

Bell County 4-H News

December 2009

Calendar of Events:

DECEMBER

December 1, 8, 15: Consumer Project, 6pm, CEO

December 3: Celebrate the Holidays, 6pm, CTCS Cafeteria

December 5-6: Holiday Classic, Expo

December 7 & 14: Youth Leadership, 6pm, CEO

December 12: Cowboy Christmas Ball, Expo

December 17: San Antonio Broilers In

December 17, 18, & 21-23: Club Managers Pick-up FCS Containers

December 21: Broilers Arrive, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

December 24 & 25: CEO Closed

JANUARY

January 7: Rabbit Validation, 5:30-7:30pm, Expo

January 8, 15, 22, 29: Master Wellness Training, 9am-3pm

January 8-10: Teen Retreat, Texas 4H conference Center, Brownwood, TX

January 11, 18, 25 & February 1: Speed Events, 6pm, Expo

January 12, 19, 26 & February 2: Performance Events, 6pm, Expo

January 14: Photo Workshop Planning Meeting, 6pm, TBA

January 14: Dog Project Orientation, 6pm, CEO

January 19: County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO

January 20: MAB Mtg, 6pm, CEO

January 26: Consumer, 5:30pm, CEO

January 30: Commercial Steer Weigh-In, 8am, Evans Ranch

January 30: Swine Carcass Weigh-In, 9-10am, Expo

Holiday Classic Clinic & Prospect Show

-NO PRE-ENTRY NEEDED-

The 18th Annual Holiday Classic will be held **December 5th & 6th at the Bell County Expo Center.** This is a free clinic and livestock show for all 4-H and FFA members with sheep, goats, cattle, or swine. On Saturday, December 5th participants should have their animals in the barn and unloaded no later than 12:00 noon. We will begin with clinics in each species (lamb/goat/swine/cattle) at 1:30 pm. Come learn about feeding, health, facilities, and selection for your projects! Also on Saturday afternoon, cattle and goat exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in showmanship contests. Saturday evening will feature a meal for everyone, parents, leaders, and exhibitors for FREE! On Sunday, December 6th, swine and sheep participants will be able to participate in showmanship contests and a prospect show. This is 100% sponsored and costs our exhibitors nothing, totally FREE! We have some well-respected speakers coming to help you this year in each species, so come out, have fun, and win some cool prizes! Scales will be available so you can weigh your animals! Oh yeah, every exhibitor wins a prize no matter what! We'll see you there! For questions, contact Randall at the Extension Office.

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Celebrate the Holidays with 4-H Program

On **December 3, 2009**, at the Central Texas Christian School Cafeteria, 4-H members will show off their talents in arts and crafts and food and nutrition in an event called Celebrate the Holidays with 4-H. The 4-H members will make an arts and craft item whether it is sewing, jewelry, or a wreath as well as bake or cook a food item. The Celebrate 4-H program will be open for the public to come and learn about what the 4-H members are learning in the foods project, clothing project, arts and crafts project area, and even public speaking project.

4-H members participating will need to arrive **at 5pm to setup and the doors will open at 6pm. The event will conclude at 8pm.**

Gift Ideas for Christmas!!!

Support 4-H by supporting the Bell County Extension Education Association and clubs fundraising project. The Bell County Extension Education Association and clubs have two fundraisers per year. They have a style show in the Spring and sell Rada Cutlery throughout the year.

Now would be a great time to order Rada Cutlery for your friends and family on your Christmas list. Rada Cutlery has been manufactured since 1948. Products include amazing kitchen knives and utensils, specialty items, gift sets, cookbooks, quick mixes, soy wax candles, stoneware etc. If interested in ordering Rada Cutlery contact Vernice Black at 933-1649.

Their two fundraisers generate funds for educational programming and to support the Bell County 4-H program. The Bell County Extension Education Association provides project pins (food & nutrition, consumer, & clothing & textile projects), provides the plaques for the County Bronze and Silver Star Award Winners, Contribute towards the Bell County 4-H Scholarship fund, provides the high point FCS Fair Exhibit Plaques, and they help to judge various 4-H events. Make your gift giving simple. Call Vernice at 254-933-1649.

