorship following my participation in the Houston Calf Scramble. Although I wasn't one of the 15 that caught a calf, your support has given me the opportunity to purchase a Santa Gertrudis heifer, and I'm excited to move forward with this next step in my agricultural journey. It was great having the chance to meet you, and I truly appreciate your support. I've been researching breeders and

taking the time to carefully consider my options to make the best decision. I'm looking forward to selecting a heifer and working hard to care for it while learning valuable lessons along the way. Thank you again for your belief in me and your generosity. Your support means a great deal, and I am very grateful for this opportunity.
Best regards,

Camryn Williamson



thank you

VERY MUCH





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Jayden (Nederland FFA)



Jordan (Victoria County 4-H)





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Lluvia (Galena Park FFA)



Dear High Bidders Inc.

I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your support. High Bidders Inc has helped me continue my passion in showing cattle. I appreciate the items given to me in the bag. I know they will come in handy when my steer comes in. I deeply value your support and encouragement. I am so lucky to have you all as my donors. I hope we can share many more moments together. Ps I will send a picture of him so that you all could meet him too!

Thanks again for being wonderful people.
Warm regards,
Lluvia





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Logan (Frisco Memorial FFA)

Dear Mr. Galfione & High Bidders Inc,

It was amazing to meet you on Saturday the 15th after the Calf Scramble. I apologize for not being fully present, that arena is certainly bigger than it looks. I appreciate the High Bidders Club for supporting my future in agriculture and I am honored to be given the Hard Luck Award. This is an amazing, once in a lifetime opportunity, and I can't wait to work with you over the next year. I can promise you now that I will try my hardest and do my absolute best when it comes to working with my new steer, I won't let you down.

And if your ever in town during the Cowboys season, I would be more than happy to show you around and take you on a tour of our barn! I also wanted to let you know that I already have my steer picked out for next year. He is a Charolais cross, and I plan on naming him Kermit.

I am so exited for this next year, and I can't wait to work with you further!

Thank you so much,

Logan Victory





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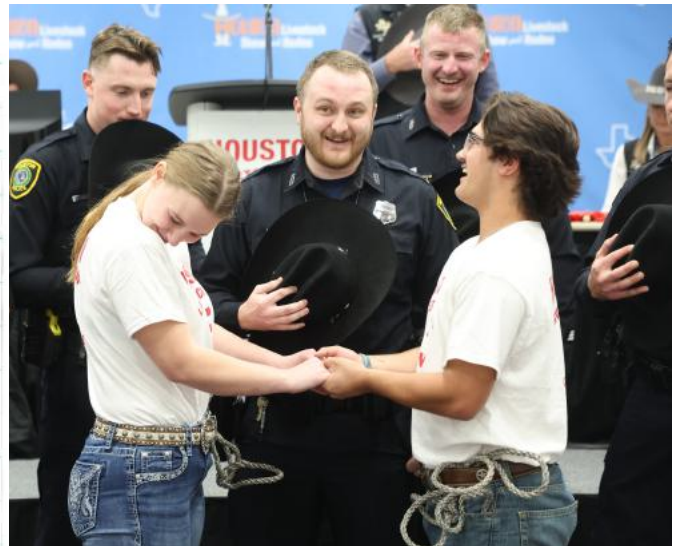
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Raylee (Klein Cain FFA)



Dear: High Bidders Inc.
Thank You Very much for supporting me in my journey in raising a heifer this year! This being my first year in FFA as a sophomore I am truly grateful for getting this opportunity, meeting amazing people, and learning life lessons! My first project was a swine, he made FFA such a great year for me, from playing in the mud, to playing in the snow, to playing in water puddles. He was truly a great first project and I can't wait to have many more! I am looking forward to many more adventures in Agriculture. I am wanting to go to Texas A&M and doing ranch management as well as becoming a travel vet for farms. FFA has taught me so much and I really appreciate you supporting me in my project!

From
Raylee Heil
Klein Cain FFA





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Sarah (Barbers Hill FFA)





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