

Bell County 4-H News



February 2010



Calendar of Events

February

February 3: Comm. Steer Recordbooks Due-CEO

February 6: San Antonio Consumer Contest

February 6-13: BCYF

February 15: CEO Closed

February 16: State, District, and Clover Kid Photos Due-CEO

February 18: Dog Project Meeting-6pm-Expo

February 23: County Council-CEO-6:30pm

February 25: Dog Meeting-6pm-CEO

February 27: Jean Give Away-Temple Bible Church-8am

March

March 2: Roundup Orientation Night-CEO-6pm

March 4: Dog Project Meeting-Expo-6pm

March 6: District Consumer & Nutrition Quiz Bowl-Waco

March 12: County Roundup Entries Due-CEO

March 12: County Fashion Show Entries Due-CEO

March 16-17: 4-H Spring Clothing Blast-8am-5pm-CEO

March 18: Dog Project Meeting-CEO-6pm

March 20: County Fashion Show-Expo-3pm

March 23: County Council-CEO-6:30pm

March 25: Dog Project Meeting-CEO-6pm

March 27: County Roundup-Belton Methodist Church-9am

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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/>

Bell County 4-H

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!



GET YOUR 4-H HOODIES & T-SHIRTS



Be sure and get your 4-H Hoodies and T-shirts so you can wear it during the Bell County Youth Fair to represent 4-H and to keep warm! You can purchase them at the County Extension Office.

Hoodies- \$20.00

Black T-shirts- \$10.00

(Choice of green or pink lettering)

Camo T-shirts- \$12.00 (pink lettering only)

State Contest Opportunities!

There are two contests that have deadlines slowly bearing down us. The 4-H Has Talent Competition (<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/4-HHasTalent.pdf>), which is new for 2010, has a deadline of March 19, 2010.

Clothing T-Shirts

We will be taking orders for T-Shirts for the clothing and textiles project shirt. The shirt will be \$10 and will be white with the similar design above. Shirt sizes will range from youth medium all the way to A-4x. Order forms can be obtained on the Bell County 4-H Website under clothing and textiles. T-Shirts will be ordered on March 1st so make sure and order now! Order forms and money can be delivered to the Extension Office.



Thanks & Great Job to Erin & Clara Steglich for designing the T-Shirt.

Community Service-Jean Drive

The Bell County Clothing and Textile Board are organizing a community-wide jean drive from February 1st through the 26th to help families in our community. Bring all your new and gently used jeans to the County Extension Office or Bell County Youth Fair by February 24th. You can also ask your friends and neighbors to donate their unused jeans as well. **All donated jeans will be given away on the 27th of February at Temple Bible Church beginning at 8 a.m.**

County Council Meeting

The Council meeting will be held on: **February 23, 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. **Don't forget to BRING COKE TABS!!** Our coke tab totals show that 4-His Glory is currently in the lead.

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

- **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

County Roundup Contests

The County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share The Fun. **County Roundup will be held March 27th at 9am at the Belton First United Methodist Church Educational Building.** A County roundup project **orientation will be held March 2nd at 6:00pm 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.

Entry Forms and more information can be found on the Bell County 4-H website under the Roundup Contest link on the left.

Scholarship Deadlines

All scholarship information/requirements and applications are available by going to: <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu> and Click on Bell County 4-H Website then Scholarships.

Scholarship	Deadline	Due To:
Backland Income Growers (BIG) Scholarship	December 1, 2009	BIG Committee (CEA signature needed)
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) 2009 Area Go Texan Scholarship Application	January 7, 2010	HLSR
Texas 4-H Scholarships - Baccalaureate Technical -Courageous Heart -Collegiate	January 8, 2010 January 18, 2010 February 1, 2010	1 st Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent 2 nd Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent County Ext. Office
TEEA 4-H Scholarship	February 1, 2010	County Extension Office
State Fair of Texas Scholarship	March 1, 2010	State Fair of Texas
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2010 Hildebrand Scholarship Application	February 19, 2010	HLSR
USDA/1890 National Scholars Program	TBA	USDA/1890 Program
Bell County 4-H Scholarship	March 22, 2010	County Extension Office
Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship	April 9, 2010	County Extension Office
Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship	March 26, 2010	Hot of Texas Office
District 8 4-H Scholarship	April 30, 2010	County Extension Office

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!

Project HEARTBEAT

Project HEARTBEAT is an organization encouraging homeless awareness in the Belton Independent School District area. Their goal is to identify and support these families. Due to our current economic downturn, it is now more important than ever to help those in our community in need. Currently, there are 168 identified students in this situation. To help these students and their families, Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and Bell County 4-H County Council are asking for donations such as small child-friendly space heaters, compact laundry baskets, home items, bedding, clothing, etc. If you have questions or would like to donate please contact Bell County 4-H Ambassador, Kyler Tormey at 254-780-1515.

CLOTHING PROJECT

The Clothing Board has some fun and exciting new opportunities available for the Clothing and Textiles Project Members! Please see the schedule below for details!!!

