

February 2016 Focus

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BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR IS HERE!

February 6 - 13, 2016

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER

PRCA Rodeo will be Feb. 11, 12, 13, 2016

NO VENDORS AT OUR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The BCYF Catalog is available here:

<http://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/2015-fair-info/>

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS!!



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EVENT	REGISTRATION DUE DATE	EVENT DATE	LOCATION
District Consumer Decision Making		Saturday, February 27, 2016	China Spring Elementary School Waco
District Nutrition Quiz Bowl		Saturday, February 27, 2016	MCC Emergency Services Education Center, Waco
Bell County Photography Contest	March 1, 2016		
District Photography Contest			Display: April 30, 2015 at District Roundup
District Horse Judging	March 28, 2016	Saturday, April 16, 2016	TAMU, College Station
District Range Evaluation Contest District Plant ID Contest District Entomology Contest District Wool Contest District Mohair Contest District Ag Product ID Contest	March 28, 2016	Friday, April 15, 2016	Tarleton State University, Stephenville
Multi-District Contests (Livestock, Meat, Soil)	March 28, 2016	Saturday, April 23, 2016	TAMU, College Station
Bell County Round Up	March 28, 2016	March 31, 2016	Bell County Extension Office
District Roundup		Saturday, April 30, 2016	
4-H Scholarship Interviews			Austin*
District Rifle Contest		Saturday, May 14, 2016	Leon County Gun Club
Texas 4-H Roundup		June 6-10, 2016	TAMU, College Station
District Horse Show		June 20-21, 2016	Bell County Expo Center, Belton
Bell County Recordbook Judging	TBD	TBD	TBD
District Leadership Lab & Officer Elections			
District Recordbook Judging		Thursday, July 7, 2016	Bosque County*
Southeast District County Camp			Palestine
Texas 4-H Congress			Austin
Texas 4-H Horse Show			Taylor County Expo Center, Abilene
Texas 4-H Recordbook Judging		Monday, August 1, 2016**	
	**Tentative Dates and/or Locations		

BCYF Schedule

SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 2016

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Move in all Swine. Must check in with Superintendents to get pen assignments on arrival.

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Move in all Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep. They must be in place by 2:00 p.m.

1:00 –1:30 p.m. Check In horses

1:30 p.m. Timed Events Start

2:00-4:00 p.m. Weigh and Classify Market Lambs

4:00 p.m. All Breeding Swine Cards due into fair office

4:00-5:00 p.m. Pickup Swine Showmanship exhibitor numbers from Livestock Office.

5:00 p.m. Weigh and Classify Hogs - In this order (Crosses, Black OPBs, Hamps, White OPBs & Yorks, Durocs).

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 2016

9:00 a.m. Beef Heifer Show. **No heifers are to be released until the conclusion of the heifer showmanship classes.**

1:00-4:00 p.m. Commercial Steers Interviews, release all Comm. Steers after interviews but, no sooner than 3:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m orJudge Breeding Sheep and release, followed by a ten minute break and then judge the Market Lambs. After conclusion of show release all non-placing/non-floored lambs until 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2016.
(30 minutes after conclusion of Heifer show.)

1:00-5:30 p.m. Check in Family & Consumer Sciences Division

5:00 p.m. Judge Breeding Swine. Remove all breeding swine within one hour after the show.

5:30 p.m. Hamburger Supper

6:00—9:00 p.m. Mkt. Steer Exhibitor Stall set-up & move in tack

6:15 p.m. FCS Judges Orientation—Special Events Rm

6:45 p.m. Judge Family & Consumer Science

TUESDAY, FEB. 9, 2016

8:00 am. Judge Market Swine. Release all non-placing/non-floored hogs from the barn until 10:00 p.m.
Swine Carcass award presentation will be prior to the market show grand champion selection.

8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. Assembly Hall Closed

8:00 a.m. Judge Family & Consumer Sciences Divisions

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Breeding Rabbits arrive and check-in.

12:00 noon—4:00 p.m. Move in all Breeding & Market Goats. They must be in place by 4:00 p.m.

12:00 noon—6:00 p.m. Move in Market Steers.

1:00 p.m. Judge Breeding Rabbits. Immediately following the show, release all Breeders. Rabbit Showmanship will immediately following the breeding rabbit show.

