

# August 2017 Focus

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## **Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet**

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room. RSVP by Friday, July 28th to the CEO.



## **Hunter's Spectacular**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Sheryl know ASAP!

## **Congratulations to our State Record Book Participants!**

Morgan Lary—Ag Sciences

Clara Steglich - Swine

Margaret Wood - Food & Nutrition

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](http://www.4honline.com). If you need help logging in or don't remember your password, contact Sheryl. More details inside this newsletter on enrollment.



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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 \$10 per volunteer. This covers your screening for the year.

All volunteers will have to enroll each year. Club Managers must enroll ASAP!

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

## 4-H Age /Grade Requirements

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

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

Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2017 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2017)

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 **September 30, 2017** 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, 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 September 26th. **Club managers will have to turn in tickets on September 27-29. (Tickets are available through your club manager starting July 24th)**

Contact Tonya Elliott to schedule your appointment to turn in your money.

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

## **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 **Thursday, August 16th**, at the CEO, starting at 6:30 p.m. Please be prepared to tell everyone the status of committee's progress and responsibilities.

## **Silent Auction Baskets**

If your club is making two baskets worth \$50 each to donate for the silent auction, please have those baskets turned into the CEO no later than Friday, September 22, 2017. If your club selected to donate \$100 to the committee to make your basket, that money is due to the CEO by Friday, September 15, 2017. Please let

Sheryl know if you have any questions.

## **Workers**

We are needing adult and youth volunteers to help with the Hunter's Spectacular! Please fill out the doodle to volunteer for the event: <http://doodle.com/poll/8bf59swr9d95k54x>

An adult is needed at each booth!

# *4-H Club Managers*

## **Membership Advisory Board Meeting**

**When:** August 24, 2017

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:30 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We will be having our first meeting of the year starting, at 6:30pm, at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular.

## **MAB Finance Committee Meeting**

If you are interested in serving on the Membership Advisory Board Finance Committee, then please come to the CEO on **Monday, August 14th** starting at 6:00 p.m. We will be reviewing the finances starting at 6:00 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 2017-2018 4-H year.

## **Hunter Spectacular**

Pick Up Tickets (**club managers only**): July 24, 2017

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: BEFORE September 27 (date set by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Wednesday, September 27—Friday, September 29

**8—11 a.m. then 1-4 p.m. AGAIN THIS YEAR ~ Club managers will deposit all money sold by their members into their club account. Managers will then write a check to Bell 4-H for your total amount of tickets sold**



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# *County Council & Ambassadors*



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## **4-H Awards Banquet Set Up**

ALL County Council Officers and Ambassadors are REQUIRED to help with set up starting at 9 a.m. at the Expo. You will have time to go home and change prior to banquet.

## **County Council September Planning Meeting**

ALL County Council Officers will need to come to the CEO on **Thursday, August 16th** starting at 5:30 p.m. to plan and prepare for the September County Council Meeting. Let Sheryl know if you are unable to attend.



# Summer Fun Activities



## ~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
- Please adhere to RSVP deadlines and registration fees

## Vet Science Camp

**August 1—3, 2017**—Bell County Expo!

Visit our website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/vet-science/> to print off the registration form and bring it by the CEO. The camp is open to the first 50 youth ages entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration fees for the 3 day camp is \$10.00 for all 4-H members.

For more information please contact Bell County Extension Office at 254.933.5305 or Stacey Winters at 254-913-3570



## Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp on **Friday, August 4th** at the Wildflower Country Club in Temple.

You must have pre-registered to participate in this camp! You will be receiving more information from Barbara Wood as it becomes available

## Cupcake Decorating Workshop

**When:** Thursday, August 10, 2017

**Where:** County Extension Office

**1st Workshop:** 10:00 a.m.—noon

**2nd Workshop:** 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$5 per person to cover the cost of the cakes/cupcakes provided.

RSVP to the CEO by August 7, 2017





# Upcoming Events



## 4-H Open House

**4-H Open House will be held September 6th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall.** Do you need more project experience for your recordbook? 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 fill out the Doodle link below that will soon be sent out 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 25th!!** (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 24th at 5:30 p.m. (before the MAB meeting) at the CEO to plan for Open House.**

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## BCYF Events

### 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 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/>

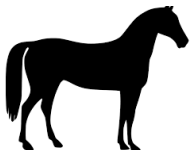
- You MUST attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members MUST be enrolled by **December 1, 2017** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 9th.** This will take place at the Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy.

For questions, contact Pam Reavis at the CEO.





# Livestock Project News



## Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders

**WHEN:** August 18, 2017

**WHERE:** CEO

**COST:** \$20/Tag for Market, Wether Does/Dam, and all Breeding Animals



For those members who plan to validate lambs or goats for the 2018 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 AUGUST 18TH!** Cost will be \$20/tag for market tags and wether doe tags, wether dam tags AND ALL BREEDING ANIMALS. The Breeding Boer Goat Validation program includes registered boer **BUCKS and DOES**, as well as wether does. The Breeding Sheep Validation program includes registered boer **BUCKS and EWES**, as well as wether dams.

