



Bell County 4-H News

December 2010



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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://agriflife.org/bell4h/>

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.

REMINDER TO ALL HOME SCHOOL

STUDENTS: YOU MUST FILL OUT AN ELIGIBILITY FORM TO PARTICIPATE- THIS FORM IS ON THE WEBSITE AND MUST BE TURNED IN BY

FEBRUARY 1, 2011



Bell County 4-H Website

The 4-H website is a great way to keep up with all upcoming 4-H events & to download necessary forms. Please visit our update website:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>

We will no longer be sending the county newsletter by mail, it will be emailed to those members who have provided us with an email address. If your family does not have email you may locate the newsletter on our website. If you need more information on 4-H Events & Forms please contact the CEO.

County Council Meeting Themes and Programs

<u>MONTH/DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
<i>December</i>		
		***** <i>NO MEETING</i> *****
January 25	"70's"	Tyler C. Program
February 22	"Backwards Day"	Tell & Show Fair
March 22	"I Bleed Green"	Roundup Presentations
April 26	"Surf's Up"	Officer Elections

January Meeting: The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **January 25, 2010 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.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Breedlove is a non-profit organization who helps under privileged countries in need. They specialize in the malnutrition of people of all ages. Breedlove is based out of Lubbock Texas and is one of the leaders in the fight against hunger. Their supplies are highly demanded and go to just those in need. Bell County Council has decided to "Change the World" by receiving donations. You can donate your spare change in any club and the club with the most money gets a prize at the end of the year. This is a great opportunity to get involved in community service and also help the Texas 4-H Council in their effort to make a difference. If you would like more information please visit www.breedlove.org to see all of the great things this organization does. Thank you. Tyler Coufal. Texas 4-H Council.

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 20-22.** 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. **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.**



Bell Ringers for Salvation Army

It's that time of year again. Time for the kettle volunteers to ring their bells, raising money for the Salvation Army. But, this year the Salvation Army needs your help.

We need volunteer on December 11 at 18 different locations in Temple and Belton.

Each location will have ten, 2-hour shifts. That's a total of 180 volunteers each day. Feel free to volunteer for more than one shift. There are 15 locations in Temple, the remaining 3 are in Belton.

If you decide to volunteer, dress warmly and conservatively. Wear comfortable shoes. Make sure you wear 4-H shirts and pins. Be prepared for very cold weather, light rain, and, if you are extremely lucky, light snow. Anyone can be a kettle volunteer! Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. You may volunteer by yourself or as a family.

As a kettle volunteer, your goal is to bring Christmas cheer to those coming and going from area stores and to accept contributions from all givers. Greet all who pass by and thank anyone who gives.

This money goes to organize food baskets to give to over 2000 individual.

This money also helps buy toys for children. Last but not least, this money helps fund the vast array of social, community, and disaster services throughout the year.



If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, **please contact Brandon Stone by December 3rd** at (254)-742-0453 or by email at rollingstonemom@yahoo.com Thanks!!!

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 6 & 14th, 2010 & January 4, 10, 2011 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 18, 2011** at 5:30pm in the CEO Meeting Room. It will be a lot of fun!



Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl **practice will begin December 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** This is a chance to show off your knowledge of food and nutrition and hopefully learn a few more things along the way. Teams will be formed at a later date as the practice continues after the new year. The age groups will be junior/intermediate teams and also senior teams. The **District Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be held on March 5th in Waco.** Please come and see if this is for you!

Bell County Extension Recruits Volunteers for Master Wellness Volunteer Program

The Master Wellness Volunteer initiative is a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program that will provide volunteers with 40 hours of training in health and nutrition education. The training will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety, food demonstrations, child health, and various Extension nutrition, health and wellness programs.

Who Volunteers? 4-H Adult Volunteers, High School Students (age 16 or above), Health and Wellness Coordinators, Workplace and Church Volunteers, Human Resource Managers, Organizational and Civic Leaders. As well as, anyone who is interested in promoting Health and Wellness in their community.

Master Wellness Volunteer Classes will be held on January 14, 21, 28, and February 4 & 18, 2010. All of the training will be at the Bell County Extension Office. After becoming certified, volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are diverse - giving presentations for local community groups, assisting with periodic cooking schools, passing out information at health fairs, and much more. Previous health or wellness training is not required, but an interest in living healthfully and helping others do the same is. Those interested in participating may call the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933- 5305 or email CAStevens@ag.tamu.edu or SLAustin@ag.tamu.edu for more information and an application. **Applications are due on or before December 17, 2010.** There is a \$50 fee to participate.