Photo Workshop Planning Meeting

If you would like to help plan or help with the photo workshop for next June, please come to the meeting. It will be held on **January 14th at 6pm at CEO Board Room**. Please email Micah Holcombe if interested In coming at mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu



Teen Retreat

For 4-H'ers 14-19, this weekend retreat is a great opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills while building your 4-H network of friends from across the state! Texas Teen Retreat is scheduled for **January 8-10, 2010 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood**. It is designed to build leadership and life skills in youth to help them become productive leaders in their 4-H clubs. Our unique theme this year is "Fasten Your Seat Belts... 4-H is FUN!" a look at the new Recreation Handbook. Participants will see, learn, and get some practice leading recreation activities for any and all age groups! Teen Retreat participants will be equipped to return to their counties and lead activities with afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, Youth Boards, and more!

Come to Teen Retreat 2010 and be one of the first to learn about this exciting new resource and make plans to implement the program in your county!

Schedule

The tentative schedule will be posted on the Texas 4-H Conference Center website. The address is: <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu> Please check the website for more information on the schedule as the event approaches.

Registration Information

- Participants must be 14 years of age on or before August 31, 2009. Counties may register as many youth as they wish, provided an adequate number of chaperones accompany them.
- Registration will be conducted through the County Extension Office. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office and they will register you on 4-H Connect.

Registration fees will be \$120 per youth and Bell County 4-H will pay half. Adult chaperone registration will be \$80.00 per person and Bell County will pay for official chaperones up to the 1 to 8 youth limit per gender. Linens will not be provided!!!

Youth (age 14 to 19) \$120.00

Adult Chaperones (housed in dorms) \$80.00

Chaperone Fee (if County does NOT provide chaperone) \$90.00

This fee will include two nights lodging, health care services, four meals, snacks and programming fees. Workshop costs will not be pro-rated for participants who may leave early or come in late. The program will begin on Friday night with sessions, so make every effort to be here by 8:00 p.m.! Remember that this is a 4-H event which is considered an extra-curricular activity! Youth may get out of school early to attend if eligible to do so! 4-H members must also have an enrollment form in the office to participate.





Bell Ringers for Salvation Army

If you want to help the Salvation Army ring bells during Thanksgiving to Christmas, we have an opportunity for you!

4-H members like to volunteer their time to help ring bells at the stores to help raise money for the Salvation Army. **Bell Ringers start Friday, November 20th and go until Thursday, December 24th.** There are a variety of times available!

If your club or members are interested, **please call Kimberly Barry to sign up!** Her number is 254-931-6821. Spaces are first come first serve so sign up early! Clover Kids are welcome but with Adult Chaperone. We must also ask for the safety of your youth that adults must accompany their children in this activity.



ATTENTION PARENTS, LEADERS, and CLUB MANAGERS!

January 20th is an important meeting for MAB, the Membership Advisory Board. This meeting is for all parents and leaders. We also highly encourage all club managers and assistant club managers to come!

This meeting is an important meeting for a few reasons! We must have 51% of our membership at the meeting because we need to vote and accept our budget! This must be done at the meeting. We also will be discussing officers and the bylaws. Micah will also be introducing fun and new activities to do for your club members! The program will be called: Stop Global Whining!!! How to stop complaining in your clubs and 4-H program!

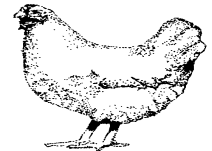
Please come to the **MAB meeting on January 20th at 6pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room to vote and learn new and fun things for your club!**

**Important Dates
for Bell County Youth Fair
& Major Shows**

BCYF ENTRY for 4-H Clubs	Nov-Dec Club Meeting	See Your Club Manager
SAN ANTONIO BROILERS IN	DEC. 17, 2009	CALL IN FOR TIME
COUNTY BROILER PICKUP	DEC. 21, 2009	3:30 – 5:30 P.M.
RABBIT VALIDATION	JAN. 7, 2010	5:30- 7:30 PM EXPO
WEIGH OUT COMM. STEERS	JAN. 30, 2010	8AM EVANS RANCH
SWINE CARCASS WEIGH IN	JAN. 30, 2010	9:00-10:00 AM EXPO
HOUSTON/STAR BROILERS IN	FEB. 2, 2010	CALL IN FOR TIME
COMM. STEER RECORD BOOK DUE	FEB. 3, 2010	BY 5:00 P.M.
BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR	FEB. 6-13, 2010	Expo
HORSE RIDE NIGHTS:		
PERFORMANCE – JAN. 12, 19, 26, & FEB. 2, 2010		
SPEED — JAN. 11, 18, 25, & FEB. 1, 2009		

Bell County Youth Fair Broilers

Please note that Fair Broilers will arrive on December 21, 2009 and need to be picked up between 3:30-5:30pm at the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact Pam Reavis at 254-933-5305.



STATE FAIR CHECKS

If you showed an animal at the State Fair of Texas and are expecting a check, please stop by the Extension Office and pick them up. These are premium checks and floor price checks.

