



Bell County 4-H News

February 2009

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4-H Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

February 1: Texas 4-H Scholarship, TEEA Scholarship, & TEAFAC Scholarship Deadline to CEO

February 3: Houston and Star of Texas Broiler Pick up, 3-5pm at CEO

February 7-14: Bell County Youth Fair

February 7: San Antonio Consumer Contest

February 10: 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline, please deliver to CEO

February 16: CEO--Closed

February 17: Photography Entries due for Seniors and Clovers-Photos for Jr. and Int. are due to office to be able to display in Mall

February 17: 4-H Fashion Show Entry Form Due

February 22: County Fashion Show-TBD

February 24: County Council-6:30pm-CEO Mtg. Room

MARCH

March 10: County Roundup Orientation Night-6:30pm-CEO Mtg. Room

March 13: District Fashion Show and Consumer Contest

March 16: County Roundup Entries Due

March 23: Bell County Scholarship & Senior Plaque Application Deadline

March 25: County Council-6:30pm-CEO Mtg. Room

March 28: TEEA Style Show

March 28: County Roundup Contest



COUNTY COUNCIL



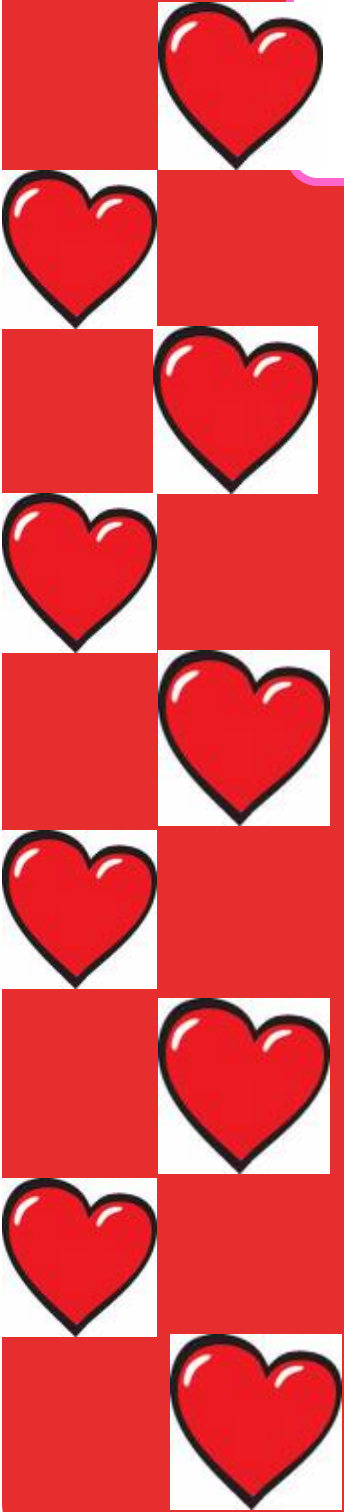
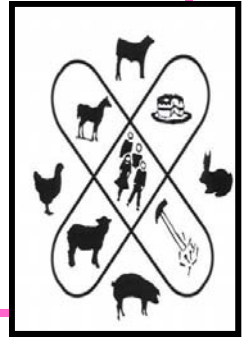
Green out County Council as we celebrate 4-H. County Council will be held **February 24th** at the County Extension Office at 6:30pm. County Council is for all 4-H members!!! Presidents and Council Delegates are required to attend to represent their club. At this council meeting, we will be greening out the room so make sure and wear your green!!! The person wearing the most green will win a cool prize!!! We will also have some really cool snacks and we are really trying to see how many clubs and members we can have attend the meeting. County Council will also be acknowledging all of those who placed at the Bell County Youth Fair, and Dakota Fleming will be presenting her 1st place state winning educational presentation!!! Please come to the county council meeting and show us how you bleed green for 4-H!!!!

Ambassadors will be meeting at 6pm before the council meeting.

Bell County Youth Fair is HERE!!!

Make sure and read all the rules and guidelines in your catalog thoroughly for your fair entries. "Don't forget to wear your 4-H Hoodie or T-shirt during the fair to show your 4-H pride!" The Bell County Youth Fair Catalog is available at:

<http://bell-co.tamu.edu/Publications.cfm>



Fashion Show

The 4-H Fashion Show will hold new and exciting contests this year! If you are interested in participating in the fashion show, please fill out an entry form by February 17th. They can be emailed to: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu or faxed to: 254-933-5312 or dropped by the Extension Office on February 17th.

The Fashion Show will be on **February 22nd from 2pm-5pm** at the Garden Estates Assisted Living Center in Temple. If you are participating in the Fashion Revue, you can enter your outfit in both the Fashion Revue and the 4-H Fashion Show.

4-H Photography Contest



Junior and Intermediates who entered the county and district 4-H photography contests will have the opportunity to have your photos displayed at the Temple Mall in the spring, so please have your pictures back in the Extension Office by **February 17, 2009**. **Clovers and Seniors photo contests entries are due February 17, 2009** into the County Extension Office. County Entry Forms are available on the Bell County Website!

