

BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS JANUARY 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2010

- January 1:** New Year's Day-CEO-Closed
January 5: Advanced Swine Clinic-CEO-6pm-7:30pm
January 7: Rabbit Validation-Expo-5:30pm-7:30pm
January 8-10: Teen Retreat-Brownwood
January 8, 15, 22, 29: Master Wellness-9am-3pm
January 11, 18, 25 & February 1: Speed Events, 6pm, Expo
January 12, 19, 26 & February 2: Performance Events, 6pm, Expo
January 14: Photo Workshop Planning Meeting-CEO-6pm
January 14: Dog Project Orientation-6pm-CEO
January 18: MLK Day-CEO-Closed
January 18: Clothing Tour-CEO-10am-1pm
January 19: County Council Mtg-CEO-6:30pm
January 20: MAB Mtg-CEO-6-8pm
January 21: Dog Project Meeting-6pm-TBA
January 25: Youth Leadership Meeting-CEO-6pm
January 26: Consumer Contest-CEO-5:30-7:30pm
January 28: Dog Project Meeting-6pm-TBA
January 30: Weigh Out Comm. Steers-Evans Ranch-8am
January 30: Swine Carcass Weigh In-Expo-9-10am
January 30: Youth Leadership Presentation-Bio Science Institute, Temple-8am

FEBRUARY 2010

- February 4:** Dog Project Meeting-6pm-TBA
February 3: Comm. Steer Recordbooks Due-CEO
February 6: San Antonio Consumer Contest
February 6-13: BCYF
February 16: Fashion Show Entries Due to CEO
February 16: State, District, and Clover Kid Photos Due to CEO
February 18: Dog Project Meeting-6pm-TBA
February 20: County Fashion Show-TBA
February 23: County Council-CEO-6:30pm
February 25: Dog Meeting-6pm-TBA

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County Council Meeting

The Council meeting will be held on: **January 19, 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.

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

- **January- "Winter Wonderland"**
- 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

Clothing Tour

We will be having a surprise clothing tour on January 18th!!! We will be touring some fun places and learning a lot about clothing! We will meet at 10am at the Extension Office and go from there and be back at the office at 1pm. We ask that 4-H members bring \$10 for lunch. We also ask parents to come along and take youth to the tours. All clovers must have a chaperone.

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.

Also, the 2010 Texas 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest submission deadline is January 30, 2010. The deadline is just around the corner!! Information on this is located at the following website.

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/library/files/2010rulesbeekeeping.pdf>










On Saturday December 12th 2009, we held our first annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey at the Expo Center. This event was sponsored by the Bell County Youth Fair Executive Board, the Texas AgriLife Extension, and the Bell County Expo Center. All the benefits from this concert event are being used towards the Bell County Youth Fair Scholarship Fund.

This first year was a HUGE success and we thank everyone who came out and supported our efforts to help raise funds for the scholarship program. Michael Martin Murphey highlighted the night with his amazing musical talent and entertainment acts. The food, catered by Triple Seven caterers, was enjoyed by all. And the night ended with a live auction that made over \$3,000.00!

This Scholarship is open for all graduating high school seniors in Bell County who have participated in the Youth Fair and have shown commitment to the Fair, their local clubs, their schools & their communities. These "Life-Changing" scholarships range from \$750.00 per year to \$1,000.00 per year and can be used at both a 4-year university and a 2-year college or higher educational program. Applications will be available in January with Pam Reavis in the Extension Office or on the Extension website (<http://bell-tx.tamu.edu>) and are due by April 9, 2010.

The goals that we set for our first year with the Cowboy Christmas Ball were met and then some. With the paperwork still coming in, our final monies raised for the Scholarship Program is expected to exceed \$35,000.00! A BIG thank you again to all who made this event possible and who came out and enjoyed the performance with us.