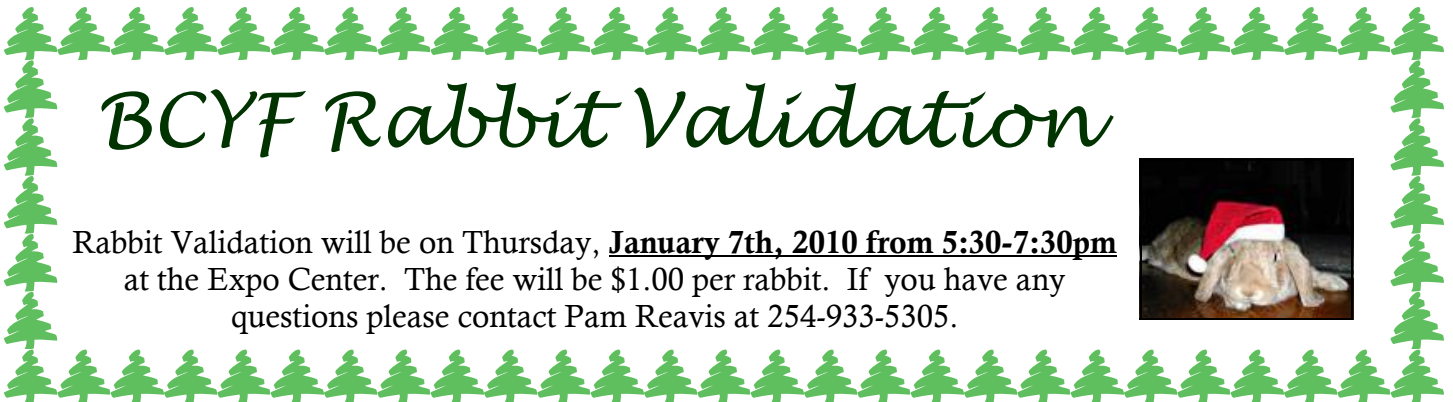


Bell County Youth Fair Entries

Bell County Youth Fair Catalogs are available through your Club Manager. The catalog is also on the Bell County website at: <http://bell-co.tamu.edu>

It is your responsibility to get your entry forms and fees to your club manager by the deadline that they set for your 4-H club.

No single entries will be accepted through the Extension Office.
NO EXCEPTIONS.



BCYF Rabbit Validation

Rabbit Validation will be on Thursday, **January 7th, 2010 from 5:30-7:30pm** at the Expo Center. The fee will be \$1.00 per rabbit. If you have any questions please contact Pam Reavis at 254-933-5305.



Dog Project Orientation Meeting

Attention all 4-H members with dogs! **On January 14, 2010, the first ever dog project meeting will be held at the Extension Office Meeting Room at 6pm.** You will have the chance to learn about the dog project and what opportunities will be available for the members and their dogs! The meeting will be at 6pm and this meeting will be just members **NO DOGS** this time! This meeting will simply be an orientation.

We also ask that you fill out the proper paperwork for the dog project and bring it to the first meeting. The paperwork can be found on the Bell County 4-H Website under "dog project". The paperwork is guidelines for the project as well as records required for the dog.

We look forward to having our first meeting and hope you can come! Remember **NO DOGS** at the first meeting! Come and learn about the dog project!

Unfortunately, clover kid members are not allowed to bring dogs or show the dogs but may come to the meetings to learn and help leaders.





Master Wellness Volunteer Training

Master Wellness Volunteer Training: Receive 40 hours of training and give back 40 hours of service to your community. The training focuses on nutrition and dietary guidelines, food safety, food demonstrations, healthy lifestyle choices and children's health. Anyone can participate who is age 16 or above.

Applications due to the Bell County Extension Office by December 11, 2009.

Dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb. 5

Time: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Fee: \$50 (cost of materials)

Contact: Linda Fuchs or Sheryl Austin @ 254-933-5305



2009-2010 Deer Hunting Contest

Nov. 7th – Jan. 17th

Central Texas Christian School 4-H Club

Fundraiser for Club Operations

Entry fee \$25.00 per person

1st – 2nd – 3rd Place Winners w/prizes

For info and forms go to www.ctcs4hclub.com

County Council Meeting

The Council meeting will be held on: **January 19, 2010 at 6:30pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room.**

The Presidents and Council Delegates duty/responsibility is to attend and get to know others in the county as well as help plan and hear what is going on in the county and bring back that information to their club. All 4-H members are welcome to attend the 4-H County Council Meetings.

