Bell County 4-H October Newsletter 2012

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Calendar of Events

October

**Note: change of date

October 1: New Member Orientation, 6pm, CEO

October 3: Deadline for ordering Roasters

October 7-13: National 4-H Week

October 4: Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm

October 5-13: Photography Display H.O.T., Creative Arts Bldg.

October 8: Office Closed—Holiday

October 9: Tomato Club Celebration, 10am, Cameron Courthouse

October 10: Rabbit Extravaganza Deadline to Register, 4-H Connect

October 13: One Day 4-H, 6pm, Expo

October 13: Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo

October 15: MAB officer meeting, 6:15pm, CEO

October 15: Photography Contest Deadline– State Board

October 16, 30: Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO (NO 23rd meeting because CC)

October 16 & 29: Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo

October 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO

October 22: District Gold Star Banquet, 6pm, Baylor

October 22 : County Food Show Entries Due to CEO

October 23: Fuddruckers Day, Temple/Killeen

****October 23:** County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO

October 26: Club Charter Packet Due to CEO

October 29: MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

October 31: All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay the $20 (This does not include being approved just enrollment submitted)

October 31: Pick-up Turkeys

November

November 1: Deadline for Quality Counts Test

November 1 & 7: Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO

November 2: Deadline for Ordering Broilers

November 3: County Food Show/Challenge, 8:30am, CTCS

****November 8:** 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm - CEO

November 12: Office Closed– Holiday

November 13: Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO

November 10-11: Holiday Classic (FREE Show and Clinic)- Belton Expo

November 10: Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Complex, Gatesville

November 14: Roaster Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

November 15: Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

November 19, 20, & 26: Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo

November 20: Fuddruckers Day, Temple/Killeen

November 20: Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

November 22-23: Office Closed– Holiday

November 26: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

November 27: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO

November 29: Photography Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO

New Member Orientation!

Are you a new member this year!!??? We would like to invite all new members and those members who would like to learn more about the 4-H program to come to the new member orientation on **October 1, 2012, at 6pm, at the County Extension Office**. We will be introducing our staff as well as going over the family handbook, and answering any questions you might have about the 4-H program. We also plan to have some 4-H members talk about their 4-H career! Come and learn more about 4-H!

Fun for the Whole Family!

We need your help! Each year, the Bell County 4-H hosts fundraisers to help with the costs of supporting our youth. So we ask that you help us by selling tickets to our main fundraiser.

In 2012, we will be hosting our 4th annual event with the outdoorsman in mind. Our event is called the Hunter's Spectacular and will be held **October 13, 2012 at the Bell County Expo Center**. We will have lots of fun things for the whole family at the event including a meal, silent auction, live auction & vendors. The event will feature vendor booths who offer hunting-related supplies. We will also have a drawing for 20 rifles/shotguns, binoculars, hunting equipment, t-shirts for sale and lots of other fun prizes. For the young people, we have games and activities and even a cake walk. A silent auction will be held with the hunter in mind. We need our 4-H members to come support the event! Don't miss out!

Academy SPORTS+OUTDOORS

Items in CEO

There are many items/awards in the office that need to be picked up! Please make sure and pick them up by **October 31st** or they will be discarded. Items include: Photo Contest ribbons and scoresheets, Club Managers gifts for banquet, Medals and Pins from 4-H Banquet, T-shirt from camp, etc. Scarlot has them in the office, so you can pick them up from her!

Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is NOW!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect this year. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at http://agrilife.org/bell4h/ and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (Clover Kids & Adult Volunteers excluded) starting this 2012-2013 4-H year. The participant fee is $20 if enrolled from **August to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to $25.

Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled. The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a day. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements.

For more instructions on how to enroll, please visit: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/

If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 254-933-5305

NEW BCYF RULES

Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. Please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

· The BCYF has a NEW website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/

- You MUST attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August to December** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members MUST be enrolled by December 10th to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.
- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: January 18, 2013. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline.