March 16, and 17th: Bell County 4-H Spring Clothing Blast (Schedule of Activities subject to change based on availability)

- **Tuesday- 8am-5pm- Meet at CEO**, Tour around Bell Co. to learn about sewing techniques; Sewing Project-cup koozies and knitting/crocheting in afternoon.
- **Wednesday- 8am-5pm, Meet at CEO**, Waco Tour- Baylor University's FCS Fashion Department, Mall tour of Clothing, and afternoon cross-stitch and modeling for preparation for Style Show and Fashion Show.

****If you are available to help with transportation, we would appreciate the help. All clovers are invited but must be accompanied by an older sibling or adult.

March 12th- (NEW DATE!!!!) Fashion Show Entries Form Due to Office

March 20th- Bell County Extension Education Association Luncheon with Style- morning- Bell County 4-H members will be modeling their outfits. If you are interested in modeling at the style show and you have sewed your garment, please contact the County Extension Office and talk to Pat.

March 20th- (NEW DATE!!!!) County Fashion Show, 3pm, Expo Assembly Hall

April 16th- District Fashion Show, 9:15am, TSTC

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 in the spring, so please have your pictures back in the Extension Office by **February 16, 2010.**

Clovers and Seniors photo contests entries are due February 16, 2010 into the County Extension Office. County Entry Forms are available on the Bell County 4-H Website!



NEW PROJECT CLUB!!! Bell County 4-H Barking Buddies is here!

We have a new 4-H dog project club named Barking Buddies. The dog project started with an orientation meeting on January 14th and has had 2 project meetings so far.

The other dates for the club will be:

February 18th: Expo, 6-8pm

February 25th: County Extension Office, 6-8pm, NO DOGS

March 4th: Expo, 6-8pm

March 18th: County Extension Office, 6-8pm, NO DOGS

March 25th: County Extension Office, 6-8pm, NO DOGS

April 16th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

April 30th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

May 14th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

May 21st: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

June 4th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

June 11th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

June 18th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

June 25th: Littman's Home for Agility, 6-8pm

Dates and Locations subject to change.

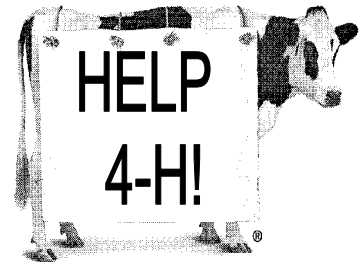
You do not have to have a dog to participate. If you choose to participate you will need to fill out the project paperwork located on the Bell County 4-H Website under Dog Project.

If you are interested in being a part of the Dog Project Club, please contact Lisa Littman at lisa_littman@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE!!

Next year's Hunter Spectacular is scheduled
for October 16, 2010

Hey Guys and Gals! We need all 4-H members and leaders to help spread the word about the Spirit Day at Chick-fil-A on Thursday, February 11, 2010 (Yes during the Youth Fair). Bell County 4-H will receive 15% of all items sold at the stores when given this card to the right. If your 4-H Club or other group is also buying trays from Chick-fil-A for the Fair on this Thursday, you can use the card to get 15% for Bell County 4-H. Please fill free to make copies for your members and pass out during the fair. Some 4-H members will have copies of the card to pass out during the Fair. We do ask that no 4-H members stand outside the stores and give out the cards. Thanks and help spread the word!



Join Us At Spirit Day!

People like you make our community a better place. But what about the cows? Tell you what – stop by and present this form at the Chick-fil-A® restaurant listed below on your designated "Spirit Night." Based upon ALL DAY sales, Chick-fil-A will make a donation to your school/organization. Not only do the cows win, but you will too!

School / Organization: Bell County 4-H

Date of Spirit Night: Thursday, February 11, 2010

Redeemable only at: North 31st Street and Temple Mall Drive-Thru

Amount spent: _____

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"Welcome to the Real World"

Blue & White 4-H Club presents "Welcome to the Real World"!

Saturday, February 27, 2010

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Harker Heights Activity Center

400 Indian Trail, Harker Heights, Texas 76548

Real World is a hands-on simulation that gives young people the opportunity to explore career opportunities and make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those adults face on a daily basis.

Participants assume that they have completed basic educational requirements for a job and are single, 25 years of age, and independent with no financial support from family or others.

After investigating potential careers, program participants receive a monthly salary for their chosen career and then proceed through the Real World activity, deducting taxes and spending their monthly "salary" on the necessary and luxury items that reflect the career and lifestyle they have chosen. Spending choices are made from some of the following categories: Housing, Groceries, Transportation, Clothing, Insurance, Entertainment and Utilities.

This program is geared towards middle school-college students.

For more information and to register contact: Sheryl Austin, Extension Agent 933-5305



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BELL COUNTY 4-H FOCUS

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Randall Rakowitz
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Micah Holcombe".

Micah Holcombe
County Extension Agent
4-H and Youth Development

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Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Houston & Star of Texas Broiler Pick-up-CEO-3-5pm	3 Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due-CEO	4	5	6 San Antonio Consumer Contest
	Fort Worth Stock Show					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Bell County Youth Fair					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day 	CEO Closed	State, District, & Clover Kid Photos Due-CEO		Dog Project Meeting-Expo-6pm		
	San Antonio Livestock Show					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		County Council-CEO-6:30pm		Dog Project Meeting-CEO-6pm		Jean Give Away-Temple Bible Church-8am
	San Angelo Livestock Show					
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