

BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS JANUARY 2009

Happy New Year



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2009

- January 1: New Year's Day-CEO-Closed
- January 6: Swine Workshop-CEO-6:30pm
- January 7: Rabbit Clinic-CEO-6:30pm
- January 8: Rabbit Validation-EXPO-5:30-7:30pm
- January 9-11: Teen Retreat-Brownwood
- January 12,13,19, 20, 26, 27: Ride Nights-EXPO
- January 13: Consumer Mtg-CEO-5:30-7:30pm
- January 15, 22, 29: Master Wellness-9:30-3:30pm
- January 17: 4-H Exchange Club Enchilada Sale
- January 19: MLK Day-CEO-Closed
- January 20: County Council Mtg-CEO-6:30pm
- January 21: MAB Mtg-CEO-6-8pm
- January 22: Consumer Mtg-CEO-5:30-7:30pm
- January 27: Consumer Decision Making Contest
- January 28: Pin Scarf Workshop-CEO-6:30pm
- January 31: Fashion Workshop-9am-12pm
- January 31: Weigh Out Comm. Steers-Evans Ranch
- January 31: Swine Carcass Weigh In-Expo-1pm

February 2009

- February 5: Comm. Steer Recordbooks Due-CEO
- February 5, 19: Master Wellness 9:30-3:30pm
- February 7: San Antonio Consumer Contest
- February 7-14: BCYF
- February 19: County Fashion Show
- February 21: Plant ID Contest



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Special Thanks!!!

A special thanks is in order for all those wonderful Bell County 4-H volunteers who helped make the Elite Christmas Classic a success. Whether you helped in the silent auction, the livestock show, bought items or tickets, or just helped by selling tickets to our drawings,

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP! Thanks also to all of the 4-H club's donating quality items which were sold in the silent auction!



Pin Scarf Workshop

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, January 28th 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.

You **MUST R.S.V.P.** to the CEO no later than **Friday, January 9th**, so that supplies may be ordered and received by mail in time for the event. 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.

The 4-H mall NO LONGER sells pin scarves, so come and create your very own scarf on January 28th!



Fashion Workshop

Do you like to buy clothes or do you like to sew your own clothing? This project is for you!

Next year will start with a 4-H fashion workshop. This workshop will be a lot of fun with a variety of lessons. We will be discussing skin care, color coordination based on your color of your skin, fashion design lessons, buying clothes and consumer decisions, and accessories.

We will also be taking a tour to various stores and will discuss the fashion show and fashion revue. Please come and learn about the clothing and textiles project and have some fun! **The fashion workshop will be held January 31st at the Ronald McDonald House from 9am-**

12pm. YOU MUST RSVP or we will not have enough information for members! Please **RSVP by the January 29th.** Parents and clover kids are welcome are welcome!



The Bell County 4-H Fashion Show is on February 19th and tentatively scheduled for the Garden Estates Assisted Living in Temple. Clover Kids are welcome to participate and sew or buy clothes for the fashion show.

Entry forms for the fashion show will be on the website later in January and available at the County workshop. Entry forms are due February 6th. **THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE FAMILY HANDBOOK!**

For more information on clothing and textiles project, please visit the Bell County 4-H Website in mid January for more information.

FYI: The District Fashion Retreat scheduled for February 14-15 has been cancelled/delayed. Please watch for other opportunities at a later date!

Today is a great time to start sewing or find that best buy during the after Christmas sales!!

2008-2009 Scholarships and Deadlines

Below are the scholarship deadlines for scholarships. Please check online for scholarship applications. If you need any help, please call the County Extension Office and ask for Micah or email her at: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu If you would like to also be on the email mailing list for scholarships, please email Micah.

Applications can be accessed by going to: <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/publications.cfm>

Scholarship	Deadline	Due To:
Backland Income Growers (BIG) Scholarship	December 1, 2008	County Extension Agent-4-H
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ (HLSR) 2007 Area Go Texan Scholarship Application	January 22, 2009	HLSR
Texas 4-H Scholarships - Baccalaureate Technical -Courageous Heart -Collegiate	January 5, 2009 January 20, 2009 February 10, 2009	1 st Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent 2 nd Draft- 4-H Ext. Agent County Ext. Office
TEEA 4-H Scholarship	February 1, 2009	County Extension Office
State Fair of Texas Scholarship	March 2, 2009	State Fair of Texas
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ 2009 Hildebrand Scholarship Application	March 4, 2009	HLSR (Ext Agent signature needed)
USDA/1890 National Scholars Program	TBA	USDA/1890 Program
Bell County 4-H Scholarship	March 23, 2009	County Extension Office
Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship	TBA	Hot of Texas Office
District 8 4-H Scholarship	May 1, 2009	County Extension Office
Texas Area Fund Foundation Cory Swartz Memorial Scholarship	TBA	Texas Area Fund Foundation

Master Wellness Volunteer Training

Master Wellness Volunteer Training: Receive 40 hours of training and give back 40 hours of service to your community. The training focuses on nutrition and dietary guidelines, food safety, food demonstrations, healthy lifestyle choices and children's health. Anyone can participate who is age 16 or above.

Dates: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 19

Time: 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM

Fee: \$50 (cost of materials)

Contact: Linda Fuchs or Sheryl Austin



Bell County Youth Fair Ride Nights

Parents please notice that Ride Night Supervisor will appointed for 2009. Chris Thornton who has done a fabulous job the Ride Night in the passed has stepped down this year. We will continue to hold the formal ride nights. All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members entered in the 2009 Horse Show events will get an invitation very shown from our office. I will be working to finalize presenters and helpers between now and January 1st.

Rules for ride nights are included on page 6 of the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show (RED) Catalogue, so please be familiar with them.

Ride night events are only for the Contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show. Only their horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the event and that can provide copies of current positive coggins testing are allowed on the grounds. Contestants must register each night and present coggins paperwork to ride in the arenas. Speed horses only on Speed nights, Performance horses only on Performance nights.

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.

- We need every one of you to focus on safety.
- We will have EMS on site at every ride night this year from 6:00 to 10:00.
- Security Staff will be present from 6:00 to 10:00.
- We will again have inside tie up area available along the West side of the C barn arena.
- Since we have many horses that are not familiar with each other and riders that may not be familiar with crowded type conditions, we would like to again have appointed safety monitors for each night. The idea would be that the safety monitor would be stationed in the congested areas and be responsible for helping the youth understand how to make safe decisions. We am looking for volunteers that will be safety monitors. Please report any unsafe conditions to them. If you would like to volunteer e-mail or call Dirk Aaron at the CEO.
- The goal is that the ride nights help beginners and newer entrants feel comfortable, help them have fun and give them confidence to compete in future events. At the same time we will strive to provide a safe place for the more experienced riders to get ride time and practice.

The ride nights will be only as good as we collectively make them, so your help is needed. If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions, please call Dirk or send an e-mail. My cell is (254)933-5305 or e-mail raaron@ag.tamu.edu.

4-H Club Reports

If you are interested in reading club reports, you can now find them by logging on to the Bell County website at <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/>

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at CEO in the Meeting Room. This is a change from the 4th Tuesday because of the County Consumer Contest. Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will meet 6pm before County Council.



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