

# Bell County 4-H News

## August 2009



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## Calendar of Events

### August

August 1: Club Manager Training, Rogers Multipurpose Bldg, 8:02am

August 3-5: Vet Science Day Camp, Expo, 7:30am-12:30pm

August 12: State Recordbook Judging, Regional

August 13: Chef Day Camp, CEO, 9am-3pm

August 16: 1st 4-H Exchange Meeting, Salado Civic Center, 5pm

August 17: County Council Officer and Ambassador Training, 10am-3pm

August 17: Deadline for State Fair Entries

August 22: 4-H Banquet, Holland Cafeteria, 6pm

August 28: Deadline for Lamb & Goat Tags

### September

September 8: Club Officer Workshop, CEO, 6pm-8pm

September 8: Deadline for H.O.T Fair Entries

September 10: Deadline for Star of Texas

September 15: Bell County 4-H Open House, Expo, 5-8pm

September 19: Commercial Steer Weigh-In, Evans Ranch, 8am

September 22: County Council, CEO, 6:30pm



## 4-H Slideshow

We need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to [mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mlkarber@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 10th.** 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 your club and your family is in the slideshow!

## 4-H Banquet

The 4-H Banquet is set for **August 22, 2009** at the Holland Cafeteria, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. If you do not RSVP, there will not be enough food for everyone so do not forget!!!!



## Chef Day Camp

Chef Day Camp is planned for **August 13, 2009 at the Extension Office. The cost for camp is FREE 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. If you love to cook this is the workshop for you! Please let us know you are coming by August 10th 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.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>** but may be turned in at any time during the 4-H year! **WE HAVE NO ESSAYS SO DO NOT FORGET TO SEND THEM IN!!!**

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: [mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu)

## Club Officer Workshop

The club officer workshop will be on **September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 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! Supper will be served and the cost is FREE!



## 4-H Exchange

Let's have some fun! Do you want to see what 4-H is like in another state? The Bell County 4-H program provides youth ages 14-19 the opportunity to develop leadership skills through hosting 4-H members from another state through the 4-H Exchange Program. Exchanging with other states in 4-H is a great way to meet new lifelong friends and teach others about the history of Texas and the importance of 4-H in Texas.

In the past six years, Bell County 4-H'ers made friends in Montana, Michigan, and Colorado. Not to mention the friendships we have made with other 4-H members right here in Bell County. Our members were also able to spend a week in each of those states learning about their culture, climate, and industry. Come be a part of the excitement! We will be starting a new group this Fall and look forward to having you join. 4-H members must be no younger than entering eighth grade this Fall and no older than entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade this Fall to begin the program.

**The first meeting will be held August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Salado Civic Center at 5:00 p.m.** and will be an introduction to the program for new members. To learn more about the 4-H Exchange Program in Bell County, contact Randall Rakowitz, County Extension Agent, at 254-933-5305 or Belia Rodriguez at [belia\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:belia_us@yahoo.com).

## Bell County 4-H Open House!

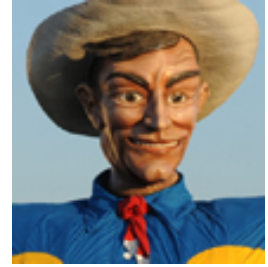
**4-H Open House will be held September 15th from 5-8pm at the Bell county Expo Assembly Hall.** The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting a 4-H open house to recruit new 4-H members. 4-H members and children from the public can come to the open house and learn about all the projects and activities 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 4:30 p.m.)

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **September 22, 2009 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 17, 2009**. Entry forms can be picked up and completed at the Extension Office.

## Lamb and Goat Tag Orders



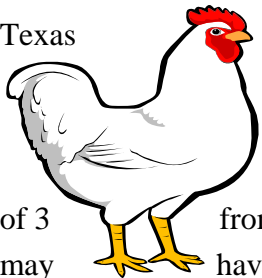
4-H and FFA members who plan to show lambs or goats at the Bell County Youth Fair or Major Livestock Shows in 2010 **must order tags no later than August 28, 2009**. Contact Pam at 254-933-5309 to place your order.