—More of Tuesday's schedule on next page.—

2:00-4:00 p.m. Weigh Meat Goats & weigh and tooth Breeding Goats.

4:00-8:00 p.m. Check-in and weigh Fryer Rabbits.

4:00 - 10:00 p.m. Farm Shop check in

6:00—7:00 p.m. Market Steers Weigh In

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Judge Breeding Goats followed by a ten-minute break and then judge the Meat Goats. After conclusion of show release all non-placing/non-floored meat goats until 11:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Judge Fryer Rabbits, after conclusion of the show remove all non-placing Fryer Rabbit pens.

9:00 a.m. Assembly Hall Opens- FCS Exhibits

9:30 a.m. Mini Rodeo in the Dome

6:00 p.m. FCS Winners Circle, Presentation of Photography Awards, the "Polly-Esther" Clothing Awards, and the Outstanding Jr & Sr Highpoint FCS Awards Assembly Hall

7:00-8:00 p.m. Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall immediately following the FCS winners circle presentation.

8:00 p.m. Assembly Hall Closes – FCS Exhibits

THURSDAY, FEB. 11, 2016

7:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Release remaining non-placing/non-floored hogs.

8:00 a.m. Judge Farm Shop. After conclusion of show release all Farm Shop items until 11:00 p.m.

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Move in Commercial Broilers

9:30 –10:30 a.m. Move in Turkeys

10:30 –11:00 a.m. Move in Roasters

12:30 p.m. Judge Poultry in this order (Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys.)

9:00 a.m. Assembly Hall Opens – FCS Exhibits

9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m. Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall.

3:00 p.m. Assembly Hall Closes

5:00-6:30 p.m. Check out/Release all Family & Consumer Sciences Divisions

6:00 p.m. Judge Market Steers, Release all non-placing/non-floored steers from the barn until 11:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. PRCA Rodeo

One hour after judging. Farm Shop Awards Presentation in the Farm Shop area. After conclusion of Farm Shop
release all Farm Shop items until 11:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. or 30 minutes—Sale slot designated
After the conclusion of the Grand Drive of the Market Steers.

Any animal removed from the barn will not be eligible for the auction or floor price.



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

The next County Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 30th at the CEO. This meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. County council delegates from the 4-H Clubs are strongly encouraged to attend all council meetings!

Future Council Meeting Dates: May 9

County Council Community Service Projects

At every County Council Meeting, there is an educational program and community service project for that month.

March 30th – the program will be “What to expect at camp” and the community service project will be can tab collections. Have everyone you know collect the soft drink can tabs, super easy community service!

May 9th—there will be no program at this meeting since we will be conducting officer elections. The community service project will be “I care kits” for active military. More details to come.

Ambassadors at the Bell County Youth Fair

Make sure you check your emails and respond to Sheryl on which Bell County Youth Fair events you can assist with. If you want to help with Buyer’s Luncheon or Auction, contact Kim Daskocil or Lisa Coufal.



Livestock Project News



Stock Show Passes

All of the Major Livestock Show passes (EXCEPT RODEO AUSTIN) have arrived. They have been separated by exhibitor and may be picked up at the CEO when you have a chance. Heidi will have them out at the expo during youth fair. Just a reminder that our office is open from 8AM-5PM Monday through Friday, we are closed from noon-1PM and on weekends.

CDM Contest at the San Antonio Livestock Show

We have entered 2 Consumer Decision Making teams at the San Antonio Livestock Show, 1 Senior team and 1 Junior team. The contest will take place on Saturday, February 20th. Please contact Barbara Wood or myself if you would like to participate in this event.

FCS Project News

4-H/FCS Coalition Meeting

The next 4-H/FCS Coalition meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd from 6:00—7:00 p.m. at the CEO. Contact Jackie McLaughlin for more information.

Bell EEA Style Show & Luncheon

The 11th Annual Luncheon with Style presents:

“Fashion Stars” with fashions from Cato

This event is the Bell County EEA 4-H Scholarship Fundraiser. Participation is encouraged. The event will take place at the Bell County Expo Center on Saturday, March 19, 2016. The baked potato/salad lunch will start at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are available at the CEO, \$10 per person. Reserved table for 8 people, \$100.

Ticket deadline: Monday, March 14, 2016.

