

BELL COUNTY 4-H AUGUST

2013 NEWSLETTER

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SEPTEMBER

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CEO is County Extension Office, located at 1605 N. Main Street, Belton, TX 76513

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Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th!!!** 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 2013-2014 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 week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-enrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/>

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



Chef Day Camp



Chef Day Camp is a great opportunity to learn more about the careers of food! This year we will be touring local restaurants where we will learn more about the role of a chef and the cooks and how to run a restaurant. Then we hope to learn more about garnishing at the workshop!

The date for the workshop will be the second full week in **August 13th**. Please check the July-August Newsletter for more information or the workshop website (will update website as soon as we know something). Cost of the workshop will be \$10 which includes lunch and workshop supplies.

RSVP form due **AUGUST 5TH**

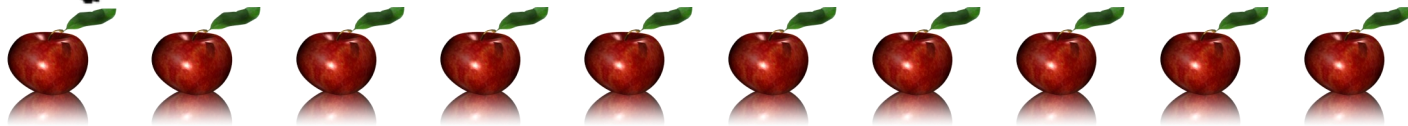


Lamb and Goat Tag Orders

4-H and FFA members who plan to show lambs or goats at the Bell County Youth Fair or Major Livestock Shows in 2013 **must order tags no later than August 21, 2013** by 5:00 p.m.



Contact Pam at 254-933-5309 to place your order.



Heart of Texas Fair



Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2013 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 10, 2013**.

Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

4-H Livestock Projects

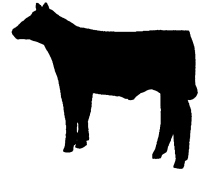
Anyone needing assistance in selecting or securing livestock projects please contact Lyle Zoeller by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-933-5305

BCYF COMMERCIAL STEER WEIGH IN

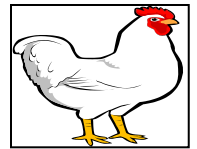
For those 4-H members who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the Commercial Steer Weigh-In will be held on

Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.