## Heart of Texas Fair

Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2009 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 8, 2009**. Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

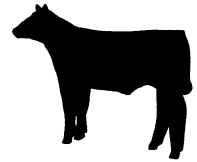
## Major Show Broilers

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, 2009**. 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 19, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.** at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.



### Summer Workshops

A variety of workshops were held during the summer. Clover Fun Day, Cake Decorating Class, Smocking Class, and Photography Workshop were among these workshops held. Thank you to all the leaders that help lead these great events!

### County Camp

County Camp is a long running tradition for Bell County 4-H members. This year 46 Bell County 4-H members and 4 adults attended County Camp in Palestine for the Southeast District 8 4-H County Camp. The 4-H members learned about etiquette, public speaking, leadership, recreation, dance, 4-H opportunities, arts and crafts, and color personalities. Other activities such as team challenges and adult workshops were also held. Teen leaders from ages 14 and 18 were ask to lead the sessions and groups to their sessions. Dorothy Wood and Tyler Coufal led the dance session, Elizabeth Wood led the etiquette session, Dakota Fleming led the color personalities, and Taylor Marburger led the arts and crafts session. Next year, Bell County 4-H members will be going to Brownwood for County Camp and hopefully extending it one more day to make it a 4 day camp. Don't forget to sign up next spring!



## Texas 4-H Roundup Congrats

Twelve senior 4-H members represented Bell County at the state level in a variety of contests and demonstrations as well as four seniors who received a scholarship. David Fasolino of Belton received a \$10,000 scholarship from Dick Wallrath. Elizabeth Kiesle of Temple received a \$5,000 scholarship from Robert and Vivian Smith Foundation/Tom and Mimi Dompier and \$5,000 scholarship from Courageous Heart for her accomplishments and challenges she has faced to get where she is now in 4-H. Courageous Heart scholarship is sponsored by HOLT CAT Company of Texas. Victoria Pajestka of Holland received a \$10,000 scholarship from Dick Wallrath and Joshua Rodriguez of Salado received a \$4,000 scholarship from Robert and Vivian Smith Foundation/Tom and Mimi Dompier.

Elizabeth Kiesle not only received a scholarship, but also received 9th place with her Share the Fun Poetry Prose act and 10th place out of 27 4-H members in Public Speaking. Elizabeth Wood also was interviewed about her accomplishments and challenges she has faced to get where she is now in 4-H. Choreographed Routine is a dance competition where members perform dance routines, ballets, tap dance, and even sign language to songs. Danielle Fasolino competed for the second year in the choreographed routine and received 4th place. Educational presentations are 12 minute presentations/speeches given on certain 4-H topics or projects. Taylor Marburger competed in the Promote 4-H category and received 6th place. Dorothy Wood, Elizabeth Wood, and Andrew Kiesle competed in the Safety Category with their Top 3 Dangers in the Kitchen. They received 10th place. Participants in State Photography were: Jared Burtchell, Tyler Coufal, Danielle Fasolino, Brooke Hoelscher, Daisy Klassy and Dorothy Wood. All participants received Blue Awards.

Katelyn Heisch participated in the 4-H Fashion Show for the first time this year and constructed a prairie costume to wear at various events and she even constructed her own bonnet. Katelyn received 3rd place at state. Dorothy Wood participated in the Fashion Design Contest with her accessory and the Fashion Show where she bought her dress. Dorothy received 6th place with her dressy dress.

This year, Bell County 4-H was asked to help demonstrated the new contest for next year at a workshop held at Texas 4-H Roundup. Bell County 4-H was one of two counties selected for this workshop. The new contest is the food challenge and very similar to the popular "Iron Chef" on Food Network. Andrew Kiesle, Elizabeth Wood, Dakota Fleming, and Victoria Eller demonstrated the food challenge at the workshop. The video of this event will be located on the Texas 4-H website soon.