County Council Themes and Programs

Month	Theme	Program	Discussion Topic
September 24	Crazy Hats	Club Officer Training	Community Service
October 22	Black Lights	Recreation	Bylaws/Election Process
November 26	Camo	Shooting Sports	Fundraisers/Grants
January 28	Movie Characters	Mission Possible	4-H Retention and Promotion
February 25	Western	Goats	BCYF Changes
March 25	Superheroes	Parliamentary Procedure	Ways to make 4-H more fun
April 22	70's/Tye Dye	Elections	2013 One Day 4-H

October County Council Meeting

The Bell County 4-H Council will meet on **Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room**. *(Please note that the meeting is on a Tuesday this month)*. The Council Officers are extremely excited about this month's theme. You will need to wear your neon colors or just wear white because ***Black Lights*** is the theme for the night. The next interactive program for the year is ***Recreation Day***. All 4-H members, parents and leaders are welcome to attend all meetings. Remember that each club needs to be represented by two delegates (the president and the council delegate), they are the voting delegates for the club. Come join in the fun that your Council Officers have created. Also, come learn about what other clubs are doing and about upcoming county 4-H programs. **Don't forget about the monthly prize money bucket.** Tickets cost a $1.00 and at the end of the meeting we will draw to see who wins half of the money. The other half of the money will go toward our community service projects.

This months Council Discussion Topic will be ***Council Bylaws and Election Process***. Remember that each club will need to discuss the topic(s) at their clubs monthly meeting. And the Council Delegates will present their clubs ideas about the topic(s) at the council meetings. The council will discuss all ideas and decide which is the best solution. Then the Council Delegates will report back to their club the decision(s) made by the Council and have a new discussion topic (s) for their clubs next month meeting. The council awaits to hear the ideas your club presents. Remember that each club needs to be represented by two delegates, they are the voting delegates for the club.

Food Challenge/Food Show Contest

The District 8 4-H Food Challenge is a unique opportunity to participate in an innovative food and nutrition competition. The 4-H Food Challenge, similar to the popular television show Iron Chef, brings fun, learning, application of knowledge and skills, and group competition together at one event. At your table, they will have all the ingredients and amounts on the table and no directions! You are to come up with a dish with what ingredients you have on the table! In preparation for the Food Challenge, participants should not limit themselves to studying only the resources provided at the contest. All resources are available on the website below. If you are interested in having a team, or as a senior, compete in the food show, the information about the project, manual and entry forms will be available on the Bell County 4-H Website at: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/

County Food Show is November 3, 2012 at CTCS at 1pm. An email will be sent out with details once you register. Entry forms are due **October 22, 2012** by 5pm in the CEO. CLOVER KIDS ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

Consumer Decision Making

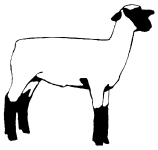
Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held October 16, at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will hopefully be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project!

Dates for consumer are as follows: (Dates set already due to full meeting room schedule and availability)

October 16 and 30, November 20, December 18, Feb. 19, 26: Consumer Project Meetings, 6pm, CEO
January 15: County Consumer Contest
February 16: Consumer– San Antonio
March 3: District Consumer– Waco

Clothing & Textiles Project Dates!

October 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO
November 27: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO
December 3: Clothing Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
January 22: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO
January 14: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO
March 11: Clothing Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO
April 16: Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO
April 22: Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO
Summer 2013: Clothing Blast



Lamb, Goat,

Breeding Sheep & Goats Validation

4-H members who plan to show market lambs or market goats in 2013 must validate these animals. Lamb and goat validation for Bell County exhibitors will be held **October 16th and 29th** at the Bell County Expo Center. Exhibitors who plan to show in San Angelo in 2013 must have a Texas Bred Lamb. You must have your Texas Lamb Breeders Tag with you at validation, or the sheep will not be eligible for San Angelo.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES FOR CLUBS FROM LAST NEWSLETTER!!!!