**Any animal that was validated for the State Fair of Texas will have to be REVALIDATED for Spring Majors so don't forget those in your tag orders!**

**NEW THIS YEAR~** All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, Wether Does will use the same validation tag. Yes all breeding Sheep and Goats will be tagged, there is flexibility in which ear the tag can be placed in breeding sheep and goats due to them already having a scrapie tag and flock tag. Market Lambs and Goats can still be family validated (1 form) but Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats will be validated by exhibitor. Also, a color copy of the original registration papers **MUST** be sent to [whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu) PRIOR to the physical validation date.

**MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION!** If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at [Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu) or 254-933-5305.

## Major Show Heifer Barcode Orders

**WHEN:** August 18, 2017

**WHERE:** CEO

**COST:** \$15 per Heifer

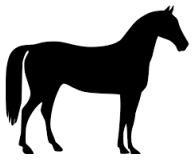
It is time to order **MAJOR SHOW BREEDING HEIFER BARCODES** for the 2018 Spring Major Shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin).

4-H members must come by the CEO **BEFORE** the validation date to fill out paperwork. We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers before validation as well. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival as well. Please bring your original registration papers with you to validation!

Non-registered heifers, to be shown at Bell County Youth Fair ONLY, will be permitted to county validate for \$5/head. County only tags will be purchased on-site the night of validation.

If you have any further questions please contact Whitney Grantham.

**Please keep in mind, if you need help with selection, feeding, and management of livestock projects, don't hesitate to call Whitney, Lyle or Sheryl. We are here to help you with your projects!**



# Livestock Project News



## Fall 2017 Major Show Entry Deadlines!

**West Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 11, 2017

**State Fair Of Texas:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 11, 2017

**Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to the CEO by Friday, September 1, 2017

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**

**LIVESTOCK COALITION!** If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at  
Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or call 254-933-5305.

## Bell County Livestock Workshops

Mark your calendars to attend the Bell County Livestock Workshops available this Fall! The FREE workshops are open to all 4-H and FFA members, parents, ag teachers, and livestock mentors. More information will be coming soon.

**Swine Workshop**— Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bell County Expo.

Topics covered will include breeds, selection, nutrition, daily care, showmanship, and opportunities available for youth involved in the swine project.

**Cattle Workshop**— Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bell County Expo.

Topics covered will include nutrition, daily care, showmanship, and opportunities for youth involved in the beef cattle project.

Contact Whitney Grantham at the CEO if you have any questions.

## 4-H Exchange Club

### If you enjoy traveling across America, then 4-H Exchange is for you!

The 4-H Interstate Exchange Program provides exciting opportunities for 4-H members in the 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> grade; where they experience the vast cultural and geographic diversity of the United States. The Exchange Program involves a partnership between Bell County 4-H and a 4-H program from another state. Exchange takes place one week during the summer over the course of 2 years. Each group of 4-H members hosts the other and guides the group around their state, sharing culture, agriculture, history, sightseeing, and more!

**For more information, please attend our next meetings or  
contact the Club Manager, Kathy Ide at [ckide3@yahoo.com](mailto:ckide3@yahoo.com).**

Sunday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Rogers High School (Carol A. Bonds Building)

Sunday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00pm at Rogers High School (Carol A. Bonds Building)

Wednesday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm at 4-H Open House (Bell County Expo)



# Important Dates

August 2017

**August 1-3: Vet Science Camp**  
**August 4: Chef Day Camp**  
**August 8: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet**  
**August 10: Cupcake Decorating Workshop**  
**August 11: West Texas State Fair Entry Deadline**  
**August 11: State Fair of Texas Entry Deadline**  
**August 14: MAB Finance Meeting**  
**August 15: 17-18 4-H Enrollment BEGINS!**  
**August 16: County Council Planning Meeting**  
**August 16: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting**  
**August 18: Major Show Lamb & Goat Tags Due**  
**August 18: Major Show Heifer Barcode Orders Due**  
**August 24: Open House Meeting**  
**August 24: MAB Meeting**  
**August 25: RSVP deadline for Open House Booth**

September 2017

**September 1: HOT Fair Entry Deadline**  
**September 2: Central Texas State Fair, EXPO**  
**September 4: Labor Day, CEO will be closed**  
**September 6: 4-H Open House**  
**September 9: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh In**  
**September 12: 4-H Swine Clinic**  
**September 15: H.S. Silent Auction money due to CEO**  
**September 19: County Council Meeting**  
**September 20: 4-H Cattle Workshop**  
**September 22: H.S. Silent Auction Baskets due CEO**  
**September 27-29: Club Managers turn in H.S. tickets**  
**September 30: Hunter's Spectacular**



## BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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