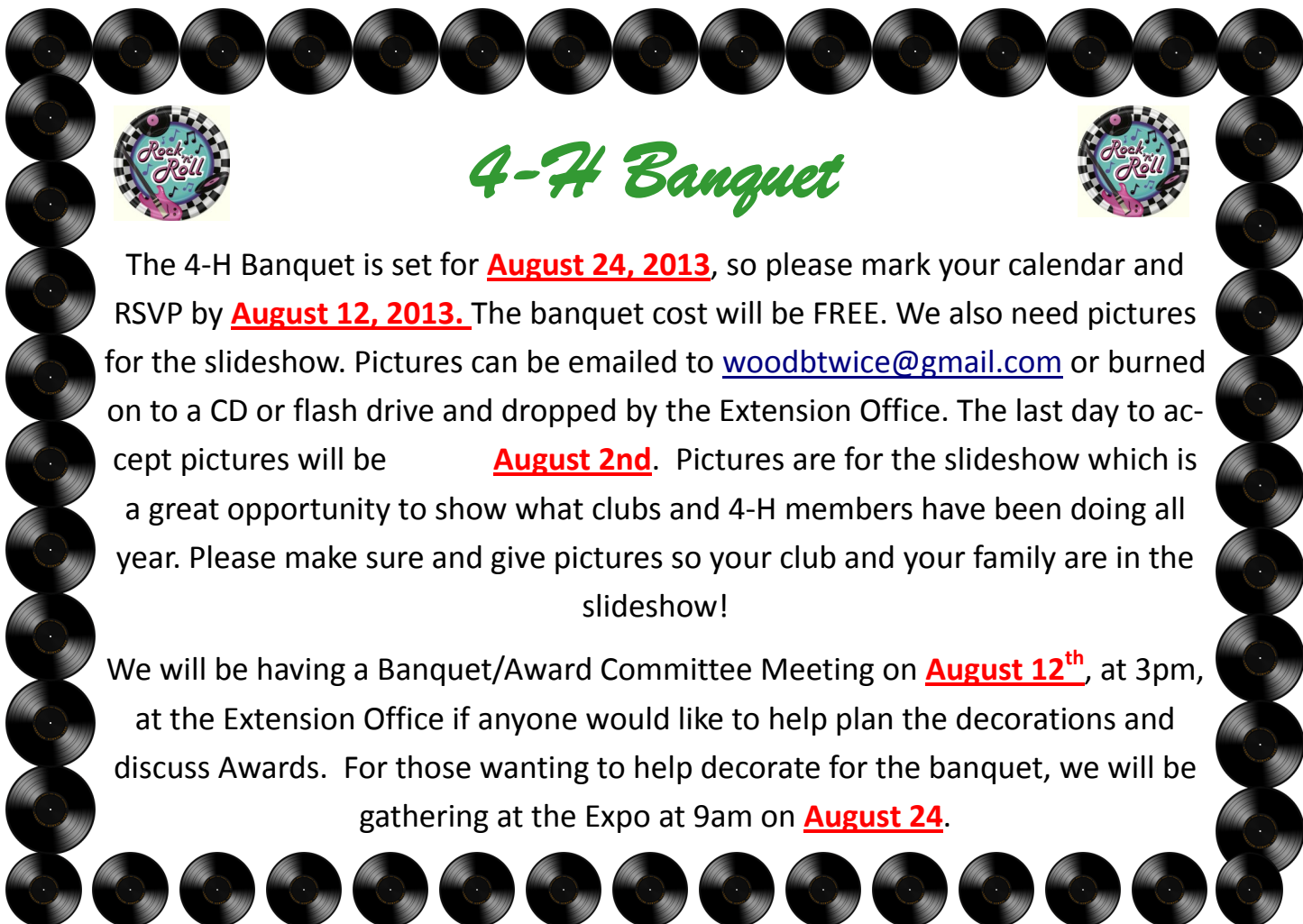
Major Show Broilers

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 12, 2013.** The minimum order is 25 birds per exhibitor. 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 to order or with questions you may have.



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 come and learn more about the 4-H program to come to the new member orientation on **September 26, 2013, 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!



4-H Banquet



The 4-H Banquet is set for **August 24, 2013**, so please mark your calendar and RSVP by **August 12, 2013**. The banquet cost will be FREE. We also need pictures for the slideshow. Pictures can be emailed to woodbtwice@gmail.com 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 your club and your family are in the slideshow!

We will be having a Banquet/Award Committee Meeting on **August 12th**, at 3pm, at the Extension Office if anyone would like to help plan the decorations and discuss Awards. For those wanting to help decorate for the banquet, we will be gathering at the Expo at 9am on **August 24**.

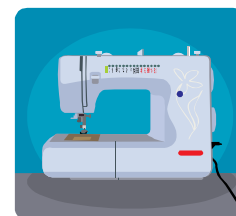
State Fair of Texas Entries

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 15, 2013**. Entry forms can be picked up and completed at the Extension Office.



CLOTHING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Anyone interested in the 4-H Clothing project are invited to attend the clothing advisory board meeting on **August 27th** at 6pm at the Extension Office. We will be doing a small workshop on cleaning sewing machines.



MAB Meeting

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We will be having our first meeting of the year on **August 26**, at 6:30pm, at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular and having a program on "What is 4-H Exchange." A MAB Executive Officer meeting will be held **August 12**, 6:15pm, at the CEO. Any business you would like to bring forward to the MAB meeting must be presented at this meeting.



Open House Committee Meeting

Anyone interested in planning the Open House set for **September 10th**, 2013, are invited to attend. The meeting will be **August 26th** (Before the MAB meeting) at 5:30pm at the Extension Office.



FCS Project Training

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Date: **September 17, 2013**

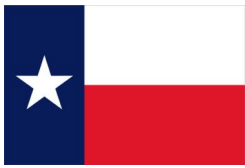
Time: 6pm - 8pm

Place: CEO

RSVP: **September 13, 2013**

Cost: FREE/Take your lessons back to your club!

Bell County 4-H will be holding a FCS Project Training for all 4-H Club Leaders and Teen Leaders. This is open to ALL 4-H parents and teens ages 12 and up who would like to learn about the FCS projects and bring them back to their clubs to teach others.



4-H Exchange



From: Chelsea Stevens

Have you ever wanted to travel to a different state to see what their 4-H program is like?! If so; 4-H Exchange is for you!!! This program is a 2 year time commitment. The first year you will have the opportunity to host a 4-H'er from a different state and show them what Texas has to offer. The next year the group will then travel to that state to see and experience how they live.

For more information check out the 4-H Exchange booth at Open House on **September 10, 2013** or call Chelsea Stevens at (254)-933-5305.