October 16th—Academy 4-H/FFA; Bartlett FFA; Belton FFA; CTCS 4-H; Ellison FFA; Harker Heights FFA; Killeen 4-H/FFA; Maxdale 4-H; Salado 4-H/FFA; Temple FFA; Shoemaker FFA; Tigertown 4-H; Trimmier 4-H & Stampede Creek 4-H

October 29th—Barking Buddies; Bell 4-H Horse; 4His Glory 4-H; Oenaville 4-H; Holland 4-H/FFA; Rogers 4-H/FFA; & Troy FFA/4-H

Validation Time for the above dates is: **5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each night**

Cost: $10.00 for each State animal and $3.00 for each County animal,

(If you validate for State it covers BCYF also)

All Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goats Must be Validated

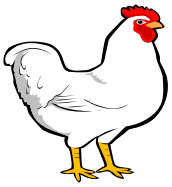
BCYF COUNTY ROASTER ORDERS

Deadline for ordering Roasters for the Bell County Youth Fair is **Wednesday, October 3, 2012.** The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and the cost is $38.00 per order of 25 birds. The birds will arrive on **November 14, 2012** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

Major Livestock Show Sign-Up

The 2013 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 2 days for sign-up; **Thursday November 1st & Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Extension Office in Belton**. Both nights sign-up time will be from **5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights and times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in late October from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above. Questions? Call Randall or Pam @ 254-933-5305. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

Broiler Orders



Payment and orders for Broilers for the 2013 BCYF are due no later than **November 2, 2012** Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 or 50 birds and 50 is the maximum allowable order per exhibitor. Cost of the birds is $38 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these **birds will arrive on December 19, 2012** and need to be picked up between **3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office.

Swine Validation

NEW: All Breeding Gilts Must Be Validated

All pigs for the Bell County Youth Fair and major livestock shows must be validated on one of the nights below. We need all parents to be there to sign forms and to draw a map where animals are being kept. If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

Validation: 4-7pm at the Expo

NOV. 19th— ACADEMY 4H/FFA, BARTLETT FFA, HOLLAND 4H/FFA, 4-HIS GLORY, SA-LADO 4H/FFA, CTCS 4H, STAMPEDE CREEK

NOV. 20th — BELTON FFA, TIGERTOWN 4H,TEMPLE FFA, TROY FFA, OENAVILLE 4H.

NOV. 26th — ROGERS 4H/FFA, KILLEEN 4H/FFA, MAXDALE 4H, TRIMMIER 4H, ELLISON FFA, HARKER HEIGHTS FFA, SHOEMAKER FFA

Holiday Classic

* FREE CLINICS *

The Holiday Classic will be **November 10-11, 2012 at the Bell County Expo.** The Holiday Classic is for Livestock Exhibitors and Families and is open to all interested youth in 4-H and FFA. Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows. Arrive with animals by noon on November 10th. **No preregistration required.** The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families (4-H & FFA) participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation. “Quality Counts” programs are discussed to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock. For more information please contact the CEO at 254-933-5305.

Quality Counts

Quality Counts verification is now required for all youth showing livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, and Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Available now, youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline on November 1st. A passing score has been determined to be 80%.

To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit: http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/.

Bell County 4-H members will not be allowed to enter major shows unless they have completed this by November 1st.

If you have questions about this, contact Randall or Pam at 254-933-5305.

Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

The 2012 **Rabbit Extravaganza will be held at the Coryell County Activity Complex on Saturday, November 10, 2012**. All registration must be submitted using 4-H Connect.

Registrations are open from September 14-October 10, 2012.

This event includes a rabbit show, but also provides a judging contest; rabbit skill-a-thon, rabbit photo contest, best dressed rabbit and many more activities available to young people who do not actually show rabbits.

It would be a great learning experience for someone who is interested in learning more about the 4-H Rabbit Project. For more information/handbook please see http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_rabbits/extravaganza.

The 4-H family handbook is now available on the Bell County 4-H Website. You may also pick up a copy in the Extension Office.

Need to have more family meals together?? Want to help 4-H make some money? Bring your family to Fuddruckers in October, November, and December!
All you have to do is pay for your meal and drop your receipt in the basket labeled "4-H" and 4-H will receive money!!
Fuddruckers locations are:

- Temple in the Mall (Proceeds go to Bell County 4-H)
- Killeen on 190 (Proceeds go to Military 4-H)

Dates for this fall are:

October 23 ~ November 20 ~ December 18

Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!

WALK ACROSS TEXAS

BELL CO. 4-H CHALLENGE!

