



Bell County 4-H February Newsletter

Calendar of Events

February

February 1: TX 4-H Scholarship Deadline - Due to CEO
February 2: 4-H Day at the Texas Capital
February 5: San Antonio Consumer Contest, 4-5pm
February 5-12: BCYF
February 17: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice, 6:30-8:30pm, CEO
February 21: CEO Closed
February 22: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO
February 22: Deadline to RSVP for Beginners Knitting Class
February 26: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice, 1-3pm, CEO

April

April 1: Deadline to RSVP for Crochet Class
April 1 & 2: County Fashion Show, Belton First Methodist Church
April 2: County Roundup, 9am, Belton First United Methodist Church
April 5: Crochet Class, 6pm, CEO
April 12: District Roundup Practice, 6pm, CEO

March

March 1: Deadline to RSVP for Clothing Blast
March 1, 8 & 29: Beginners Knitting Class, 6:30pm, CEO
March 7: Photography Contest all entries due to CEO
March 15 & 16: Spring Clothing Blast, 9am-4pm, CEO
March 19: 5K Walk & Run, 8:45am, Harris Community Center
March 20: Roundup Orientation Meeting, 2pm, CEO
March 21: Fashion Show Entry Forms Due
March 22: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO
March 26: EE Style Show, 11am, Expo

April 14: Volunteer Appreciation Night, 6pm, Expo
April 15: District Fashion Show & Leaders 4Life Contest, Stephenville
April 16: District Roundup, Waco
April 19: Recordbook Workshop, 6pm, CEO
April 22: CEO Closed
April 26: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

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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://agrilife.org/bell4h/>

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!





4-H County Council

<u>MONTH/DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
February 22	"Backwards Day"	Tell & Show Fair
March 22	"I Bleed Green"	Roundup Presentations
April 26	"Surf's Up"	Officer Elections

February Meeting: The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **February 22, 2011 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 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.





GET YOUR BELL COUNTY 4-H T-SHIRT/HOODIE!!

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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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

All Scholarship information/requirements and applications are available by going to:
<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/> Please make sure and review this
information. Many deadlines are coming up in February and March.

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.





FOOD AND NUTRITION QUIZ BOWL

REMINDER! Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl practices will be February 17th from 6:30-8:30, and February 26th from 1-3.

The **District Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be held on March 5th in Waco.**

County Roundup Contests

The County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, and Share The Fun. **County Roundup will be held April 2nd at 9am at the Belton First United Methodist Church Educational Building.** A County roundup project **orientation will be held March 20th at 2:00pm 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.

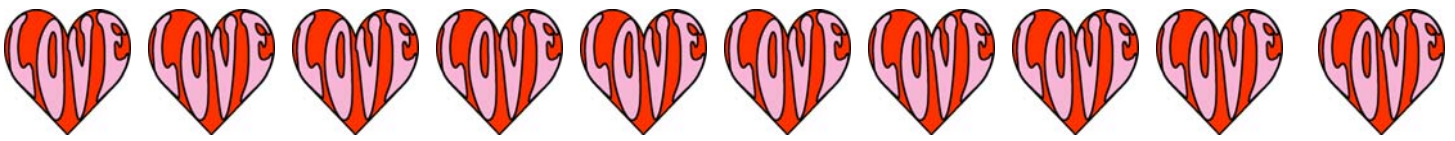
Public Speaking is speaking to a group without visuals and about some issue or topic.

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 Projects.



Clothing Opportunities

Sewing Work Night

February 28th pm, 6:30pm at County Extension Office

Do you have some projects that you didn't finish in time for the BCYF? If so then this night is for you. Bring a UFO (UnFinished Object) and a snack to share and we will spend the evening sewing together. It will be a fun time and we will have the sewing machines set up. You can work on any clothing and textiles project, sewing, crochet, knitting, etc. We will also have t-shirts there to recycle into reusable grocery bags. No RSVP required.

Beginners Knitting Class

March 1, 8, 29, 6:30pm, at the County Extension Office

Learn to knit a washcloth and serve the community at the same time. We will knit 50 washcloths to give to Hope Pregnancy Center. This will be led by Sierra Littman, Bell County 4-H member. Bring a bottle of baby wash or baby shampoo to participate in this class. RSVP by February 22st.

