

February 2017 Focus

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BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR IS HERE!

FEBRUARY 4–11, 2017

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER

PRCA Rodeo will be Feb. 9–11

NO VENDORS AT OUR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The BCYF Catalog is available here:

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

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS!!



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BCYF Schedule

2017 BELL CO. YOUTH FAIR SHOW SCHEDULE Subject to Change*

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| Weigh In Comm. Steers | Sept. 10, 2016 | 8:00 am |
| Validate Lambs | Oct. 18 & 25, 2016 | 4 pm - 7 pm |
| Validate Meat Goats | Oct. 18 & 25, 2016 | 4 pm - 7 pm |
| Validate Heifers | Oct. 17, 2016 | 4 pm - 7 pm |
| Validate Swine | Nov. 22 & 29, 2016 | 4 pm - 7 pm |
| Entry Deadline (AG & FCS) | Dec. 1, 2016 | 8 am - 5 pm |
| Rabbits Validation | Jan. 8, 2017 | 3 pm - 7 pm |
| Weight Out Comm. Steers | Jan. 28, 2017 | 8:00 am |
| Swine Carcass Contest Weigh-in | Jan. 29, 2017 | 1 pm - 2 pm |
| Comm. Steer Record Books Due | Feb. 3, 2017 | 5:00 pm (turn books in at the Co. Extension Office only) |

Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights:

Speed Events: Jan. 23 & 30 - Feb. 2, 2017 - (6:00 - 9:00 pm)
Performance Events: Jan. 24 & 31, 2017 (6-9pm), Feb. 3 (3 - 9 pm)

SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 2017

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| 7:45-8:15 a.m. | Check In Horses |
| 8:00-9:00 a.m. | Check in for Showmanship at Fair Office |
| 8:30 a.m. | Horse Show (Halter, Western, English) |
| 9:00 a.m. | Check in, Appearance Judging & Rehearsal for Fashion Revue |
| 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. | Move in Commercial Steers |
| 10:00 a.m. | Grade Commercial Steers |
| 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Move in all Heifers |
| 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Check Heifer Papers |
| 5:30 p.m. | Fashion Revue—Public Show—Special Events Room |
| 6:30 p.m. | Clem Mikeska Exhibitor Appreciation Supper and Dance. |

SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 2017

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| 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. | Move in all Swine. Must check in with Superintendents to get pen assignments on arrival. |
| 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | Move in all Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep. They must be in place by 12:00 noon. |
| 1:00-1:30 p.m. | Check in horses |
| 1:30 p.m. | Timed Events Start |
| 12:00-1:30 p.m. | Weigh and Classify Market Lambs |
| 2:00 p.m. | All Breeding Swine Cards due into fair office |
| 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Pickup Swine Showmanship exhibitor numbers from Livestock Office. |
| 3:00 p.m. | Weigh and Classify Hogs - In this order (Durocs, Crosses, Black OPBs, Hamps, White OPBs & Yorks). |

MONDAY, FEB. 6, 2017

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| 8:00 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. or (30 minutes after conclusion of Heifer show) | Judge 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 7, 2017. |
| Peewee lamb showmanship will be at the Conclusion of the market lamb showmanship. | |
| 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. 7, 2017

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| 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. Peewee showmanship at the conclusion of the mkt. swine showmanship. (See rules on page 5). |
| 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. |
| 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon | Move in all Breeding & Market Goats. They must be in place by 12:00 noon. |
| 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 be done during the breeding rabbit show. |
| 12:00-1:30 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 Steer Weigh In & Classify |

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 2017

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| 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. (Peewee goat showmanship will be at the Conclusion of the market goat showmanship) (See rules on page 5). |
| 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. | Miri 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. 9, 2017

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| 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 of Farm Shop the Farm Shop area. After conclusion 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. |

FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

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| 7:00 -10:00 a.m. | Release remaining Farm Shop Projects |
| 7:00 a.m. | Livestock Judging Registration |
| 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Vet Science Skillathon Registration |
| 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon | Livestock Judging Contest & Rabbit Judging Contest |
| 9:00 a.m. | Vet Science Skillathon Contest |
| 12:00 noon-6:00 p.m. | Release animals not in Auction or on Floor Price or in the Livestock judging contest. |
| 4:00 p.m. | All swine sale exhibitors/parents must help move mkt. swine to sale pens. |
| 7:30 p.m. | PRCA Rodeo |

SATURDAY, FEB. 11, 2017

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| 9:00 a.m. | Livestock exhibitor's mandatory pre-auction meeting. |
| 10:00 a.m. | FCS exhibitor's mandatory pre-auction meeting. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Auction Exhibitor BBQ, (free for Auction Exhibitors) Family members welcome for a fee. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Buyers Luncheon |
| 12:00 Noon | Awards, Bell County Youth Fair Plaza of Honor Dedication Ceremony, Commercial Steer Announcements & Awards Presentation & Auction Sale |
| 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Auction Sale | release all remaining animals and exhibits. |
| 7:30 p.m. | PRCA Rodeo |
| 8:00 p.m. | All exhibits must be removed from barn. |

ANY ANIMAL REMOVED FROM BARN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AUCTION SALE OR FLOOR PRICE.

ALL ANIMALS NOT REMOVED FROM THE BARN BY 7:00 P.M., FEB. 11, 2017 WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW.

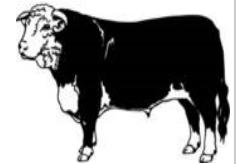
PEEWEE SHOWMANSHIP RULES:

1. Parent/legal guardian must be ring side the entire time during peewee showmanship.
2. Only animals entered and exhibited in the BCYF will be used for peewee showmanship.
3. Ages - 2nd grade and below/younger will be allowed to show in peewee showmanship.
4. Only a BCYF exhibitor is to assist peewee exhibitors in the ring.

Bell County Youth Fair

Commercial Steers Weigh Out

Recordbooks for the Commercial Steer contest need to be turned in to the Bell County Extension Office (Youth Fair Office) by 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017.



BCYF Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights

Speed Events: February 2—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



Performance Events: February 3—6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Ride night events are only for the contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show and only the contestant horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the events in 2016. 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.

Thank you!

We want to thank everyone who has been involved in planning and preparing for the upcoming Bell County Youth Fair. This event could not happen without the support of our 4-H Club Managers, volunteers and parents. Please remember that this event is designed to benefit the youth in Bell County and to develop our future leaders. Let's not lose focus of our goal and show that 4-H is the best youth organization in the state!





County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

The next County Council Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, March 28th** at the CEO. This meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. The community service project will be Caps for Love. Collect all metal can tabs AND plastic bottle screw on tops. All council delegates from the 4-H Clubs are strongly encouraged to attend all council meetings!

Future Council Meeting Dates: **May 8**

4-H Ambassadors at the Bell County Youth Fair

Make sure you check your emails and respond to Sheryl and/or Whitney on which Bell County Youth Fair events you can assist with.

Buyer's Luncheon or Auction—Saturday, February 11th

Livestock Judging Contest—Friday, February 10th

Family & Consumer Science Judging—Monday, February 6th

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Committee Meeting

(By-Laws, Finance Guidelines, and Nominations)

When: March 30, 2017

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting will not only nominate new officers for President and Treasurer, but we will also review the MAB by-laws, review the Finance Guideline. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.

4-H Exchange Fundraiser

4-H Exchange kids will be selling "Freezer Full of Meat" tickets during the Bell County Youth Fair. The drawing will be Saturday, February 11th during the PRCA rodeo. Cost is a \$5 donation and the lucky winner will receive 7cubic feet chest freezer, 90lbs pork and 100lbs beef. All proceeds goes back kids trip to Washington on July 2-9, 2017. They will learn about agriculture, history, environment, culture, and so much more. Contact Kathy Ide if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events



Ag Product ID Practice

Ag Product ID practices are scheduled for the following dates:

- February 22
- March 8, 17
- April 5

Practices will be at 6:00 at the 702 House. New participants are invited! Teams for the District 8 contest will be forming soon! Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293 if you have any questions regarding this contest.