County Council has planned some really fun and exciting activities for the year! Be prepared to have some fun!!! Below are the monthly themes:

- **January- “Winter Wonderland”**
- February- “Are you a Superhero?”- wear your superhero outfits. Contest prizes for dressing up
- March- “Green Out the County Council”- Wear as much green as you can. Contest prizes for dressing up
- April- “Travel through Generations”- Everyone wears different decades- Contest prizes for dressing up



Contests Offered at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

There are two relatively new contests being offered at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and both of them support the work many 4-Hers are already doing: **Public Speaking and Livestock Exhibition**. First prize in the public Speaking Contest is **\$700**, and First Prize in the Quality Counts Multi Media Contest is **\$750 Savings Bond**.

Contest Details -

Public Speaking:

Entries Due: **Feb 5, 2010**

Contest Date: Two days at HLSR, March 14-15, 2010

Categories and Divisions: 7 Divisions (see rules) and two age groups

Time Limit: 6 to 8 Minutes with Questions to follow

Quality Counts Multi Media Contest:

Entries Due: **Jan 5, 2010**

Contest Date: Judging done prior to show with Winners announced March 1. (Do not need to travel to Houston)

Categories: None - Top Three entries will be show cased at HLSR

Time Limit: 3 to 6 minutes

As an added bonus here is a link to last year's winning Quality Counts Multi Media Presentation. <http://tinyurl.com/ydgxcoz> . Show this to your young people and I think they will understand the possibilities.

If you have any questions or are interested regarding either contest please contact Micah or Randall.


County Camp

County Camp for Bell County 4-H is set for July 7-10, 2010 at Brownwood. This will be one more day and one more dance!!!! Cost for county camp will be \$125 which includes: meals, lodging, transportation, and a T-Shirt. Registration forms will be available soon on the Bell County 4-H website! Save the date!



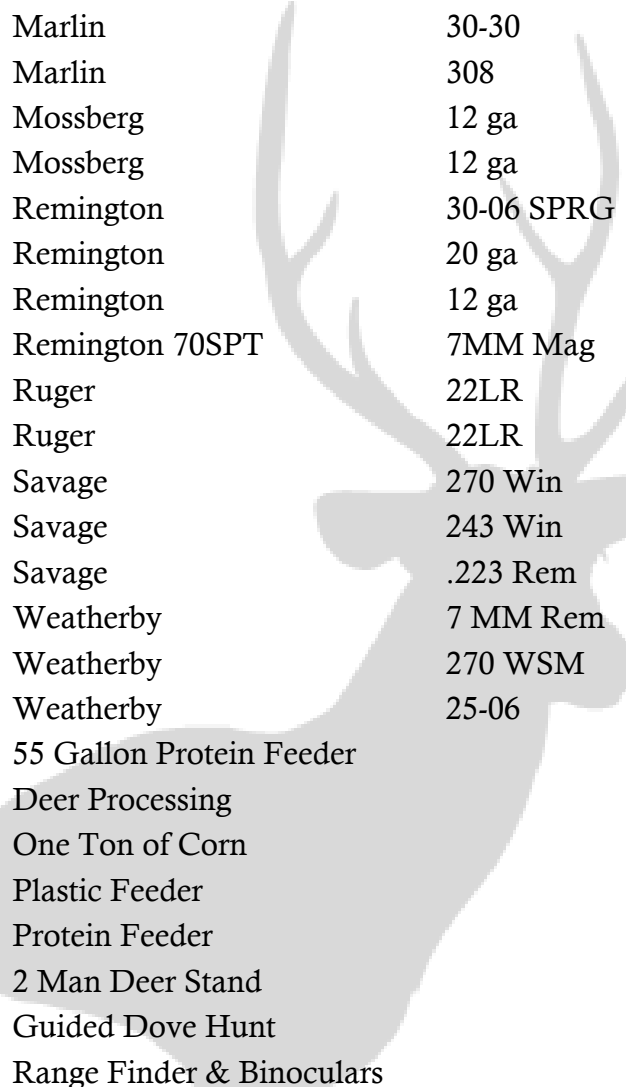
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2009 HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR WINNERS

WINNERS



David Dennney
Luke Mayo
Charlene Carothers
Christopher Asbury
Brian Fulkenberry
Kim Frederick
Mike Kortis
Paul Brown
Harvey Littman
David Decker
Susan Goosley
Weldon Payne
Jimmy Okun
Willie Ellis
Leslie Rose
Georgie Mitchell
Josh Zwick
David Veliz
Lawana Stephens
Terry Coots
George Stefels
David Morrison
Jackie Volels
Mike C
Chance Ryan
Wendy Ellis
Katy Donekas
Patti Tekell
Treavor Butler

