Calendar of events

**August**

- **August 2**: All pictures for banquet slide show due to office
- **August 2**: Chef Day Camp RSVP Deadline
- **August 2**: Outstanding Leader Nominations Deadline
- **August 9-11**: Vet Science Day Camp, 7:30am-12:30pm, Expo
- **August 10**: Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Meeting, 2pm, CEO
- **August 11**: State Recordbook Judging, Dallas
- **August 12**: Chef Day Camp, 9am-3pm, CEO
- **August 16**: Club Manager Training, 6-8pm, CEO
- **August 17**: Banquet Decorations, 5:30-Finish, CEO
- **August 17**: Ambassador and County Council Training, 1-5:30pm, CEO
- **August 20**: Deadline for State Fair entries
- **August 27**: Linda Fuchs Retirement Reception, 4-7pm, Expo Special Events Room
- **August 28**: 4-H Banquet, 6pm, Expo Special Events Room
- **August 30**: Deadline for Lamb & Goat Tags

**September**

- **September 10**: Major Show Broiler Orders Due
- **September 10**: Deadline for H.O.T. Fair Entries
- **September 14**: Open House, 5:30-8pm, Expo
- **September 18**: Commercial Steer Weigh-In, Evans Ranch, 8am
- **September 21**: Club Officer Training, 6-8pm, CEO
- **September 23**: Belton Safety Day, Expo
- **September 28**: County Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

4-H BANQUET

The 4-H Banquet is set for **August 28, 2010** at the Bell County Expo Center in the Special Events Room, so please mark your calendar. The banquet cost will be FREE. All 4-H Members and Leaders/Adults are welcome to attend! Please RSVP by **August 16th**. If you do not RSVP, there will not be enough food for everyone so do not forget!!!!

We need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or burned on to a CD or flash drive and dropped by the Extension Office. **The last day to accept pictures will be August 2nd**. Pictures are for the slideshow which is a great opportunity to show what clubs and 4-H members have been doing all year. Please make sure and give pictures so you club and your family is in the slideshow!
**Chef Day Camp**

Chef Day Camp is planned for **August 12, 2010 at the Extension Office. The cost for camp is $10.00 and it will start at 9am and end at 3pm.** Lunch will be provided. Bell County 4-H members will learn about basic measuring steps when cooking, the difference between liquid and dry measuring cups, basic cooking skills, food safety procedures, types of nutrients and how they help the body, and they will learn how to cook and compete in the new food challenge. We also plan to take a tour of a fast food restaurant, a fine dining restaurant, and a bakery/supermarket. If you love to cook this is the workshop for you! Please let us know you are coming by August 2nd so we have enough handouts. We also will need parent volunteers to come and help drive to the tour locations. Please let us know when you come that day if you can help drive. Clovers are welcome to come but must be chaperoned with an adult.

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**4-H Awards**

**OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD**

The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H members requires an essay no longer than 1 page. The **ESSAYS ARE DUE AUGUST 2nd** but may be turned in at any time during the 4-H year!

The essay should include the following:

- Name of Person Making Nomination
- Leader Nominated
- Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?
- What does this leader do that is outstanding? Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Her’s on tours, leads club, etc.
- How has this leader helped you?
- How has this leader helped others?

Essays can be submitted to the Extension Office or emailed to: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

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**Club Officer Workshop**

The club officer workshop will be on **September 21, 2010, at the County Extension Office from 6pm-8pm.** This workshop will be a great way for all club officers to learn about how to run their 4-H meetings. The county council officers and ambassadors will be leading this workshop. All club officers are highly encouraged to attend! It will be very informative and fun!
4-H Open House will be held September 14th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell county Expo Assembly Hall. The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting a 4-H open house to recruit new 4-H members. 4-H members and children from the public can come to the open house and learn about all the projects and activities in 4-H. Current 4-H members are welcome to come and learn about new projects. Bell County 4-H members will be stationed at booths and talk about projects and all types of activities (i.e. 4-H camp; leadership lab; congress…)

Do you need more project experience for your recordbook or project form? Here is your opportunity!!!!! If you would like to be in charge of a project or club booth at the Open House, please call the Extension Office and let Pat or Tennille know which project you would like to demonstrate or which club you plan to have a booth. Hands on activities are encouraged in each project! Project booths are first come first serve. (Those participating in project demonstrations and club booths need to be at the Expo Center by 5:00 p.m.)