Vet Science Meeting Schedule

March 1st @ 6:30PM @ Belton Small Animal Clinic

(Texas 4-H Round Up Vet Science Skillathon application due/tour/activity)

APRIL – TBA – open house at Texas A&M Veterinary College

MAY 10th @ 6:30PM @ Temple Public Library Board Room 3rd floor (End of year party/Lesson)

JUNE 8th @ Texas A&M Vet Science Skillathon @ Texas 4-H Round Up

Contact Stacee Winters or Richard Lary for more information.

Photography Project Info

Monday, Mar 13th: 9:00 a.m.—Noon at the Payne Farm in Moody

Saturday, May 20th : TBD (Possibly Flower/Fauna Photography at botanical gardens)

Tuesday, July 18: TBD (Possibly all day workshop - food, night or dominant color photography)

Bell County Photography Contest

The Bell County Photography Contest is right around the corner! Entries must be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu. Do not bring in a flash drive! The Bell County entry deadline will be **Friday, March 3rd**. Winners of the Bell County Contest will advance to the District 8 contest. Senior aged 4-H members that win their category at the Bell County contest will also advance to the State 4-H contest.

Please make sure and follow the instruction on the 2017 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules & Guidelines.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Texas4H_Photo_Rules.pdf

Clover Kids

The next meetings for the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids are from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on:

February 18 @ TBA (check your email for update)

March 18 @ TBA (check your email for update)

May 20 @ Temple Public Library, 3rd floor McLane Room

Clover Kids Camp is June 17 @ Temple Public Library, 1:00 -4:00 p.m.

Clover Kids Fair is July 15 @ First United Methodist Church in Belton, 10:00 a.m.



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. Sheryl will be e-mailing applications to family e-mails listed on 4-H Connect for 4-H members listed in Grade 12. Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Texas 4-H Foundation FINAL application due to District 8 Office - **February 3, 2017**

Houston Go Texan Scholarship—to Houston Livestock show by **February 3, 2017**

Texas Extension Education Association—**February 15, 2017** to the Bell CEO, must be accompanied by 4-H Recordbook

Bell County TEEA Scholarship—to CEO by **February 15, 2017**

State Fair of Texas Scholarship—to SFT by **February 15, 2017**

Bell County 4-H Scholarship—to CEO by **March 1, 2017**

Bell County Youth Fair—to CEO by **April 7, 2017**

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—**May 15, 2017** to Erath County

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

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 April 6th at the First United Methodist Church in Belton.**

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 24th.

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.



FCS Project News



Bell County CDM & Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest

The Bell County Consumer Decision Making Contest and Nutrition Quiz Bowl Contest will take place at the CEO on **Monday, February 13th starting at 6:00 p.m.** The entry deadline for both of these contests will be **Friday, February 3rd.** The entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-h website. Please email those forms to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

Nutrition Quiz Bowl & CDM Practices

Practices will be held at the First Baptist Church 702 House in Belton. CDM will be from 5:00—6:30 p.m. and NQB practice will be from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Call Barbara Wood at 254-624-6507 for more information.

- February 20, 27

Bell County Fashion Show & Trashion Show & Storyboard & Duds for Dazzle

March 9, 2017 will be the Bell County contest for all 4-H fashion competitions. The location will be First United Methodist Church in Belton. Start working on your projects now! Entry deadline will be **Friday, February 24th.** Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website. Please email the forms to Jackie.McLaughlin@ag.tamu.edu.

Bell EEA Style Show & Luncheon

The 12th Annual Luncheon with Style presents:

“Swing into Spring” with fashions from Vis-à-Vis Galleria, Rogers, TX

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 18, 2017. The baked potato/salad lunch will start at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are available at the CEO, \$12 per person. Reserved table for 8 people, \$100.