There will be an informational meeting **September 15, 2013** at 6:00pm at the County Extension Office.

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://agrillife.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.
- Forms are not available until **January 1st**
- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: **January 17, 2013**. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline.



4-H Clover Kids Club



Bell County 4-H is happy to announce that starting this September we will be starting a 4-H Clover Kids Club. This group will be focused on the 5-8 years old (Kindergarten to 2nd grade) and preparing them for their adventure as a 4-H'er. See the programs and dates for each meeting below. Cost to be in the Clover Kids Club will be \$20 but will cover all the materials for the year which include many take home projects! Parents are encouraged to attend with their children to each of the meetings but are not required to stay with them. Club Manager will be Dawn Brown and the Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and County Council Officers will be assisting each meeting to help with activities! The time of each meeting will be 2-4pm except for the Clover Kid Fair, Clover Kid Camp, and Summer Meetings which may change in times. The location is still being approved and we will have a definite location for you in the September newsletter and family handbook!

To be a Clover Kid for the new year, you must still enroll on 4-H Connect. The cost is free to enroll. Clover Kids can be in more than just Clover Kid Club. They are welcome to be in another club as well and participate with them.

Date	Program	Project Related to Activity
September 21 st	4-H Basics- Pledges and Clovers	4-H Basics
October 19 th	It's My Plate- Food Challenge for Clovers	Food and Nutrition
November 16 th	Pumpkin Palooza- Learn all about pumpkins!!	Food and Nutrition, Agriculture
December 21 st	Christmas Party- Make fun crafts for family and play games!	Arts and Recreation
January 18 th	Let's Shop- Learn the ins and outs on how to be a better Shopper	Consumer Education
February 15 th	My Favorite Outfit/Sewing for a cause- Wear your favorite outfit and model it off as well as make/sew something to donate and/or keep	Clothing and Textiles
March 22 nd	Lights, Camera, Click!!!- learn about the basic techniques of photography	Photography
April 26 th	4-Legged Friend- learn about companion animals especially Dogs	Companion Animals/Dog
May 17 th	Clover Kid Fair	All Projects
June 21 st	Let's be Safe- Safety Fair for clover kids	Safety
July 22 nd	Clover Kid Camp	All Projects- Recreation and Recordbooks included
August 1 st	Clover Kid Recordbooks Due	All Projects

Photography Contest

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline: **Thursday, September 12, 2013**

Submit the following:

Flash drive or CD with each photo labeled or renamed:

Junior_Wildlife_Bell_County_John_Smith.jpg just like in district rules.

No email submissions allowed.

Complete Entry Form on website

Display: **October 3-12, 2013**

Heart O' Texas Fair, Waco, Texas

Creative Arts/Exhibit Building



Formatting the Photograph. Each photograph must be formatted in a jpg file to where it can be printed at a 3 inch X 5 inch size. File must not be over 2 MB in size to upload.

Please use the following labels for the categories:

CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME	CATEGORY	FILE LABEL NAME
PEOPLE	People	DETAILS & MACROS	Details
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE	Wildlife	DIGITAL DARKROOM	Darkroom
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC	Domestic	THEME	Theme
MARINE/AQUATICS	Marine	NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY	Night
ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Elements	FOOD	Food
NATURE/LANDSCAPE	Nature	DOMINANT COLOR	Dominant
PLANT/FLORA	Plant	CATCH ALL	All

Age Divisions:

Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31, 2013. Please note: This is NOT the qualifying contest for the state senior contest that will be held in spring 2014. This contest is in addition to the state senior contest and senior members wishing to enter the state contest please look for more information in your Spring 4-H Newsletter or the Photography website.

Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members between the dates of October 1, 2012 and time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class. This means you can also use the photos from BCYF to enter as well as your Senior contest in Spring 2014.

For more information about the photo contest, please visit the Bell County 4-H Website. Under projects and photography you will find entry forms and guidelines. These forms can also be obtained at the Extension Office.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Hunter Spectacular is scheduled October 12, 2013



Hunter's Spectacular Committee Meetings

If you are interested in help planning the Hunter's Spectacular, we will be having a planning meeting on **August 20th** at the Extension Office. The meeting will be at 6:00pm and be all committee meetings followed by a joint planning meeting. If you are interested in helping, please bring your ideas! It will be a great meeting with a lot planned!

Some of the Committees Include:

- Silent Auction/Live Auction
- Cake Walk/Carnival
- Booths
- Gun Sponsorship
- Media
- Decorations

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.