2010-2011 Deer Hunting Contest

Nov. 6th – Jan. 16th

Central Texas Christian School 4-H Club

Fundraiser for Club Operations

Entry fee \$25.00 per person

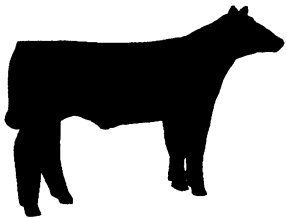
1st – 2nd – 3rd Place Winners w/prizes

For info and forms go to www.ctcs4hclub.com



Beef Cattle Clinic

A Beef Cattle (steers and heifers) Clinic will be held on **December 18** at the Bell County Expo Center. This clinic will be open to any 4-H or FFA families, whether novice or experienced. We will discuss the equipment that you need for a show, show preparation, feeding at the show, how to prepare at the show, and how to clip. In addition to this, the second portion of the clinic will be dedicated entirely to showmanship and how to present your project at the show. This clinic will provide **hands on** learning experience so all participants are encouraged to bring their steer or heifer projects to the Expo. Participants may begin stalling at 6:30 am and all animals must be in place by 8:00am. Registration will be from 7:30 until 8:00a.m and the clinic will start at 9:00 and last until 2:00 p.m. Lunch and breakfast will be provided. The cost is \$15.00 per child (pre-registration) and \$25.00 day of registration. **The pre-entry deadline is December 10, 2010** and you can pre-register by paying at the Bell County Extension Office. The cost of the clinic will cover breakfast, lunch, and all clinic materials.



Bell County Youth Fair Broilers

Please note that Fair Broilers will arrive on **Tuesday, December 21, 2010** 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.

BCYF Rabbit Validation

Rabbit Validation will be on Thursday, **January 11th, 2011 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.



Important Dates for Bell County Youth Fair & Major Shows

BCYF Entries for Clubs	Nov-Dec Club Meeting	See your Club Manager
BCYF FCS Container Pickup	Dec. 17 & 20-22, 2010	8am-5pm-CEO
San Antonio Broilers	Dec. 21, 2010	Call in for time
County Broiler Pickup	Dec. 21, 2010	3:30 – 5:30 pm
Rabbit Validation	Jan. 11, 2011	5:30- 7:30 pm- Expo
Weigh-Out Commercial Steers	Jan. 29, 2011	8am- Evans Ranch
Swine Carcass Weigh-In	Jan. 29, 2011	9:00-10:00am- Expo
Houston/Star Broilers In	Feb. 1, 2011	Call in for time
Commercial Steer Recordbook Due	Feb. 2, 2011	BY 5:00 P.M.
Bell County Youth Fair	Feb. 5-12, 2011	Expo
<u>Horse Ride Nights:</u>		
Performance-	Jan. 25, & Feb. 1, 2011	
Speed-	Jan. 24 & 31, 2011	

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 Ride Nights

Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service & Bell County 4-H Horse Club

The official ride nights are correct in the BCYF rule book. Please notice the following schedule:

January 25, and February 1st are performance nights.

January 24, and 31st are speed event nights.

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

All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members entered in the 2011 Horse Show events will get an invitation very soon from our office. I will be working with guest instructors and to finalize plans between now and January 21st. We have reduced the number of ride nights due to reduced participation over the past three years. The low numbers of youth attending on Mondays and Tuesdays early in the month did not justify the cost.

Rules for ride nights are included on page 6 of the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show (GREEN) 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.

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 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 only be as good as we collectively make them, so your help is needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions, please call or send an e-mail. The Office number is (254) 933-5305, my Cell is (254) 534-4047 and e-mail is raaron@ag.tamu.edu.

A Call for Recipes!

It is time once again for the Bell County Exchange Club to do another cookbook!! So since you all will be whipping out those award winning, scrumptious, gotta-have recipes for the holidays, please email them to Dorothy Wood at

woodb2@clearwire.net so they can be included in our cookbook. These cookbooks once completed will be available for sale through the Exchange Club and given to the other states that exchange with us. What a way to brag on your recipes nation-wide!!! In addition to the recipe please include your name and the 4-H club to which you belong. Any questions, please call Belia Rodriguez at 254-947-4713.



ATTENTION PARENTS, LEADERS, AND CLUB MANAGERS!

January 19th 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 19th at 6pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room to vote and learn new and fun things for your club!**

Bell County 4-H Members Participate in State 4-H Technology Leadership Team

This past weekend Bell County 4-H members, Dorothy and Elizabeth Wood attended a face to face training in Bryan Texas with 4-H'ers from all over the state. These 4-H members were being trained to serve on the Texas State 4-H Technology Team. This is one of only 2 state Leadership teams in Texas. They learned skills such as Photoshop, Video and Movie Editing, and Green Screen Effects. They kicked off the weekend Friday night with team building exercises and committee assignments. Saturday was used to develop promotional videos and planning for the years events such as Texas 4-H Roundup and the California State Conference. They finished up their work on Sunday morning and said their goodbyes to continue their work at the local and state levels.

