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We need pictures!! If you have 4-H pictures that you would like to have included on the Banquet Slideshow, please email them to siraley@ag.tamu.edu by

August 3rd!

The new 4-H Year will start over on August 15th! This means you can start re-enrolling your family on 4-H Connect. Log on to www.4honline.com. If you need help logging in or don't remember your password, contact Sheryl. More details inside this newsletter on enrollment.

Congratulations District 8 Record Book Participants!

Brady Alexander—2nd Sr. Photography

Chase Alexander—Sr. Food & Nutrition

Victoria Buckner—1st Place Sr. Rabbit

Emily Dague—1st Jr. Vet Science

Kolby Dague—2nd Int. Beef

Nathan Dague—Sr. Beef

Nathaniel Fasolino—3rd Sr. Leadership

Wesley Ide—Sr. Poultry

Ashley Payne – 2nd Sr. Clothing & Textiles

Clara Steglich—1st Int. Swine

Erin Steglich—1st Place Sr. Swine

Emma Ranly—1st Int. Rabbit

Elisa Ranly—1st Jr. Poultry

Ian Ranly—3rd Jr. Rabbit

Merah Winters – 1st Sr. Goat

Billy Wood—1st Place Sr. Safety

Margaret Wood—2nd Int. Safety

Sarah Wood –1st Jr. Safety

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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th!!!** All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect. 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 (excluding Clover Kids). The participant fee is \$20 if enrolled from **August 15th 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. Enrollment dues must be paid by an electronic payment.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

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

All volunteers who enroll will be charged \$5.00 each volunteer. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to enroll each year.

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

NEW 4-H Age /Grade Requirements

Effective with the new 4-H Year signup, Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The new eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2015)

4-H Member Categories

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Hunter Spectacular

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 3, 2015** 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 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 Sheryl 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 September 28-30.**
(Tickets are available through your club manager starting NOW!)

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sheryl Raley at siraley@ag.tamu.edu

Hunter Spectacular

Pick Up Tickets (club managers only): July 31, 2015

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: September 21-25 (unless earlier date stated by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Monday, September 28—Wednesday, September 30
8—11 a.m. then 1-4 p.m.

Early ticket turn-ins are always welcome! Please adhere to The turn-in instructions that were given to you with your tickets. Please call the CEO to set up your appointment for ticket turn-in.

Hunter Spectacular Meeting

If you are a Committee Chair person or on a committee for the Hunter Spectacular , please join us for an update meeting on Wednesday, August 25th following the MAB meeting at the County Extension Office. Please be prepared to tell everyone the status of committee's progress and responsibilities.

Upcoming Events

Tigertown Vet Science Project Meeting Dates

Meeting Dates: August 5, September 2, October 7, November 11, December 2.

Homework should be completed by these dates. Vet Science Program is open to all middle and high school youth in Bell County. It is a program that runs year round and cycle through its lessons. Any youth wanting to participate can join at any time! Contact Stacey Winters @ 254-933-3570 or at num24alw@gmail.com

Chef Day Camp



We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp on Friday, August 7th. This event will take place at the Central Texas College Culinary Department from 9a.m. till 12:30 p.m.. The RSVP deadline is Friday, July 31st at the CEO. Cost of this day camp is \$5 per person (must have exact change) and you must sign a waiver from CTC. Payment and signed waiver must be turned in by the 31st in order to RSVP for this event. Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Meeting

The next Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board meeting will take place on Thursday, August 13th starting at 4:00 p.m. Please join us if you are interested in participating in this board!

Bell County 4-H Exchange Program

Our 4-H Interstate Exchange Program provides exciting opportunities for 4-H'ers to expand their horizons and experience the vast cultural and geographic diversity of the United States. The Exchange Program involves a partnership between Bell County 4-H and another 4-H program from a different state and takes place one week during the summer over the course of two years. Each group of 4-H'ers hosts the other and guides them around their state, sharing what it means to live there. 4-H'ers is expected to fully participate in raising the funds needed to take part in the program.

Exchange participants must be entering 7th - 11th grade in the fall 2015.

If you wish to participate in the Bell County 4-H Exchange Program please plan to attend an introductory meeting at the Rogers High School (Carol A. Bonds Building) on Sunday, August 16th at 1:30 p.m. or contact Kathy Ide ckide3@yahoo.com (254)493-2548. At the meeting, we will discuss what you will do as a member and give you an application. **REMEMBER**—this is a two year commitment.

Food Preservation Workshop

There will be a Food Preservation Workshop on Friday, August 14th at the CEO. Learn more about preserving vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies! Basic rules of the Bell County Youth Fair Food Preservation rules will be covered as well. Cost is \$5 per child. RSVP by Monday, August 10th to the CEO. 9:30 a.m. till noon.

This will be fun and educational



Upcoming Events

4-H Awards Banquet



The 4-H Awards Banquet has been set for August 22, 2015. This event will take place at the Bell County EXPO! The theme is “4-H Bling”. The attire will be Sunday dress. RSVP deadline is Friday, August 10. Contact our office with any questions.