Our event is called the Hunter's Spectacular and will be held **October 12, 2013** 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, and even have games. We will also have a drawing for 20 guns, 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 live auction of outdoor items will take place that evening as well as a silent auction with the hunter in mind.

We need our 4-H members to sell tickets to the event. Your club manager will be asking each of you to participate and we want you to know that we utilize the funds raised for the total Bell County 4-H program....which includes you! We are able to help offset the costs of many events, camps, livestock supplies, workshops, contests, and leadership activities through these funds. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office and visit with Micah about the event. All your tickets should be turned in to your club manager before October 1st. **Club managers will have to turn in tickets on October 1st. (Tickets are available through your club manager starting August 12th.)**

If you are interested in helping, please contact Micah Holcombe at mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu.

4-H Judging Teams

4-H offers several educational opportunities through participation in judging teams. In the past year there have been several inquiries about livestock judging, some about range evaluation, plant identification and meats I.D. and education. Successful teams have a tremendous amount of parent and project leader support along with interest and enthusiasm from the 4-H member. We are currently looking for project leaders, parents and interested youth in those mentioned areas. We are asking that you call or e-mail us to express your interest. When a list is compiled, we will have a project area meeting with all parties to discuss leaders, management, educational methods, contents and finances.

For more information please contact Lyle: l-zoeller@ag.tamu.edu or
Micah: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or feel free to call the extension office at (254)-933-5305.



4-H Newsletter Game



Starting this September, Bell County 4-H is going to test your knowledge of the County 4-H Newsletter each month.

- Members that are ages 8-19 (3rd grade to senior), there will be 5 questions to answer about information in the 4-H Newsletter. You will turn in your answers at the next County Council meeting.
- Members who are ages 5-8 (Kindergarten to 2nd grade), there will be 5 "Chris Clover's" to look for. Write down where the 5 "Chris Clover's" are hiding and turn in your answers at the next 4-H Clover Kids Club meeting.

If your answers are correct, your name will be placed in a drawing at the beginning of each meeting. Near the end of the meetings, names will be drawn. There are great prizes for the winners.

Fizz the Clown

Fizz the Clown made a special appearance at the 4-H Clown Workshop on July 26. He demonstrated professional clown routines and taught workshop attendees how to perform magic.

You can find him at: LaughterisMyMiddleName.com



Texas Oklahoma Fair

Please find below a schedule for the Texas Oklahoma Fair hosted yearly in Wichita Falls, TX. The website is currently being update, but all forms available are attached. More information can always be found at the Texas/Oklahoma Fair Livestock Shows Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/TexasOklahoma-Fair-Livestock-Shows/254440594694052>

Adult classes included!

Tuesday, **September 17, 2013** - Dorper Sheep Show & Dorper 101 Seminar

Wednesday, **September 18, 2013** - TOBRA Barrel Race

Thursday, **September 19, 2013** -Working Dog Trials

Friday, **September 20, 2013** - TBA

Saturday, **September 21, 2013** - TABHSA Horse Show, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Market Lambs, Colton Bentley Memorial Heifer Show

Sunday, **September 22, 2013** - Colton Bentley Memorial Steer Show

A special room rate is being offered by The Grand Hotel! \$49.00 per night for a double room. Just call (940) 766-6000 and tell them you are with the Texas/Oklahoma Fair! The hotel is in walking distance to the show facility!

There are a limited number of RV hookups at the show facility. Call the MPEC/J.S. Bridwell main office for details and reservations. Their number is (940) 716-5500.

4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 10th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. Do you need more project experience for your recordbook or project form? Do you want to gain more members for your club? Here is your opportunity!!!! If you would like to be in charge of a project or club booth at the Open House, please see the doodle link: <http://doodle.com/stzynzw2pbdapxff> and let her know which project you would like to demonstrate or which club you plan to have a booth. Hands on activities are encouraged at each project booth! Project booths are first come first serve. **Booths are to be reserved by September 1st!!** We are also asking each club to make a poster for their club to be displayed at the Open House. Posters are due to the Office **September 1st.**

(Those participating in project demonstrations and club booths need to be at the Expo Center by 5:00 p.m. to set up and be ready by 5:30pm) **A committee meeting will be held August 26th at 5:30pm at the CEO to plan for Open House.**

County Council Meeting in September

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **August 26, 2013, at 6:00 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. Stay tuned for the THEME in the next newsletter and what to wear to the meeting!



Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting 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, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Youth are able to go online now, participate in the online training, 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%. Once you move from Junior to Senior, you must retake the test. Those who are not moving up, Pam has your numbers if you have lost them.

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.**



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