Clothing Board & Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board Meetings

Both of these meetings will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board will meet starting at 5:30 p.m. The Clothing Board will meet after that starting at 6:30 p.m. Each of these meeting will last a maximum of 1 hour!

Bell County, District 8 and State Photography Contests

All photography contests have been rescheduled to the same time frame this year! All 4-H Grades can compete in the Bell County and District 8 Photography contests, but only Senior 4-H members can compete at state.

First, a Bell County contest for all grades will be conducted.

Winners from the county contest will advance to the District 8 contest. Winners will be displayed at the District 8 Round Up

Senior 4-H members that win their category at the District 8 contest, will advance to the State contest.

Winners will be displayed at Texas 4-H Round Up

Photography entries must be emailed to siraley@ag.tamu.edu, do not bring in a flash drive! Entries are due by email by Monday, March 1, 2016. Please make sure and follow the instruction on the 2016 Texas 4-H

Photography Contest Rules & Guidelines.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/photography_1516guidelines.pdf

YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL RULES OF THE TEXAS 4-H CONTEST, INCLUDING HOW TO NAME YOUR PHOTOS! This year's theme is “4-H, Ribbons, Awards, and Recognition.” All category descriptions can be found on the Bell County 4-H website or the Texas 4-H website. Let Sheryl know if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events



Graduating Seniors

Scholarship applications are becoming available! Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for scholarship application deadlines. The website is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines. <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

State Fair of Texas Scholarship—to SFT by February 15, 2016

Texas Extension Education Association—to CEO by February 15, 2016

Bell County TEEA Scholarship—to CEO by February 15, 2016

Bell County 4-H Scholarship—to CEO by March 1, 2016

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association Scholarship—to TAIA in Lubbock by March 1, 2016

Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship—to CEO by April 8, 2016

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—Milam County by May 15, 2016

Vet Science Project

Help the Vet Science project collect items for the Texas Humane Heroes in Killeen. They are needing: Canned dog food, canned cat food, bleach, old blankets, and high efficiency laundry detergent. Drop off items at the County Extension Office or contact Kristen Baker at 254-462-2976.



March 2—Abiding Savior Church @ 6 p.m.

April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6 – Bell County Communication Center @ 6 p.m.

August 9-11—Vet Science Summer Camp

Vet Science Planning meeting for 2016-2017 year will take place September 7, 2016 at the Bell County Communication Center @ 6 p.m.

CDM & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice UPDATES!

CDM—Mondays—6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton

Tuesdays—3:30 p.m. at the Natural Grocers meeting room in Temple

Nutrition Quiz Bowl—Mondays—7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 702 House in Belton

Tuesdays—5:30 p.m. at the Natural Grocers meeting room in Temple

Clover Kids Meetings

March 19—Temple Public Library, April 16—Temple Public Library, May 21—Location TBD, and June 18—Temple Public Library

Bell County Round UP

The Bell County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, and Share The Fun. **County Roundup will be held March 31st at 5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.** 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.

Entry Forms and more information can be found on the Bell County 4-H website under Projects.

Entries will be due March 7th.

Categories for Educational Presentations Include:

Beef, Clothing & Textiles, Companion Animals, Health, Horse, Open, Promote 4-H, Safety & Accident Prevention, Sheep &/or Goat, Computer Technology, Open – Agriculture & Natural Resources, Open – Family & Consumer Sciences

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.

Categories include:

Poetry/Prose, Vocal, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, Choreographed Routine, & Celebrate 4-H

Leaders 4 Life

Leaders 4 Life will be collecting gently used purses and draw-string bags to be used as “Blessing Bags” for the homeless in Bell County. If you have any of these or would like to donate any toiletries to help fill them, please contact Billy Wood to coordinate pick up. His email is billard1111@gmail.com

In addition, if you would like to be a part of the Leaders 4 Life practices, they meet at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Belton starting at 6:00 p.m. The February meetings are scheduled for the 5th, 19th, and 26th. All 4-H grade divisions are welcome!

Ag Product ID Practice

Be prepared for an Ag Product ID Practice on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 17th with Heidi Prude starting at 5:30 p.m. at the CEO

Thursday, March 3rd with Jackie McLaughlin starting at 5:30 p.m. at the CEO

This is a contest where you can be practicing at home as well as with us on the scheduled dates!