## Leadership Lab/District Officers

Leadership Lab was held on June 24-26th, at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, Texas. Dakota Fleming, Jared Burtchell, and Tyler Coufal attend the Lab. Participants were given a speech about dedication and commitment in what they do in life. They also learned about parliamentary procedure (how to run a meeting), leadership games and activities, teamwork games and how to work together, resumes and scholarships and they also made bird houses for the Texas Parks. During Leadership Lab, the participants vote for District Officers for the 21 counties in District 8 4-H. Tyler Coufal, Dakota Fleming, and Dorothy Wood ran for a District Office, and Dakota and Tyler will be joining the District 8 4-H Officer Team as officers.

## Recordbooks

This year we had 32 recordbooks turned in to the county! Way to go! All members competed at the county level and 28 were advanced to district. 25 out of 28 received 1-3<sup>rd</sup> place at District Recordbook Judging and Bell County had the most recordbooks (7) going to state!!! Below are all the recordbook participants:

Division	Category	Name	Place	Dist	
Juniors	Consumer Education	Nathaniel Fasolino	1	1	
	Entomology (Plants & Animals Open-Dist)	Kristen Heisch	2	2	
		Kyle Hobbs	1	1	
	Swine	Erin Steglich	1	NP	
	Clothing & Textiles	Ashley Payne	1	NP	
	Science & Technology	Willard Wood	1	1	
	Intermediate	Consumer Education	Peter Fasolino	1	1
	Photography	Emma-Leigh Coffman	1	1	
	Public Speaking	Paige Wilson	1	1	
	Rabbit	JoAnn Mazoch	1	2	
	Shooting Sports	Kyle Heisch	1	3	
	Beef	Kenneth Hobbs	1	1	
		Jennifer Ramthun	3		
		Tyler Ramthun	2		
	Food & Nutrition	Lacy Ide	2		
		Katherine Wood	1	3	
	Plant & Soil Science	Augustus Fleming	1	1	
	Clothing & Textile	Victoria Buckner	1	2	
	Poultry	Morgan Marburger	1	3	
Seniors	Communication & Expressive Arts	Danielle Fasolino	1	1	
	Poultry	Cyril Pajestka	1	1	
	Goat	Kayli Merz	1	NP	
	Personal Development/Leadership	Katelyn Morgan	1	2	
	Swine	Tyler Coufal	1	1	
	Plants & Animals-Open	Elizabeth Kiesle	1	1	
	Clothing & Textiles	Katelyn Heisch	1	1	
	Leadership	Dakota Fleming	1	1	
		Dorothy Wood	2		
		Wildlife & Fisheries	Amanda Moyer	1	1
		Science & Technology	Garret Marburger	1	2
		Recreation	Taylor Marburger	1	3
		Food & Nutrition	Elizabeth Wood	1	2

## Salado 4-H'ers Compete at State Conference

Four Salado 4-H members took part in the Texas Pork Producers Annual Conference and Youth Symposium in Kerrville, Texas July 10-11, 2009. Attending the conference were Jessica Walker, Kourtney Walker, Colby Medlin, and Trace Medlin. During the conference, participants learned about market swine, breeding swine, what judges look for, and sportsmanship. The 4-H'ers also took part in a livestock judging contest. Congratulations to Colby Medlin, who took home honors of 2<sup>nd</sup> overall novice division, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in breeding swine, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in market swine. Also congratulations go to Kourtney Walker who won 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the novice division, and placed second in market swine for her division. This is a great honor and all of these youth represented Bell County 4-H well.

## 4-H Float

Bell County 4-H celebrated the July 4<sup>th</sup> year with their parade float during the Belton July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The theme for the parade was "Hallmarks of our Heritage," so the 4-H parade committee decided to focus on "Texas 4-H through the Years."

A train guided by a lawn mower made into an engine led the group along with a big Bell County 4-H sign. In the first train car, 4-H members wore overalls and waved with corn cobs to represent the beginning of Texas 4-H in 1908 with the Corn Club made up of all boys. The next train car was the 1912 car which represented girls that had joined 4-H and started the Tomato Club. The 4-H members in the car held a basket of tomatoes. The third car represented the 70's when 4-H was actively increasing enrollment in the 4-H program. The last car was a 4-H member in a Bell County 4-H T-Shirt to represent the present day 4-H program.