2nd Annual Spring Clothing Blast

March 15th and 16th 9am - 4 pm at the County Extension Office

This year the Clothing Board will have workshops on the first day taught by 4-H members with lunch at the County Extension Office. Workshops include internet fashion design, crochet, plastic canvas, ipod/iphone bling cover. The second day we will take a trip to Waco to tour Homestead Heritage. We will hopefully see how to spin wool into yarn and how to weave and/or other fiber arts. Tour is tentative but if not, the group will be doing another tour activity. RSVP by March 1st.

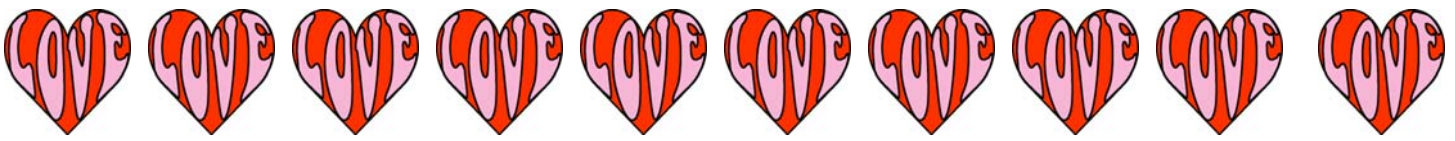
Crochet Class

April 5th 6 pm at County Extension Office

This will be taught by Victoria Buckner. Bell County 4-H member. She will teach basic crochet and promote the Linus Project.

RSVP by April 1st





2011 DAISY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

Daisy Manufacturing is once again offering the Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for 2011. **The deadline to apply is May 15, 2011.**

The qualifications for scholarship consideration include:

1. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA from high school
2. Three years participation in 4-H shooting sports
3. Recommendation of HS counselor or principal
4. Recommendation of 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative
5. Scholarship would be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, College or University
6. Application would require a 250 - 500 word essay about How participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports better prepared them for college and for life.
7. Certified copy of high school transcript.
8. Scholarship money would be available in the second semester of the freshman year and can be used for books, housing, and or college fees.
9. The scholarship of \$500.00 will be awarded at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational each year.

If you are interested, please come by the CEO to pick up an application or visit the website: <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/>

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge!

This workshop will talk about contest structure, team strategies, and all aspects of the Outdoor Challenge including:

- Shooting Sports (*rifle, shotgun, and archery*)
- Sportfishing
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Camping/Outdoor Living Skills
- Orienteering
- Identification of Wildlife and Natural Resources
- Outdoor Safety
- Teamwork
- Decision-making
- Mountaineering

Workshop Details:

- *Tuesday, April 12, 2011 @ 6:30pm*
- *Hood County Extension Office, Granbury, TX*
- *Presented by: Derrick Bruton, Extension 4-H Specialist, D4*
- *Please RSVP at 817-579-3280 by Friday, April 8 so we can secure enough handouts*
- *Special needs? Let us know when you RSVP.*



***Bell County
Extension Education Association's
6th Annual Luncheon With Style***

Presents

***“Fashions In Bloom”
Style Show & Baked Potato/Salad Lunch***

Saturday, March 26, 2011-11:00a.m.

**Bell County Expo-Belton TX
General Assembly Hall**

Fashions By:

*Tickets-Adults-\$10.00
Age 12 & under-\$7.00
Reserved Tables for 8-\$96.00
Tickets available from EEA member:
Name: _____
Phone# _____
Or at the County Extension Office
254-933-5305*

***Table Reservations Available
Please contact Gayle Pomykal
254-985-2201***

***Advance Tickets Only
Reservation Deadline:
Friday, March 18, 2011***



***Narrator:
Lauren Westbrook
Reporter-KWTX TV-Waco***



Photography Contest

NEW!!! This year's entries will be entered via a CD/Jump drive and will be an electronic contest. There are also new categories! All entries are due March 7, 2011. Please make sure and follow the instructions for County Below. The 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup Photography Rules and Guidelines are available on the Bell County 4-H website: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/> Please note: submission is different on the state rules so please read the rules below.