Important Dates for Bell County Youth Fair & Major Shows

 RABBIT VALIDATION	JAN. 7, 2010	5:30- 7:30 PM EXPO
 WEIGH OUT COMM. STEERS	JAN. 30, 2010	8AM EVANS RANCH
 SWINE CARCASS WEIGH IN	JAN. 30, 2010	9:00-10:00 AM EXPO
 HOUSTON/STAR BROILERS IN	FEB. 2, 2010	CALL IN FOR TIME
 COMM. STEER RECORD BOOK DUE	FEB. 3, 2010	BY 5:00 P.M.
 BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR	FEB. 6-13, 2010	Expo
 <u>HORSE RIDE NIGHTS:</u>		
 PERFORMANCE – JAN. 12, 19, 26, & FEB. 2, 2010		
 SPEED — JAN. 11, 18, 25, & FEB. 1, 2009		

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	February-March 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 2010	Hot of Texas Office
District 8 4-H Scholarship	April 30, 2010	County Extension Office
Texas Area Fund Foundation Cory Swartz Memorial Scholarship	TBA	Texas Area Fund Foundation



Dog Project Meeting

If you are interested in doing the dog project, we must have all 4-H members fill out the **dog certification form by January 10, 2010. This form is a state mandate for all 4-H members.** This form is due to the Extension Office by January 10th. If you do not know if you are going to do the project or thinking about it, please go ahead and fill out the forms. We also ask that you fill out the proper paperwork for the dog project and bring it to the first meeting. The paperwork can be found on the Bell County 4-H Website under "dog project". The paperwork is guidelines for the project as well as records required for the dog.

On **January 14, 2010, the first ever dog project meeting will be held at the Extension Office Meeting Room at 6pm.** You will have the chance to learn about the dog project and what opportunities will be available for the members and their dogs! The meeting will be at 6pm and this meeting will be just members NO DOGS this time! This meeting will simply be an orientation.

We look forward to having our first meeting and hope you can come! Remember NO DOGS at the first meeting! Come and learn about the dog project! Unfortunately, clover kid members are not allowed to bring dogs or show the dogs but may come to the meetings to learn and help leaders.

Thanks for your help and cooperation with this matter! Please do not forget to do your certification form by the Jan 10th deadline and bring the rest to the Jan 14th Meeting!!!



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. **Applications due to the Bell County Extension Office by December 11, 2009.**

Dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 Feb. 5

Time: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Fee: \$50 (cost of materials)

Contact: Linda Fuchs or Sheryl Austin @ 254-933-5305



2009-2010 Deer Hunting Contest

Nov. 7th – Jan. 17th

Central Texas Christian School 4-H Club

Fundraiser for Club Operations

Entry fee \$25.00 per person

1st – 2nd – 3rd Place Winners w/prizes

For info and forms go to www.ctcs4hclub.com

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 February 1st so make sure and order now! Order forms and money can be delivered to the Extension Office.



Bell County Youth Fair Ride Nights

Parents please notice that Ride Night Supervisor for 2010 will be Karla Hedrick and I.

We will continue to hold the formal ride nights.

The official ride nights are not correct in the BCYF rule book. Please notice that the following schedule:

January 11, 18, 25, and February 1st are speed event nights.

January 12, 19, 26, and February 2nd are performance event nights.

All 4-H, FFA and FCCLA members entered in the 2010 Horse Show events will get an invitation from our office. I will be working with Karla Hedrick to finalize presenters and helpers between now and January 11th.

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 events in 2010. 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.

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 are 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.