Walk Across Texas! is a FREE, 8 week program designed to help Texans establish the habit of regular physical activity. Since 1996, thousands of Texans have participated in Walk Across Texas!
Get started exercising during the HOLIDAYS! So you will be in shape BEFORE those New Year's Resolutions start!
The Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board will be holding a **contest** for ALL 4-H members and leaders interested in participating.
Here is what you have to do!
Go to: http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu/
Register your team of 8 members/leaders- ***(Deadline November 1st)***
Attend the Walk Across Texas Kick-Off on ***November 3rd, 11:30am (NOT REQUIRED***
WALK ACROSS TEXAS Exercising!! (Walking is not the only form of exercise!!!
Attend Celebration Awards Ceremony on ***December 20th, 6pm (Location:TBD)***

THERE ARE GREAT PRIZES FOR THE TEAMS WHO WIN!!!!

Photography!

Last month's meeting!!! FUN!!

The **4-H Photography Advisory Board** is alive and kickin'! We've set our future dates for meetings and are inviting anyone interested in the photography project to come and see what we are all about.

Our meetings are every other month: November 29th, January 24th, March 7th, and May 9th, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the CEO. We will also be doing some fun activities: Photo scavenger hunt, Animal photography at a farm/zoo, and Photo judging (right in time for the Bell County Youth Fair).

At every meeting, we will plan our activities, have some photography instruction, and have a community service activity. **At our November meeting we are asking everyone to bring 5 4x6 photos or a larger matted photo WITH A PATRIOTIC THEME.** Unsure of what to bring? Here are some ideas: Flags, Parades, red/white/blue, or military shots. Happy photos please – we are making photo note cards and building a basket of photos to give to the Veteran's home in Temple in honor of Veteran's Day which is in November. Go out and shoot something that says how proud we are to be American! Can't get out and shoot? Bring hard candy so we can stuff the basket full of goodies.

Gear up for our STATE 4-H Photography Workshop this SUMMER! We will be doing something completely new this year – concentrating on different photography careers. 4-Hers will be able to choose what career presentations they want to attend! Interested in volunteering or helping plan? Come to our next Photography Advisory Board meeting and help make the workshop the best ever! Contact Emma or Elizabeth Coffman with any questions on the 4-H Photography Project or the Advisory Board at: familycoffman@aol.com or (254) 718-1332.

Photography Tip of the Month: Intermediate and Advanced photographers (or those just wanting to step up their skills a bit) can get a FREE online subscription to **Digital Photography School** that sends regular issues right to your email box. The publications are stuffed full of great ideas and concepts and advanced photography techniques put into simpler terms. I love the variety – there is definitely something for everyone who is serious about the art of photography. Check out a sample at: http://digital-photography-school.com/digital-camera-modes If you like what you see, simply hit subscribe. 4-Hers, please be sure you ask your parents before going to any links online.

Upcoming Photography Contests: Country Magazine Rural Photo of the Year (NO entry fee) – 6 categories, digital submissions, country themed, youth compete with adult, $100, $300, and top winner $3,500 trip, photos get published. Entries due in December. Details at: www.country-magazine.com

See: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/ for entry details.

Recordbooks

Have you ever thought about doing a recordbook? A recordbook is good for those who want to keep records of their 4-H career, win awards for resumes, or help you with filling out your scholarship applications. All seniors who complete a recordbook say that it helped them with filling out their scholarship applications a lot. We have even helped create a format that ties directly to the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form. How easy is that!!!

Recordbooks are getting easier to fill out and complete these days! If you would like to learn about how to complete a recordbook, the Bell County 4-H will be hosting 2 workshops this year to help you do a recordbook. The first workshop will help with how to start a recordbook and how to record effective information for recordbooks and will be in November and the second workshop will be in April and will be the second part which is how to fill out the forms and do tables and what to actually do to fill out the recordbook.

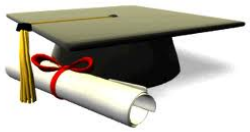
If you are interested, please attend the first recordbook training on: **November 8, 2012 at 6-8pm in the CEO. —NOTE DATE CHANGE!!!! This is so that the current and new recordbook information will be released and available.**

Graduating Seniors

It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So apply NOW for school!!!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

If you are interested in learning about scholarships available through 4-H or how to apply for a scholarship, you can attend the scholarship training, which will be held at the County Extension Office Board Room on **November 13, 2012 at 6pm**. This training will be invaluable to learn about what scholarship donors look for in scholarships, how to write an effective essay, or how to fill out effective information on your scholarship application.