Other members walking with the float represented 4-H projects in Bell County such as the food and nutrition project, clothing and textiles, dog project, leadership, gardening, horse, entomology, photography and variety of other projects in available. The Bell County 4-H members had a great time promoting the 4-H program and look forward to next year! Especially if they can ride a float instead of walking the whole route!

Special thanks go to the parade committee made up of Dawn Brown, Elizabeth Coffman, Dorothy Wood, Elizabeth Wood, and Daisy Klassy. We would also like to thank the Wood Family for the use of their train.



# 4-H NEEDS YOUR PRINT ON TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP!

AgriLIFE **EXTENSION**  
Texas A&M System

## 2010 Texas 4-H Roundup Theme and Logo Contest

### LOGO AND THEME REQUIREMENTS

The logo submitted may be made up of no more than four colors  
Theme must have "Texas 4-H Roundup" located in it.  
Theme must have 2010 for its date  
Images may be hand drawn or computer generated  
Electronic images must be in jpg format  
If selected, images may be modified slightly for printing purposes

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submissions must be received no later than **August 15, 2009**

### PARTICIPANTS

Must be a 4-H member  
May be a team (no size limit), 4-H Club, or individual submission  
Participants must be from same county

### SUBMISSION RIGHTS AND CREDIT

All submissions become the property of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service  
4-H members release all rights to submission of theme and logo  
Credit will be provided to individual or team in State 4-H Roundup documentation

### WINNING ENTRY

The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card

### SUBMISSION PROCESS

Electronic format: E-mail entry to: Mr. Kyle Merten, [kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu). Please include the following information: name, e-mail address, county, mailing address, city/state/zip, and age

Print format: Mail to Texas 4-H Office c/o Kyle Merten, 7607 Eastmark Dr., Suite 101, College Station, TX 77840. Please include the following information: name, e-mail address, county, mailing address, city/state/zip, and age



## District Horse Show Results

The following are Bell County 4-H results from the District 8 4-H Horse Show: Showmanship- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Thornton, 10<sup>th</sup> Kayte Weeks, and 11<sup>th</sup> Liza Spurlock, Western Pleasure- 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Thornton, 5<sup>th</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Western Horsemanship- 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Thornton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Trail- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Registered Mares 4 and under- 1<sup>st</sup> Liza Spurlock, Registered Geldings 5 and Older- 8<sup>th</sup> Carlie Block and 9<sup>th</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Poles-8<sup>th</sup> Sasha Mullins, Barrels- 1<sup>st</sup> Alexis Woods and 4<sup>th</sup> Sasha Mullins, Stakes-2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Kabler, Hunter Showmanship- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, 5<sup>th</sup> Katherine Steeves, 6<sup>th</sup> Kayte Weeks, and 9<sup>th</sup> Carlie Block, Hunter Under Saddle- 6<sup>th</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Hunter Seat Equitation- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, Yearling Geldings-2<sup>nd</sup> Taylor Dwyer and 3<sup>rd</sup> Lindsay Martin, Yearling Fillies- 1<sup>st</sup> Carlie Block, Yearling Longe Line- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lindsay Martin, Two Year Old Pleasure- 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Thornton, Reining- 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor Dwyer and 8<sup>th</sup> Liza Spurlock, Hunter Hack- 1<sup>st</sup> Lindsay Martin

Those receiving top honors at the horse show were: Judged High Point Awards- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Thornton, and 11<sup>th</sup> Liza Spurlock. Hunter Flat High Point Awards- 1<sup>st</sup> Taylor Dwyer, 5<sup>th</sup> Katherine Steeves, 6<sup>th</sup> Kayte Weeks, and 9<sup>th</sup> Carlie Block. Good luck to those competing at the State Horse Show.



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