PRIZES



Crickett 22LR
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Escort 20 ga
Marlin 22LR
Marlin 30-30
Marlin 308
Mossberg 12 ga
Mossberg 12 ga
Remington 30-06 SPRG
Remington 20 ga
Remington 12 ga
Remington 70SPT 7MM Mag
Ruger 22LR
Ruger 22LR
Savage 270 Win
Savage 243 Win
Savage .223 Rem
Weatherby 7 MM Rem
Weatherby 270 WSM
Weatherby 25-06
55 Gallon Protein Feeder
Deer Processing
One Ton of Corn
Plastic Feeder
Protein Feeder
2 Man Deer Stand
Guided Dove Hunt
Range Finder & Binoculars

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!



Bell County Youth Fair Ride Nights

Parents please notice that Ride Night Supervisor for 2010 will be Karla Hedrick and I.

We will continue to hold the formal ride nights.

The official ride nights are not correct in the BCYF rule book. Please notice that the following schedule:

January 11, 18, 25, and February 1st are speed event nights.

January 12, 19, 26, and February 2nd are performance event nights.

All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members entered in the 2010 Horse Show events will get an invitation from our office. I will be working with Karla Hedrick to finalize presenters and helpers between now and January 11th.

Rules for ride nights are included on page 6 of the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show (RED) Catalogue, so please be familiar with them. Ride night events are only for the Contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show. Only their horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the events in 2010. We will be checking for Coggins so have copies of current negative Coggins test results on all the horses you bring.

Contestants must register each night and present Coggins paperwork to ride in the arenas.

Speed horses only on Speed nights, Performance horses only on Performance nights.

We do not allow alcohol or smoking at anytime in the barn and no alcohol can be consumed in parking lot. Because this is an equine event, absolutely no dogs will be allowed on the grounds.

- We need every one of you to focus on safety.
- We will have EMS on site at every ride night this year from 6:00 to 10:00.
- Security Staff will be present from 6:00 to 10:00.
- We will again have inside tie up area available along the West side of the C barn arena.
- Since we have many horses that are not familiar with each other and riders that may not be familiar with crowded type conditions, we would like to again have appointed safety monitors for each night. The idea would be that the safety monitor would be stationed in the congested areas and be responsible for helping the youth understand how to make safe decisions. We are looking for volunteers that will be safety monitors. Please report any unsafe conditions to them. If you would like to volunteer e-mail or call Dirk Aaron at the CEO.
- The goal is that the ride nights help beginners and newer entrants feel comfortable, help them have fun and give them confidence to compete in future events. At the same time we will strive to provide a safe place for the more experienced riders to get ride time and practice. The ride nights will be only as good as we collectively make them, so your help is needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions, please contact Dirk Aaron at (254)933-5305 or by e-mail at raaron@ag.tamu.edu.

Consumer Project

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better!!! What is better than learning how to shop! The Consumer project's meetings will be held **December 1, 8, 15, 2009 at 6pm at the Extension Office Meeting Room!** Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. The county contest will be January 26, 2010 at 5:30pm in the CEO Meeting Room. It will be a lot of fun!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
**THE 1ST ANNUAL
COWBOY
CHRISTMAS™ BALL**



AN EVENT TO BENEFIT THE BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO SCHOLARSHIP FUND.



FEATURING
MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

THE "SINGING COWBOY POET", BEST KNOWN FOR HIS HIT SONG "WILDFIRE".



**SATURDAY,
12.12.09 * 7 P.M.**

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER
JUDGE JOHN C. GARTH ARENA

LIVE MUSIC * HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES
DANCING * SILENT AUCTION * CASH BAR

WESTERN ATTIRE

FOR TICKETS & MORE INFORMATION CALL,
254-933-5305

RSVP BY: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST



BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR FCS CONTAINERS

BCYF food containers are those standardized containers used by 4-H members to put their food items in when they come to the fair. Club managers may pick up these containers for their clubs **starting December 17th at the Extension Office from 8am-5pm or December 18, 21 & 22.** All club managers should pick up containers for their club no later than December 23. As club managers, you will want to designate a time for members of your club to pick up the containers from you. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 254-933-5305. **New:** We have two new containers, one for candy and the other is a high topped container for cup cakes.. The candy container will be specially marked to help you. **Please note: Club managers or designated leaders are the only ones able to pick up containers. Individual families are not permitted to pick up their containers.**



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