CELEBRATE!!!

National 4-H Week is October 7-13!

4-H Eligibility

Attention New BCYF Rule: All members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings of the club in which they are enrolled from September 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 to participate in the BCYF.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or **home school**, must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:
Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" – If you are in public or private school, your form will be sent automatically to your school. If you are home schooled, you will be required to come to the office to pick one up and fill it out.

OR

Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee. This list is usually used during the youth fair instead of filling out a form for each student.
Extracurricular activities through 4-H that require a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" or List of Eligible names:

- All 4-H Competitive Events (this does include photography, Bell County Youth Fair,

Participation in ANY 4-H event or activity that would require them to be absent from school. Consistent with the UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Program has adopted a three school week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (ie from public to private or private to home or home to public or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity. As a result of the 81st Legislation, no significant changes were made in TEA or UIL rules and procedures.
The 76th Legislature passed House Bill 3573 with 3major changes in regard to school eligibility and extracurricular activities:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education (instead of State Board of Education) to adopt for extracurricular activities and to approve or disapprove UIL rules and procedures.
- Suspension period of "no pass, no play" changed to 3 SCHOOL weeks.
- Authorizes local boards of trustees to adopt policies that establish the number of times that students may be absent to participate in extracurricular activities. It also requires that the policies allow at least ten absences for extracurricular participation but does not cap the maximum number of days that may be missed for extracurricular participation.

ATTENTION CLUB MANAGERS AND LEADERS!!

Below are deadlines and important information for Club Managers and Leaders!

Hunter's Spectacular–

- Remember ALL HS Tickets are due to the CEO by **October 4th at 2pm.** Please make an appointment with Tammy to come in and deliver tickets.
- We need each club to provide 2 themed baskets for the silent auction. These baskets need to have a value of no less than $40.00 each. Items need to be put into a basket and delivered to the office on or before **October 5th**.
- The Cake Walk committee is asking **ALL** clubs to donate dessert for the cake walk. These items can be whole 9X13 cakes, pies, or 1 dozen of kolaches, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. The minimum amount of desserts for the club will be 15 and the maximum will be 20 depending on your club size. **All desserts will need to be delivered to the Expo Assembly Hall between 9-11am on Saturday, October 13th.**

MAB–

- The Membership Advisory Board is for all Club Managers and Leaders who help plan and make decisions for the Bell County 4-H Program. ALL leaders are welcome to come! 3 voting delegates are chosen from each club to vote. **The next meeting will be October 29, 2012, at 6:30pm, at the CEO.** If you have anything to put on the agenda, please get it to Jan Stone, MAB President, by October 15th. The officers will be meeting on October 15, 2012, at 6:15pm, in the CEO office.

Charters-

- **Charters for Clubs are due NO LATER than October 26, 2012, to the CEO by 4pm.** You can find all the NEW charter stuff by going to:
  http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/club-managers/
- PLEASE USE NEW STUFF!!
- If you do not have it in the office by October 26th, your club will NOT be a club for the year. This is a VERY IMPORTANT DEADLINE!

Cowboy Christmas Ball

The 4th Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 8th, 2012, at the Bell County Expo Center.** Our guest of honor, Michael Martin Murphey, the "Singing Cowboy Poet", will be performing on stage starting at 8pm and doors open at 7:00pm. Murphey is famous for his single "Wildfire" and many more.

All proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show and PRCA Rodeo Scholarship Fund. This is given out every year to high achieving Bell County youth as they attend and maintain the high standards of education at their college/university of choice. Last year we awarded over $42,000 in scholarships to 11 graduating seniors.

Heavy appetizers will be served and guests are encouraged to dress in formal western wear to keep in tradition and keep with the atmosphere. A silent auction will also be held during the evening and will include western art, hunting trips and western heritage-based items.

Tickets will be based by table location in the Garth Main Arena floor and will be available starting November 1st, 2012 by calling the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office at (254) 933 -5305.