Ticket deadline: **Monday, March 13, 2017**

Strip Piecing Doll Quilt

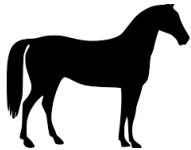
This is a 3 part class teaching the basics of quilting in a small doll-sized quilt. Supplies are provided in class, so you just need to bring \$5 to offset the fabric costs as well as your sewing kit. (Sewing Kit: sharp scissors, hand sewing needle, thread, seam ripper, measuring tape and pin cushion.)

All classes will be at the County Extension Office in the Meeting Room from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please RSVP by April 1 as the class size will be limited due to the hands-on nature of this project. You may email Jammie Payne for more information or to be a volunteer youth leader: pljammie@yahoo.com.

Class #1—April 10 - Piecing a quilt top

Class #2—April 17 - Making the quilt sandwich and quilting

Class #3—April 24 - Binding and finishing the quilt



Livestock Project News



Homeschool Eligibilities for Major Stock Shows

Bell County 4-H members that are homeschooled and entered in any Major Livestock Show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin) must fill out and submit your form to Scarlot Barreras at least one week prior to your beginning show date. One form per child per show.

Let Sheryl or Scarlot know if you have any questions.

Major Stock Shows

Passes for San Angelo and San Antonio are available for pick up at the CEO.

Best of luck to all exhibitors representing Bell County 4-H at Texas Majors!

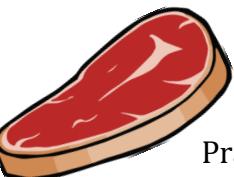
Livestock Judging Team

Our first Livestock Judging contest of 2017 will be the **Bell County Youth Fair on Friday, February 10th**. If you would like to participate in this contest, email Whitney at whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu so that she can sign you up to compete. A \$10 entry fee will be collected the day of the contest. **Please meet us in the livestock barn at 7:00am for registration.**

Good Luck to our Bell County teams at these upcoming contests!

Travel arrangements will be conducted by email contest week.

- **San Angelo Stock Show Contest—February 18th**
- **San Antonio Livestock Exposition Contest—February 26th**



Meat Judging Practices

Meat judging practice will take place the following days.

- February 14, 16, 21, and 23

Practices will be held at the County Extension Office (CEO) in Belton, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Contact the CEO or Nora Whitson if you have any questions.

Important Dates

February 2017

- February 2: County Holiday, CLOSED
- February 2: BCYF Ride Night—Speed
- February 3: BCYF Ride Night—Performance
- February 3: BCYF Commercial Steer Recordbooks due to CEO
- February 3: Texas 4-H Scholarship Due to D8
- February 3: Houston Go Texan Scholarship Due
- February 3: Bell County CDM Entry Deadline
- February 3: Bell County NQB Entry Deadline
- February 4-11: BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
- February 8: Ag Product ID Practice
- February 13: Bell County CDM & NQB Contest
- February 15: TEEA Scholarship Due
- February 14: Meat Judging Practice
- February 15: Bell County TEEA Scholarship Due
- February 16: Meat Judging Practice
- February 17: Ag Product ID Practice
- February 18: Clover Kid Meeting
- February 20: CDM & NQB Practice
- February 21: Meat Judging Practice
- February 22: Ag Product ID Practice
- February 23: Meat Judging Practice
- February 24: Bell County Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- February 27: CDM & NQB Practice

March 2017

- March 1: Bell County 4-H Scholarship Due
- March 1: Vet Science Meeting
- March 1: Bell County 4-H Scholarship due to CEO
- March 3: Bell County Photography Contest Entry Deadline
- March 8: Ag Product ID Practice
- March 9: Bell County Fashion Show
- March 13: Photography Project Meeting
- March 13: Ticket deadline for EEA Style Show
- March 17: Ag Product ID Practice
- March 18: Clover Kid Meeting
- March 24: Bell County Round Up Entries Due
- March 28: County Council Meeting
- March 30: MAB Committee Meetings



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