WELCOME!! Zach Davis will be the new 4-H agent in Coryell County and Bell County will be his first step into his new Extension profession. Zach will be job shadowing all the Bell County Extension Agents through the month of February. He will be learning the ins and outs of Extension and more about the 4-H program. Zach is originally from Wise County and has experience as his mother was an agent and he was a 4-H member. Make sure and welcome him if you see him this month!!! We are excited to show him how much 4-H is really fun in Bell County!

County Roundup Contests

The County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share The Fun. County Roundup will be held March 28th at 5pm at the Belton First United Methodist Church Educational Building. A County roundup project orientation will be held March 10th at 6:30pm at the County Extension Office Meeting Room for those who are interested in the contest.

Educational Presentations are where you teach the audience about a certain topic/4-H project or it can also be a "how to" methods demonstration.

Public Speaking is speaking to a group without visuals and about some issue or topic.

Categories for Educational Presentations Include:

- Agronomy
- Beef
- Clothing & Textiles
- Companion Animals
- Consumer Life Skills
- Family Life (May have one to five team members)
- Farm & Ranch Economics
- Food & Nutrition
- Health
- Horse
- Horticulture
- Housing & Home Environment
- Meat Science
- Natural Resources
- Open
- Pork
- Promote 4-H
- Public Speaking (Individual entry only)
- Safety & Accident Prevention
- Sheep &/or Goat
- Shooting Sports



Share The Fun is like a talent show for those who are very talented with music whether that is singing, playing an instrument or dancing, poetry, or skits. The skit is a "Celebrate 4-H" skit, it usually is something very entertaining and fun that has to do with 4-H.

Texas State Youth Water Camp July 12-16, 2009

This five day educational camp uses hands-on experiences, guest speakers, and field trips to train youth in water conservation and preservation and show them how our water resources are being used by industry, agriculture and municipalities.

Campers spend one-third of their time at the Bentley Center; the remaining camp time is spent on field trips in the area.

To ensure that the campers will learn as much as possible from field trips, the first full day of camp is spent teaching them water resource basics. The campers complete several basic chemical analysis of water and are taught vital water statistics.

Campers are also assigned group projects. During the course of the camp each group collects data and gives a final oral report. Topics include Watershed Management, Saline Water Use, Lawn 2-3, Home Water Use, and others.

Field trips include sites where water plays a key role, as in the production of electrical energy and in the recovery of petroleum products. The campers visit farms where state-of-the-art water conservation technology, such as surge flow and drip irrigation, is being used. The Aquaculture Projects in Ward and Pecos Counties are sites visited. Campers are also taken on a field trip to a municipal water treatment facility, where they receive overview of the system that provides safe, quality drinking water to the community.

No camp is complete without recreation, and of course Water Camp centers its recreation around water. Campers enjoy visits to the Balmorhea State Park and spring-fed, Olympic size swimming pool, as well as a municipal swimming facility in Odessa.

Tuition is \$150.00. Campers are housed in dormitories at the Bentley Center, but bring their own bedding.

Interested students might want to ask local water officials or soil and water conservation district personnel about sponsoring their tuition, as many campers have attended with such grants.

For more information, go to: <http://ward-tx.tamu.edu> and then Texas Youth Water Camp

Sewing Workshop

This is the rescheduled sewing workshop that was planned for January 28, 2009.

Want a place to put all those cool 4-H medals you've been earning? Would you like to learn some sewing basics? If so, then this mini-sewing workshop is for you!!

Come join us at the County Extension Office on **Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m.** for a short sewing workshop where we will be making PIN SCARVES to hold all those wonderful medals you can earn through 4-H. Emma Coffman will be leading the workshop with help from sewing project members. 4-Hers of all ages (including clovers) are invited. No previous sewing experience is necessary.

Please call the Office to RSVP, so we know how many to plan for. Cost for the workshop will be \$5.00 and includes the felt, 4-H embroidered patch, thread, cording, and fringe. Sewing machines will be available to use, or you may bring your own.

4-H members who also attend will receive a project pin to put on their pin scarf.

The 4-H mall NO LONGER sells pin scarves, so come and create your very own scarf on February 18th!



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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



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FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> Scholarship Dead- line-TX 4-H, TEEA, & TEAFC	<u>2</u> Groundhog Day	<u>3</u> Houston & Star of Texas Broiler Pick -up; 3-5pm-CEO	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> San Antonio Con- sumer Contest BCYF →
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 4-H Foundation Scholarship Dead- line-Deliver to CEO	<u>11</u> BCYF ←	<u>12</u> Lincoln's Birthday	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> St. Valentine's Day
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> President's Day CEO Office Closed	<u>17</u> Photography En- tries Due Fashion Show Entries Due	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> Washington's Birthday County Fashion Show	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> County Council Mtg-6:30pm-CEO Mtg Room	<u>25</u> Ash Wednes- day	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>