

- 2019 FAIR DEDICATION -

'Original 9' honored for Hog legacy

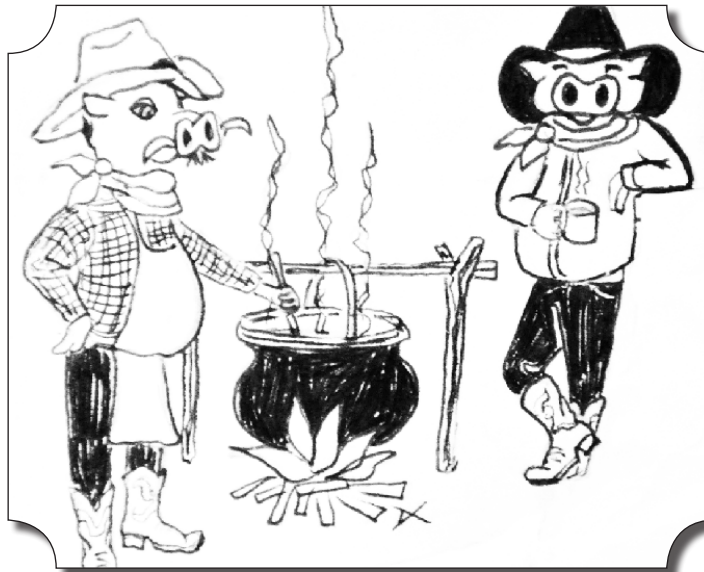
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The 2019 LaSalle County Fair & Wild Hog Cook-Off is dedicated to the original teams that entered the very first Wild Hog Cook-Off in March of 1980.

Aptly Named "The Original 9", they consist of: Bob Schaefer, eventual winner of the inaugural event, Bill Adami, Pres Lester, John Northcut and David Wolfe, Chris Hinojosa III and Bobby Jones, Dudley Storey III, Jonald Tiller, Jud Hillje and Ralph Boeker.

In 1980, it all began with nine teams. The "Original 9" teams that cooked up some tasty wild hog recipes for the very first La Salle County Fair and Wild Hog Cook-off created a legacy. Now, forty years later, this cook-off has grown to tremendous proportions.

As of 2019, over two hundred-fifty spots are sold out weeks before the event. With several hundred entries divided into seven different categories for teams to compete in, it has become a much-anticipated event for contestants from all over Texas.



Boaris & Tusk (Original Cook-Off artwork)

The La Salle County Fair Association has aided in the development of this widely popular festival by designing a popular destination for local citizens, guests, and cowboys alike to enjoy a week's worth of spectacular events in just a few days.

This annual fair averages an attendance of 10,000 people throughout the weekend and somehow, it still gives off a feeling of togetherness. Like a large reunion of family and friends, people return every year to see what's new.

Without these original teams, this fair's success would not have been possible. Unfortunately, we have lost a few of the "Original 9", but their memory will continue to live on. Many of their families still participate in this event each year, making the Wild Hog Cook-Off a yearly tradition among generations of participants.

On this, the 40th anniversary of the event, the Fair Association would like to honor these original Wild Hog Chefs for coming together and helping create one of the greatest community traditions LaSalle County has to offer.

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