Participation Age: The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Photography contest will be displayed during the 2011 Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to all senior age 4-H members that have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday before August 31, 2010. Participants must have been born during the period beginning September 1, 1991 and ending August 31, 1996.

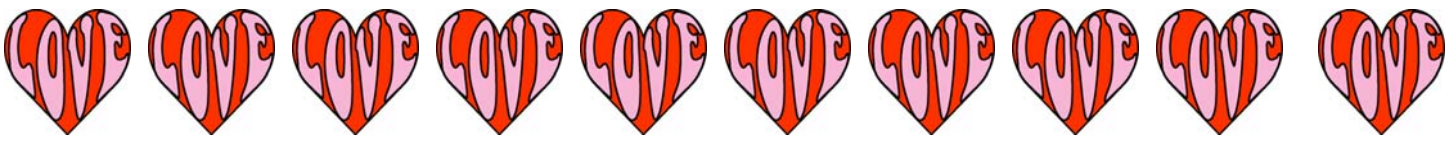
Number of Entries: You may only enter 1 per category.

Formatting your Photograph: The longest side of any submission must not exceed 850 pixels in size. All files must be saved in RGB mode with a sRGB embedded color profile. Images must be JPEG/jpg format and must not exceed 1 MB. Full resolution or original camera files will be requested from select entrants (Best of Show and those wanted for marketing/promotional purposes).

Labeling/Naming your Photograph: Each photograph will need to be clearly labeled with the 4-H member's name (first and last) and the name of the category (see below for label name). For example: A 4-H member entering the Details & Marco category would label their photograph as: "Details_BobTaylor" (Details is the category file label name and BobTaylor is the 4-H member's name).

Submission of Photo: Each 4-H member will be responsible for turning in their jump drive/CD in to the County Extension Office by March 7, 2011. Also, in ADDITION to the CD/Jump drive, please fill out the county entry form and submit with CD/Jump drive. The County Extension Office is not responsible for any lost or stolen CDs and Jump drives after the conclusion of the contest and know that you may not receive your jump drive/CD back. Please also ONLY put those pictures submitted on the CD/Jump drive. Other photos will not be judged and submission is subject for disqualification of all entries if not completed correctly.

For a list of the new categories please visit our website:
<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/photographyproject/>



5K Walk and Run

March 19th is the 5K Walk and Run at the Harrison Community Center at 8:45am. We are asking all 4-H Clubs to come and participate. The club who has the most attending as well as recruited the most people will receive a party (up to \$50) for their club. All you have to do is make sure those who attend and register puts their club name on the top of the registration page.



Registration can be found by going to:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/5k-walk-and-run/>

Registration is \$10 and includes a T-Shirt.

4-H County Fashion Show



April 1-2, 2011, Belton First United Methodist Church

Interviews will be on Friday afternoon at the CEO and the runway and awards will be on Saturday at the County Roundup awards assembly. **Entry forms due by March 21st.** Please see all dates, entry forms, and other information about the Fashion Show/Contest on the Bell County Website: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/>

District Fashion Show

April 15th in Stephenville

There is a lot going on if you plan to be a 4-H clothing member! Get ready for a fun and exciting year!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Next year's Hunter Spectacular is scheduled
for October 15, 2011



Barking Bash

May 14, 2011 @ Bell County Expo Center from 9:00am-2:00pm

Event will include: Animal Photography (bring your cameras), Canine Good Citizenship practice and Testing (Testing will be an extra fee), Costume Contest, Service Dog demonstration, Rally Training workshop

Enrollment forms will be available in Mid Feb and **due in By April 10th**
(Forms will be posted on the Bell County 4H website under projects & dog.)

2011 County Camp

County Camp for Bell County 4-H is set for July 11-13, 2011 at Brownwood. Cost for county camp will be \$114 which includes: meals, lodging, transportation, and a T-Shirt. Registration forms will be available soon on the Bell County 4-H website! **Save the date!**




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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 TX 4-H Scholarship Deadline Due CEO	2 4-H Day at the Capital	3 San Antonio Livestock Show	4	5 San Antonio Consumer Contest BCYF
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		San Antonio Livestock Show				
		Bell County Youth Fair				
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