District 8 Rifle Contest

Save the date! If you are interested in competing in the District 8 Rifle Contest that will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016, in Buffalo, please contact Sheryl Raley. This is a 3 position rifle contest and light rifle contest.

Texas 4-H Congress

A select number of 4-H Delegates will be allotted to each district. So don't be late applying!!! Bell County 4-H will pay for those who are accepted!

Texas 4-H Congress allows 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted.

Lobbyist for Texas 4-H Congress

The Lobbyist group is designed for 4-H members who have attended Texas 4-H Congress in the past. The responsibility of the Lobbyist group is to identify certain bills and then lobby members of the House and Senate to either pass or defeat the bill. Lobbyist should be knowledgeable about Texas 4-H Congress and the schedule that it follows. Lobbyist members should be prepared to and have the ability to approach other 4-H members and persuade House and Senate members for support. The Lobbyist group will hold a "by invitation only" reception for House and Senate Members, along with Congress Leadership. Submit an online application through [4HConnect](#) between February 15 to March 31, 2016.

Press Corp for Texas 4-H Congress

The Texas 4-H Congress Press Corps play an extremely important part in the success of the event. Press Corps members can be either first time or returning 4-H members to 4-H Congress. Individuals applying for Press Corps should have strong skills in writing, word processing, interviewing, photography, and focused on making deadlines. The press corps is responsible for the publishing of a daily newspaper and help maintaining a web page/electronic communication. Submit an online application through [4HConnect](#) between February 15 to March 31, 2016.

Submission of Legislative Bills

Any 4-H member, regardless of age or planning on attending Texas 4-H Congress, may submit a legislative bill for consideration. Participation in the bill writing exercise allows 4-H members the opportunity to become engaged in the legislative process and the 4-H citizenship project. 4-H members attending Texas 4-H Congress will be required to submit at least one bill (this includes Texas 4-H Council, Tech Team, etc) prior to their registration to the event being accepted. To learn more on how to write and submit a bill download the "[Preparing a Legislative Bill for Texas 4-H Congress](#)" as well as work with your County Extension agent or a volunteer. [Online submissions are being accepted between January 1 to May 20, 2016.](#)

Pay close attention to deadlines!

Texas 4-H Congress Calendar

January, 2016 [Bill submission opens](#)— You MUST submit a bill to participate!!!

February 15, 2016, [Lobbyist Application Opens](#)

February 15, 2016, [Press Corps Online Opens](#)

March 31, 2016, Lobbyist Application closes

March 31, 2016, Press Corps Application closes

April 20, 2016, Press Corps and Lobbyist Notification

May 1, 2016, [Online 4HConnect Registration opens](#)

May 20, 2016, Bill submission closes—You MUST submit a bill to participate!!!

May 31, 2016, Online Registration closes

For more information, go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/congress/>

Important Dates

February 2016

March 2016

February 2: CDM Practice & NQB Practice

February 4: BCYF Ride Night—Speed, 6-9 pm

February 5: BCYF Ride Night—Performance, 3-9

February 5: Leaders 4 Life Meeting

February 6-13—BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

February 15: State Fair Scholarship Due

February 15: TEEA Scholarship Due

February 15: Bell County EEA Scholarship Due

February 16: CDM Practice & NQB Practice

February 17: Ag Product ID Practice

February 19: Leaders 4 Life Meeting

February 20: Clover Kid Meeting

February 20: San Antonio CDM Contest

February 23: CDM Practice & NQB Practice

February 23: 4-H/FCS Coalition Meeting, 6-7 pm

February 26: Leaders 4 Life Meeting

**February 27: Consumer Decision Making Contest
and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest**

March 1: Bell County 4-H Scholarship Due

March 1: TAIA Scholarship Due

March 1: Photography Contest submitted electronically to siraley@ag.tamu.edu

March 2: Vet Science Project Meeting

March 3: Ag Product ID Practice

March 19: Bell EEA Style Show

March 19: Clover Kids Meeting

March 28: D8 Horse Judging entry deadline

March 30: County Council Meeting

March 31: Bell County Round Up

**March 31: Lobbyist & Press Corps applications
closes online for Texas 4-H Congress**



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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

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