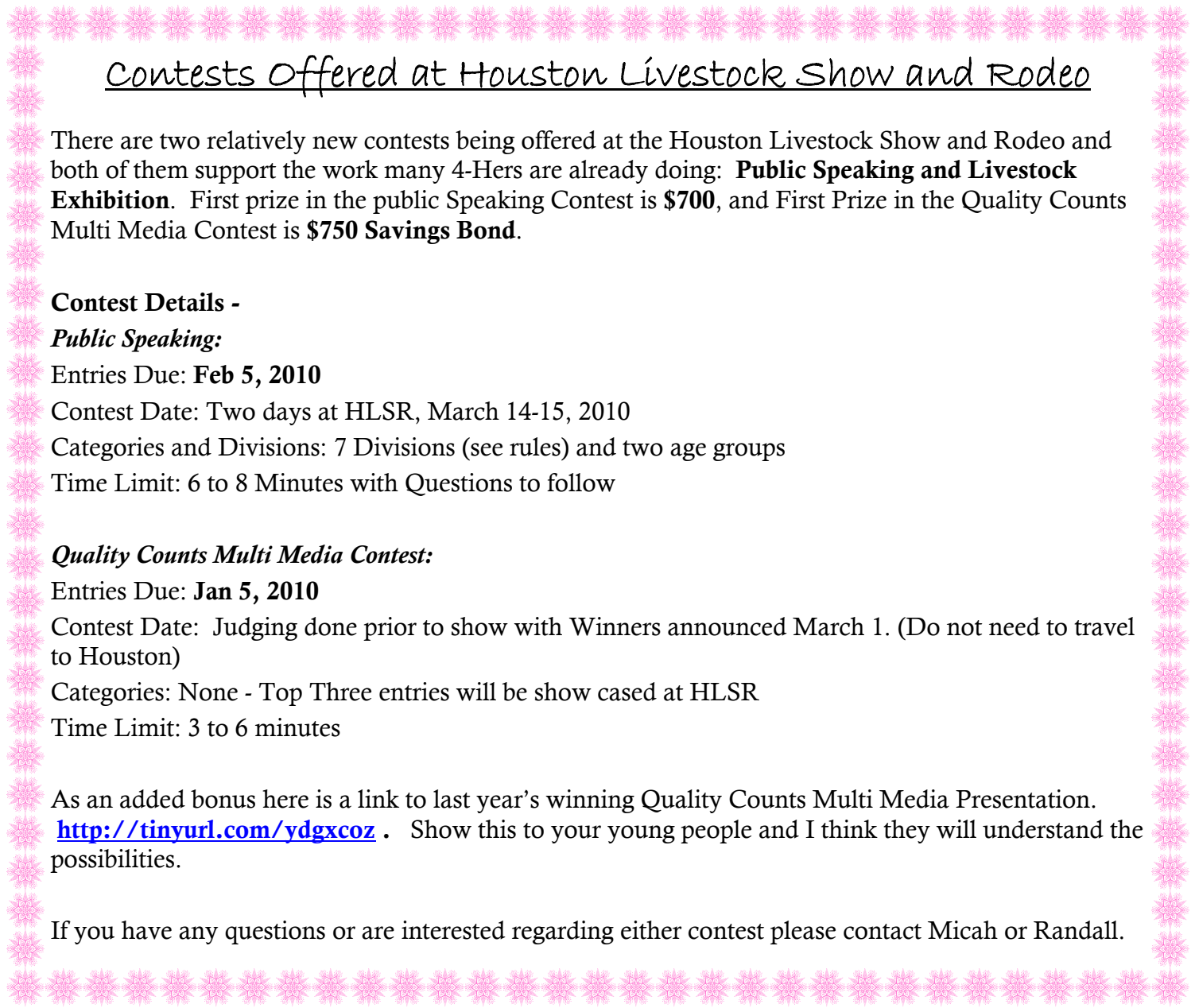
ATTENTION PARENTS, LEADERS, and CLUB MANAGERS!

January 20th is an important meeting for MAB, the Membership Advisory Board.

This meeting is for all parents and leaders. We also highly encourage all club managers and assistant club managers to come!

This meeting is an important meeting for a few reasons! We must have 51% of our membership at the meeting because we need to vote and accept our budget! This must be done at the meeting. We also will be discussing officers and the bylaws. Micah will also be introducing fun and new activities to do for your club members! The program will be called: Stop Global Whining!!! How to stop complaining in your clubs and 4-H program!