County Council Officer Training



August 13, 2015

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

It is MANDATORY for all County Council Officers to attend!

4-H Awards Banquet Set UP

August 22, 2015

Start time: 9:00 a.m.

All County Council Officers & Ambassadors must assist with banquet set up!

MAB Finance Committee Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the Membership Advisory Board Finance Committee, then please come to the CEO on Tuesday, August 11th. We will be reviewing the finances starting at 6:30 p.m. We strongly encourage a representative from each club attend this meeting! This will determine how the funds raised will be distributed for the 2015-2016 4-H year.

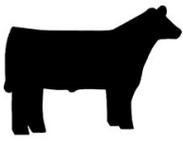
Membership Advisory Board Meeting

All MAB officers will need to attend the next Membership Advisory Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at the CEO. Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 9th 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/k8zz2ynwizgcc99z> and let us 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 August 26th!!**

(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 25th at 6:00 p.m. (before the MAB meeting) at the CEO to plan for Open House.**



Livestock Project News



~~ Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders ~~

WHEN: Friday, August 21, 2015

WHERE: CEO

COST: \$12/Tag for Market Tags (breeding wether dams & breeding wether does as well)

\$10/head for Registered Breeding Sheep and Goats

For those members who plan to validate lambs or goats for the 2016 spring major shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) you **MUST ORDER AND PAY FOR YOUR TAGS at the CEO NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY AUGUST 21, 2015**. Cost will be \$12/tag. All breeding sheep and goats must be validated as well. The Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding Boer Goat Validation program includes registered boer **BUCKS and DOES**, as well as wether does. Breeding wether does and breeding wether goats will require a market tag so make sure you factor those into your head count. Registered breeding sheep and registered breeding goats will cost \$10 per head to validate. The Texas 4-H and FFA Breeding sheep validation program will include all wether dams as well. **MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL COUNTY 4-H!** If you have any further questions please contact Heidi at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.

Fall 2015 Major Show Entry Deadlines!

West Texas Fair and Rodeo: Due to CEO by Monday, August 10, 2015

State Fair Of Texas: Due to CEO by Monday, August 10, 2015

Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo: Due to the CEO by Friday, September 4, 2015

Entry forms for the above shows are available at the CEO. Please come by, fill out, and turn in the appropriate paperwork as well as payment for all entry fees. Be sure to pay attention to the date for each show and when those forms are due to the CEO. **MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL COUNTY 4-H!** If you have any further questions please contact Heidi at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.

Bell County 4-H Livestock Project Coalition Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Where: CEO

Time: 6:30-7:30

Next Bell County Livestock Project Coalition meeting will be held Wednesday August 26, 2015 from 6:30-7:30 at the CEO. We will be discussing validation dates, fall species workshops, and much more. If you have any further questions please contact Heidi at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.

Bell County Youth Fair

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 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015** 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 1, 2015** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.



BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh- In

For those who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the weigh-in will be held on Saturday , September 5th. This will take place at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy. For questions, contact the CEO.

Upcoming Local Livestock Shows

Annual Tenroc Ranch Classic Lamb and Goat Show

August 15, 2015

For more information please contact Lochie Hosch 972-921-4081

Central Texas State Fair Steer, Heifer, lamb, and Goat Show

September 5, 2015

For more information please visit www.centraltexasstatefair.com or contact Heidi at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305

~Poultry Exhibitors~

San Antonio, Houston & Austin Broilers: Due to CEO by October 2, cost \$31.25 per 25 head, must declare which Major Livestock Show the birds are for.

BCYF Roaster: Due to CEO: October 2, cost TBD

BCYF Broiler: Due to CEO: November 9, cost TBD

Important Dates

August 2015

July 31: RSVP Deadline for Chef Day Camp
August 5: Vet Science Project Meeting
August 7: Chef Day Camp, 9-12:30, CTC
August 10: RSVP for 4-H Awards Banquet
August 10: West Texas Fair & State Fair of Texas Entries due to the CEO
August 11: MAB Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30
August 13: County Council Officer Training, 9-3
August 13: HLAB Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
August 14: Food Preservation Workshop, 9:30—12
August 15: 4-H enrollment opens on 4-H Connect
August 21: Major Show Validation Tag orders due in the CEO
August 22: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet, EXPO!
August 25: Open House Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
August 25: MAB Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
August 25: Hunter Spectacular Meeting (following MAB)
August 26: 4-H Livestock Coalition Meeting, 6:30 pm

September 2015

September 4: Heart O' Texas entries due to CEO
September 4-6: Central Texas State Fair, EXPO!
September 5: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh In, EXPO!
September 7: Labor Day, CEO will be closed
September 9: 4-H Open House, 5-8 pm, EXPO!
September 21-25: Turn in Hunter Spectacular Tickets to Club Mangers (unless earlier date stated by your Club Manager)
September 28-30: Hunter Spectacular Tickets due to CEO (from Club Managers ONLY)
September 30: Baskets or \$ for Silent Auction due to CEO



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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