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on September 28, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room. Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who come to the meeting and are voting delegates for the club. All 4-H members are welcome though! It will be a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities. Stayed tuned for the THEME in the next newsletter and what to wear to the meeting!

State Fair of Texas Entries

4-H members who validated an animal and plan to show at the State Fair must complete and turn entries in to the Extension Office no later than August 20, 2010. Entry forms can be picked up and completed at the Extension Office.
Lamb and Goat Tag Orders

4-H and FFA members who plan to show lambs or goats at the Bell County Youth Fair or Major Livestock Shows in 2011 must order tags no later than **August 30, 2010**. Contact Pam at 254-933-5309 to place your order.

Heart of Texas Fair

Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2010 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 10, 2010**. Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

Major Show Broilers

4-H members who plan to show broilers at San Antonio, Houston or Austin or roasters at the Star of Texas Fair in Austin must order no later than **September 10, 2010**. The minimum order is 25 birds per exhibitor and cost is $25 per 25 birds. You may order a maximum of 75 birds per exhibitor and you must order in multiples of 25. Families cannot order one set of birds (75) for multiple children. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of 3 from the birds assigned to them. Contact Pam or Randall to order or with questions you may have.

BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh IN

For those 4-H members who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the Commercial Steer Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, September 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.** at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.
Texas 4-H Roundup:
Three Bell County 4-H members were awarded scholarships totaling $35,000.

- Katelyn Morgan was a $10,000 recipient of the Dick Wallrath Educational Foundation Scholarship
- Elizabeth Wood received a $10,000 scholarship from the Dick Wallrath Educational Foundation.
- Dakota Fleming was awarded a $15,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship

Nutrition Quiz Bowl
Team of Brandon Stone, Brittany Stone, Dorothy Wood, and Elizabeth Wood competed.

Educational Presentations
Peter Fasolino competed in the Safety and Accident Prevention Category - 1st place
Katelyn Heisch competed in the Companion Animal category with her dog Wednesday - 1st place.
Other Educational Presentations included: Brittany Stone who competed in the Food and Nutrition category and Dorothy Wood who competed in the Horticulture Category.

Fashion Show
Katelyn Heisch qualified for the State Fashion Show for the second year in a row. This year she constructed a historic ball gown costume to wear at various events. Katelyn received 3rd place at state.

State Photos
Jared Burtchell who won three first place awards, Preston Read three first place awards, Daniel Barron two first place awards, Tyler Coufal one first place award and Katelyn Heisch one first place award. Other participants included: Peter Fasolino, Daisy Klassy, Abigail TePoel, and Elizabeth Wood.

Food Challenge
The team of Danielle Fasolino, Peter Fasolino and Elizabeth Wood competed in the Food Challenge and won 3rd place.
The team of Hannah Kelarck, Ashley Land, Taylor Marburger, and Jessica Walker competed in the Food Challenge as well.
The 1st place winning teams had the opportunity to compete and be videoed for everyone to watch during the Wednesday night assembly.

The Technology Team is a very select group of 4-H members who are very gifted with the knowledge of all types of technology. This group of young men and women work hard during Texas 4-H Roundup working the sound and video for all assemblies and gatherings as well as helping all the educational presentation rooms get set up with a computer and projector. They are in charge of creating videos and putting together text voting systems for the assembly of over 2,000 youth and adults. This year we are honored to have 2 of the members from Bell County 4-H, Dorothy and Elizabeth Wood. They did an excellent job helping our 4-H members and all the members with Texas 4-H Roundup.
Do you LOVE candy?  Molly Cox of Cravings Chocolate taught over 25 youth and adults how to make candy at the workshop. Foods and Nutrition 4-Hers learned about food safety and BCYF candy class tips. They also sampled and compared candies the class made. Remaining candy was donated to the Ronald McDonald House residents.