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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION

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October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Member Orientation, 6pm, CEO	2	3 Deadline for ordering Roasters	4 Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm	5 HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg.	6
7	8 Office Closed – Holiday	9 Tomato Club Celebration, 10am, Cameron Courthouse	10 Rabbit Extravaganza Deadline to Register National 4-H Week	11 HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg.	12	13 Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo One Day 4-H, 6pm, Expo
14	15 MAB officer meeting, 6:15pm, CEO Photography Contest Deadline– State Board	16 Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm,	17	18 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO	19	20
21	22 Clothing Board Meeting, 10am, CEO District Gold Star Banquet, 6pm, Baylor County Food Show Entries Due to CEO	23 **County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO Fuddruckers Day, Temple/ Killeen	24	25	26 Club Charter Packet Due to CEO	27
28	29 Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO	30 Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO	31 All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay the $20 Pick-up Turkeys			

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Deadline for Quality Counts Test & WAT Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO	2 Deadline for Ordering Broilers	3 County Food Show/ Challenge, 8:30am, CTCS Kickoff– WAT, 11:30am, CTCS
4	5	6	7 Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO	8 **4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO	9	10 Holiday Classic (FREE Show and Clinic)- Belton Expo Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Complex, Gatesville
11 Holiday Classic (FREE Show and Clinic)- Belton Expo	12 Office Closed– Holiday	13 Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO	14 Roaster Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO	15 Healthy Livestyles Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO	16	17
18	19 Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo	20 Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO	21	22 Office Closed– Holiday	23 Office Closed– Holiday	24
25	26 Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo County Council, 6:30pm,	27 Clothing Workshop, 6pm, CEO	28	29 Photography Advisory Board Meeting, 6pm, CEO	30	

AgriLIFE EXTENSION
Texas A&M System

one day 4-H
october 13, 2012

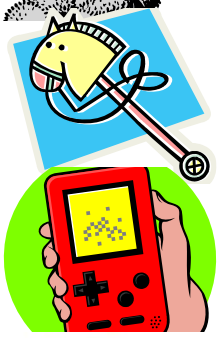
Shoe Box Gifts Community Service project

A LITTLE GIFT GOES
A LONG WAY!

Shoe box

$7 donation

Gifts



What you can put in it?

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small "etch-a-sketch", Slinky, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils, etc.

Hygiene Items: tooth brush, toothpaste, mild bar of soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc..

Other: hard candy, lollipops (please double bag the candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries),etc..

A personal note to the child from you and your family in a separate envelope would be an added surprise.

4-H clubs will be collecting these items and putting them in shoe boxes. Then you'll need to bring them to the Hunters Spectacular at the Expo, October 13, 2012.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN: used or damaged items, war related items, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; liquid or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items; aerosol cans.

DEADLINE: October 13, 2012

How you can get involved!

- **Use an empty shoe box (standard size please!) You can wrap the box lid separately.**
- **Boy or Girl?? Determine whether this gift will be for a boy or a girl and then choose the age category: 2-4, 5 -9, or 10–14.**
- **Fill with gifts. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift list.**
- **If you do not want to create a shoe box gift you could give a $7 donation from the club.**

Please Contact this number if you have any questions:
254-933-5305

Tomato Club Celebrates 100 Years

1912 - 2012

October 9th

Mrs. Edna Westbrook Trigg
First Home Demonstration Agent

Did You Know

Milam County was First in Texas:

★ Started Tomato Clubs (Girls 4-H) in 1912
★ Hired Home Demonstration Agent in 1912

Join the Celebration

Date: Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Place: Milam County Courtroom
(first floor of Courthouse - 102 South Fannin - Cameron, Texas)

Program: 10:40 a.m. (approximate time)

- Proclamation Presented during Commissioners Court Meeting

11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

- Welcome to Tomato Club Celebration
- 4-H Club Pledge and Motto
- Introduction of the FCS Agents that served Milam County
- Welcome from County Judge Dave Barkemeyer
- Comments from members of the State 4-H Staff
- Comments from Dr. Cone Johnson (Mrs. Trigg's grandson)
- Special Presentations
- Closing

Tomato Club Exhibit
& Refreshments: Milam County Museum
(across the street from the courthouse 112 W. 1st Street in Cameron, TX)

Tomato Recipes: Tomato Recipe Booklets available at the Museum

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