Please come to the **MAB meeting on January 20th at 6pm in the County Extension Office Meeting Room to vote and learn new and fun things for your club!**



Contests Offered at Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

There are two relatively new contests being offered at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and both of them support the work many 4-Hers are already doing: **Public Speaking and Livestock Exhibition.** First prize in the public Speaking Contest is **\$700**, and First Prize in the Quality Counts Multi Media Contest is **\$750 Savings Bond.**

Contest Details -

Public Speaking:

Entries Due: **Feb 5, 2010**

Contest Date: Two days at HLSR, March 14-15, 2010

Categories and Divisions: 7 Divisions (see rules) and two age groups

Time Limit: 6 to 8 Minutes with Questions to follow

Quality Counts Multi Media Contest:

Entries Due: **Jan 5, 2010**

Contest Date: Judging done prior to show with Winners announced March 1. (Do not need to travel to Houston)

Categories: None - Top Three entries will be show cased at HLSR

Time Limit: 3 to 6 minutes

As an added bonus here is a link to last year's winning Quality Counts Multi Media Presentation.

<http://tinyurl.com/ydgxcoz> . Show this to your young people and I think they will understand the possibilities.

If you have any questions or are interested regarding either contest please contact Micah or Randall.

BCYF RABBIT VALIDATION



4-H and FFA members who plan to show rabbits at the Bell County Youth Fair must validate these on **January 7, 2010** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the **Bell County Expo Center**. This will be held in the Assembly Hall and will be set up like a drive-thru, to help speed the process up. Look for signs as you arrive. Cost is \$1.00 per rabbit.



ADVANCED SWINE CLINIC

On **January 5, 2010 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** we will have an advanced swine clinic for 4-H members at the Bell County Extension Office. This is designed for the exhibitor who has shown for a several years and wants to learn more about how feed additives work, when to use specific supplements, and what the current trend in the show-ring is. We will also discuss clipping, weight management at shows and some of the key things you need to do to keep your animal looking fresh. Come find out if more is better or if it is just "snake oil" and learn some of the actual science behind fitting pigs for show. The clinic is open to any 4-H family, but it will be designed with the advanced feeder in mind.

Beef Quiz Bowl Coming Soon!

Do you want to have fun and be a part of a team? Do you want to learn more about beef cattle? Then the 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl is for you. The Beef Quiz Bowl is a team event in 4-H which teaches youth about the beef cattle project through a series of questions and activities in a "game show" type setting with buzzers and lights. Youth compete against other teams and have the opportunity to advance to district and state competition. The first meeting of the Bell County 4-H Beef Quiz Bowl group will be held January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Holland ISD Elementary Commons. You do not have to have cattle to be a part of the team. You just need to have a good attitude and want to have fun! If you have questions, contact Randall at the extension office or Jan Ramthun at janramthun@holland.isd.tenet.edu

STATE FAIR CHECKS

If you showed an animal at the State Fair of Texas and are expecting a check, please stop by the Extension Office and pick them up. These are premium checks and floor price checks.

VOLUNTEERS AT DOG AGILITY TRIALS

If you are missing an article or two of clothing, please check with the Bell County Expo Office's Lost and Found . Several children/youth clothes were turned into the office following the last two agility trials. Also one adult cover-up.

Photo Workshop Planning Meeting

If you would like to help plan or help with the photo workshop for next June, please come to the meeting. It will be held on **January 14th at 6pm at CEO Board Room**. Please email Micah Holcombe if interested In coming at

mlkarber@ag.tamu.edu

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! Save the date!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Bell County 4-H Hosts The:

Statewide Photography Workshop

Now 2 days!!!!

Save the Date:
June 17th & 18th,
2010

Bell County Expo,
Belton, Texas

Learn new and basic photography techniques at the Statewide Photography Workshop! New this year: Scrapbooking! The second day will be a field trip to the antique tractor fairgrounds where we will take pictures of tractors, old buildings, people in costume, and even horses! More information coming soon!