Bell County 4-H celebrated the July 4th year with their parade float during the Belton July 4th Parade. The theme for the parade was “Families a long standing tradition.”
The committee and various 4-H members and leaders worked over 24 hours on the float to make it a success and despite the rain they did not let that bother their decorating!!!
Belltec Industries, Home Depot, Coufal-Prater as well as others helped donate supplies, the building to decorate as well as the trailer, hay for the float, and the tractor we pulled the float with. We want to thank them for helping with the float!!!
Special thanks go to the parade committee made up of Dawn Brown, Karrie Jones, Kathy Ide, Jan Stone, Brittany and Brandon Stone, Lacy Ide, Elizabeth Coffman, and many others who helped! The committee worked very hard and put in a lot of man hours into making it a success! Thank you!
State Photography Workshop

The Statewide photo workshop was a success yet another year! The second day added a new opportunity for members to take photos and many 4-H members and leaders were very appreciative of the whole workshop!

Bell County 4-H wants to say a big thank you to the Photo Workshop Committee made up of: Harold and Melissa Carters (chair-persons), Leroy Williams, and Dawn Brown. You made the event spectacular! Thank you!

Great job to those that competed at the State Dog Show! Many members received 1st and 2nd places! Way to go!

State Dog Show Participants included:
- Brianna Forward
- Sierra Littman
- Stuart Littman
- Shiann Pruitt
- Lesli Tucker
- Sydney Wright

A special thank you goes to the Barking Buddies 4-H Club and Ambassadors and some other 4-H members who helped with the arrangements, taking pictures, and registration! Thank you to Jan Stone for directing and instructing volunteers who came to help! We could have not have made it a success without these volunteers!
The Bell County 4-H members have learned many leadership and life skills at the camps they have attended this summer. District 8 Leadership Lab was held on June 23-25th, at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas.

Bell County 4-H teens attending included: Dakota Fleming, Tyler Coufal, Dorothy Wood, Katherine Wood, Carly Taggart, Garrett Hancock, Peter Fasolino, Ashley Land, Whitney Bushing, Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, Sierra Littman, Brittany Stone, and Brandon Stone. Tyler Coufal and Dakota Fleming were elected District Officers last June and served as the team to help organize the Leadership Lab for the 4-H teens.

During Leadership Lab, the participants also vote for District Officers for the 21 counties in District 8 4-H. Tyler Coufal and Dorothy Wood ran for a District Office. Tyler Coufal was elected District Council Chairman will be joining the District 8 4-H Officer Team as officers. Tyler Coufal not only will serve as Chairman but will also serve on the Texas 4-H Council. Bell County 4-H has not had a State 4-H Council member in nine years!

Club Manager Training: New Date!

Do you want to learn something new as a club manager or adult volunteer? Do you want to learn from other club managers? The new club manager training/workshop will be August 16th from 6-8pm at the CEO. We will be having a roundtable discussion from veteran club managers to help gather new ideas about programs, meeting ideas, games and ways to involve parents and youth in the club and many other topics. You will also be receiving important club information and county fundraising information. We will also be doing a short project you can teach your members! We will have a potluck dinner & all volunteer leaders are invited to come! Please see list below for your potluck assignment: 4-His Glory-Dessert, Academy-Side, Bartlett-Side, Horse Club-Dessert, Shooting Sports-Dessert, CTCS-Meat, Holland-Meat, Killeen-Side, Maxdale-Side, Oenaville-Meat, Rogers-Meat, Salado-Side, Stampede Creek-Side, Tigertown-Side, Travis Middle School-Side, Trimmier-Dessert and Troy-Side.
District Horse Show Winners


HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

The contest objective is to teach 4-H members to learn more about first aid, food safety, food and nutrition, healthy beverage choices, healthy snacks/meals, pregame meals, altering recipes for good health, and winning against tobacco. The members learn about these items and then look at stories about certain people who would like to improve their health based on the topic they learned about. They have to pick between the products available and rank them by best fit for the person’s needs. The team of Whitney Bushing, Selena Drake, and Taylor Jacobs won 1st place. The team of Taylor Harris, Lacy Ide, and Carly Taggart won 3rd place.