Membership on the Texas 4-H Technology Team is available each year to all senior age 4-H members who complete an application and submit it for selection. Applications are located on the Texas 4-H & Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

2011 Texas Teen Retreat

The Texas 4-H Conference Center is pleased to announce plans for the first event of 2011 – The Texas Teen Retreat to be held **January 7-9, 2011** at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX! This retreat will be an excellent opportunity for **senior 4-H members ages 13-19** to learn numerous basic personal skills and leadership techniques. Our unique theme this year is “Leaders 4 Life!” an in depth look at the new Leaders 4 Life project. Participants will see, learn, and get some hands-on practice in the components of the contest. Teen Retreat participants will be equipped to return to their counties and lead activities with afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, Youth Boards, and more! Cost for this retreat is Youth-\$100.00, Adult Chaperones \$65.00. If you are interested in participating in this retreat please register through the CEO.



4-H Clothing Project

The Bell County Clothing Board met this month and made plans for the upcoming year. We are recycling used t-shirts and turning them into reusable grocery bags. You can be a part of this community service project by collecting t-shirts or sewing them. We made 25 bags at our meeting and plan to make around 100 bags to give away in the spring. Future workshops will include a beginning sewing class in January where we will sew simple skirts and learn about the Bell County 4-H Fashion show and Bell County Youth Fair Fashion Revue. Other workshops will include sewing placemats and napkins, crochet, knitting washcloths for the Hope Pregnancy center, sewing turbans for cancer patients, needlework of various kinds, fashion design storyboards, as well as our 2nd Annual Spring Clothing Blast. As you can see there is a lot happening in Clothing and Textiles. Keep your eyes open for future workshop dates and details beginning in the January newsletter.

January 7th- Clothing Board Meeting, 2pm, CEO

January 20th- Clothing Workshop- Learn about Fashion Show and Fashion Revue, 6pm, CEO

March 1,8, 29th- Knitting Workshop, 6:30pm, CEO

March 15-16th- Clothing Blast, 9am-3pm, CEO

April 1-2- Bell County 4-H Fashion Show and Interviews

April 15- District Fashion Show, Waco

FOR SALE IN THE CEO

“Share the Road” Bracelets For \$5.00

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED

TO THE FLEMING FAMILY

To help support Augustus Fleming who was in an accident in August.



THE 2ND ANNUAL COWBOY CHRISTMAS™ BALL

FEATURING

MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

OUR SECOND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE
BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**SATURDAY,
12.11.10 * 7P.M.**

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER
JUDGE JOHN C. GARTH ARENA

HORS D'OEUVRES * DANCING * CASH BAR
SILENT AUCTION * WESTERN ATTIRE



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR WINNERS

WINNERS

Johnny Frederick
 Chris Saucedo
 Anna Payne
 Russell Krumnow
 Kevin Morris
 AJ Hill
 Darrell Ford
 Brad Lyons
 Steve Morin
 Ronnie Creek
 Jason Weigle
 Kirk Boren
 Curtis Payne
 John Fasolino
 Kim Flowers
 Richard Spurlock
 D.E. Anglin
 Lisa Littman
 Joann Engelke
 Madison Whitson
 Kevin Glazener
 Modene Marek
 Phil Kunz
 Jim Bob Fisher
 Wallis Reese
 Leonard Janke

 Rod Holcombe
 Bill Buckner

PRIZES

Remington 870 Express 20 ga
 Ruger 10-22 22LR
 Marlin 308
 Savage 243 Win
 Mossberg 12 ga
 Crickett 22LR
 Weatherby Vanguard 270 WSM
 Remington 70SPT 7MM Mag
 Escort 20 ga
 Remington 870 Express 12 ga
 Marlin- CARD GUN 30-30
 Savage .223 Rem
 Mossberg 12ga
 Crickett 22LR
 Marlin 30-06
 Weatherby Vanguard 25-06
 Savage 270 Win
 Ruger 10-22 22LR
 Crickett 22LR
 Weatherby Vanguard 300 WBY
 Remington 700 BDL 30-06
 Nikon Binoculars
 Archery Equipment
 Nikon Range Finder
 40 ga Deer Feeder
 European Mount or \$125
 toward shoulder mount
 55 gal Wildlife Feeder
 Grand Prize- Deer Blind

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!

Hurry, Hurry & Order your Bell County 4-H T-Shirt/Hoodie in time for the BCYF!

Show your support for Bell County 4-H and call or come by the CEO to fill out an order form.

Hoodies are \$20.00 & T-shirts are \$10.00



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BELL COUNTY 4-H FOCUS



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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



December



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4-H CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 4, 2010 - 7pm

Texas A&M vs Pacific

4-H packs the house See which county can bring the most members!



The TOP 3 counties will receive:

- Official Autographed Basketball Jersey
- (4) Pack of Tickets to the Jan. 31 game:
TAMU vs. TEXAS

GRAND PRIZE

:60 promotional video featuring your 4-H club in action at the Jan. 31 **TAMU vs. TEXAS** men's basketball game!

To purchase tickets, visit 12thmanfoundation.com
type in your county name as the promo code!