QUILT CHALLENGE:

Also participating in Texas 4-H Roundup, the Ft. Hood 4-H program made 2 quilts for the 4-H Quilt Challenge.
Did you know that the Bell County 4-H program hosts 4-H Exchange members from another state biannually? 4-H members involved gain knowledge about their own state, county, industry in Bell County, Texas history, and agriculture in Texas. Additionally, participants learn about Texas culture and how it compares to cultures across the United States. Participants who host other members gain lifelong skills in multicultural diversity, time management, and Texas hospitality. Finally, members of the 4-H Exchange program gain public speaking skills through presentations made to local organizations and groups about their experiences.

During the week of June 29th, 2010, ten Bell County 4-H members hosted ten 4-H members and 3 adults from Carbon County, Pennsylvania. The group of 4-H members and volunteers toured Tenroc Ranch in Salado, learning about wildlife and game management. Jim Schwertner, owner of Capitol Land and Livestock provided the youth with a tour of his company and explained cattle marketing, health, back-grounding, and transportation. Participants also learned about industry in Temple through a tour of Acer Service Corporation. Science and technology were a highlight of the 4-H member’s trip to the Texas Bioscience Institute, Institute for Regenerative Medicine, and Texas Cancer Research Center. All of these experiences expose teenagers to possible career paths and what is needed to achieve success in each field.

In addition to hands-on learning experiences, 4-H Exchange members learned about Texas History through tours of the Texas Capitol, Texas State History Museum, Bell County Museum and the Alamo. Pennsylvania guests were also introduced to Belton traditions which included the 4th of July Parade and Rodeo.

In 2011, the Bell County 4-H members will be traveling to Pennsylvania to reunite with their new friends and learn about the Pennsylvania 4-H program. Bell County 4-H’ers will also learn about United States History in Philadelphia and the significance Pennsylvania has in our History.

I would like to thank to all of those parents and leaders who have helped make the program a success! For more details or questions about the Bell County 4-H Exchange program, please call Randall Rakowitz at the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305.
The Bell County 4-H Program was honored to have five members attend Texas 4-H Congress, which convened at the State Capitol July 11th-14th. Taylor Marburger, Peter Fasolino, Brittany Stone, Kyle Dykes, and Dorothy Wood represented Bell County 4-H along with Randall Rakowitz as chaperone. They served as senators, state representatives, and members of the press corps during this intense mock legislative session. These teenagers learned about the legislative process, negotiation through committee hearings, and gained public speaking skills through affirmative and negative debate.

Texas 4-H Congress is the premiere leadership experience for Texas 4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18. Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press Corps, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determined the fate of each bill submitted over the four day event. 4-H members serving in the House or Senate are prepared and able to speak passionately about issues effecting Texas and Texas Youth. The issues that the 4-H members speak about may be related to the subject matter of the bill they submitted, or they may speak for another bill that they have been asked to sponsor. House and Senate members participated in a variety of professional settings such as committee meetings, chamber sessions, and some were lobbied or questioned on different issues by the Lobbyist group and/or the Press Corp.

Special congratulations go to Peter Fasolino, for getting the Bill he submitted out of committee hearings, passed by the mock Senate and the House, and signed by the Governor of the 4-H Legislature. Peter’s bill, the Breathalyzer Interlock Act, was also submitted to Governor Rick Perry’s office for consideration in the 2011 Texas Congress session. I would also like to thank the Honorable Jimmie Don Aycock, State Representative, District 54, for serving as the Texas Legislature sponsor for the Texas House of Representatives for the event.

A new component added to Texas 4-H Congress in 2010 was a community service project assisting one of the local charities. To show our appreciation and the purpose of "making the best better" a service project supporting the EMANCIPE+ Organization was held during Texas 4-H Congress. EMANCIPE+ provides spay/neuter services throughout the Central Texas area via both mobile and stationary clinics, and serves between 1,200 - 2,000 pets each month. Bell County 4-H members donated pet toys, treats, and supplies to help support this cause.
You're Invited...

Retirement Reception for
Linda Fuchs
County Extension Agent-FCS

August 27, 2010
Bell County Expo
Special Events Room
4pm-7pm
Reception will be come and go but a presentation will be held at 5pm.

RSVP by: August 20th to 254-933-5305
County Camp is a long running tradition in Bell County 4-H. Members who participate in County Camp learn many skills such as: canoeing, riflery, archery, environmental education, fitness, arts and crafts, dance, and swimming. In July, 36 campers participated and 3 adults chaperoned the camp which was held at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood.
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