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## Hunter's Spectacular

### SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Sheryl know ASAP!

## Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the 4-H slideshow. Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to [Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu). Submission deadline will be in June.

## Congratulations Newly Elected Bell County Council Officers!

President— Erin Steglich

1st Vice— Wesley Ide

2nd Vice— Clara Steglich

Secretary—Miguel Salazar-Canales

Treasurer—Lexy Ide

Parliamentarian— Connor Payne

Public Relations— Madison Cross

Recreation Leader—  
Emma Salazar-Canales & Jessalyn Payne



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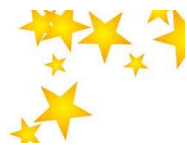
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# Awards

## Bell County 4-H Awards Interviews

All 4-H members who already applied for an award (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards, Outstanding Community Service) must complete an award interview on **Thursday, June 15th**. You will be receiving an email to schedule your interview time on this date. If this date does not work for you, you must notify Sheryl Long ASAP!

Record books for county competition will be due on **June 9, 2017**. Awards age based on 4-H Grade as of August 31, 2016. Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/>

## 4-H Club Managers

### 4-H Club Chartering

Deadline: July 1, 2017

All the information needed is the still the same, but now Club Managers will be submitting their club information either on 4-H Connect or to Sheryl. You should have received an email from Sheryl with the Charter Packet attached. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you need help.

### Membership Advisory Board Meeting

**When:** August 24, 2017

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:30 pm

More details to come.



# County Council & Ambassadors



## County Council Officer Training

TBD in July

It is MANDATORY for all County Council Officers to attend!

## Ambassador Training

TBD in July

It is MANDATORY for all new and returning 4-H Ambassadors to attend!



## Summer Fun Activities



### ~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
- Please adhere to RSVP deadlines and registration fees



### District 8 Leadership Lab

**Date:** June 21-23

**Location:** Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood

For those members that have already registered for this camp, we will be traveling to New Braunfels in a 12 passenger van! Parents, be checking your email for more information from Sheryl.

### County Camp I @ Brownwood

Bell County 4-H will be attending County Camp I at the Texas 4-H Center! This camp takes place **June 26-28**.

This camp is perfect for a first time or returning camper, someone that wants to try it all, or someone that wants to spend time with people their age and make new friends. Programs are age-based and include traditional camp activities such as:

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| *Archery | *Rifle    | *Challenge Course | *Swimming         | *Arts & Crafts |
| *Fishing | *Kayaking | *Dances           | *Teams Challenges |                |

And MORE!

**Registration Deadline:** June 16 on [texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu)

Contact Sheryl if you have any questions.



# Summer Fun Activities



## Summer Clothing Blast

Save the Date! The annual Summer Clothing Blast will take place on July 13 & 14 at the Bell County Extension Office. More details to come!

## 4-H Photography Workshop

**What:** Night Photography and Light Art

**When:** Saturday, July 29th

**Where:** @ the County Extension Office

Earl Nottingham will be assisting with this workshop! He is known for his work with Texas Parks and Wildlife!

\*Although the instruction will work best with a digital SLR camera, I welcome anyone that wants to learn and have fun. We will learn the mechanics of long exposure photography and then test our skills trying "light art" using flashlights and sparklers to "draw" on our photos during the long exposure.

\*Post event CONTEST: "When the Lights Go Down in the City": Email me your best shot taken at our night photography activity (no flash). Entries due August 11 to [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com). Contact Elizabeth Coffman if you have any questions.



## Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp on **Friday, August 4th**. This event will take place at the Wildflower County Club in Temple.

Cost is yet to be determined, there may be a fee to cover materials for the workshop. More details to come in the July 4-H Newsletter!

## Cupcake Decorating Workshop

**When:** Thursday, August 10, 2017

**Where:** County Extension Office

**1st Workshop:** 10:00 a.m.—noon

**2nd Workshop:** 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** TBD, there may be a fee to cover the cost of the cakes/cupcakes provided.



## Food Dehydrating, Freezing, and Preservation Workshop

**When:** Saturday, June 24th

**Where:** County Extension Office

**Time:** 10 a.m.—Noon

**RSVP Deadline:** Monday, June 19th

**Cost:** \$5 to cover the cost of supplies

Jammie Payne will cover the different ways of food storage.

This will be a fun and educational workshop!



# Upcoming Events



## Bell County Record Books

**Due:** June 9, 2017 to the CEO

**Where:** CEO by 5pm



If you would like Sheryl to review your scholarship BEFORE the June 9th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP. We will trade record books with Williamson County on **June 13th** for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging in Bell County this year.

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 6th** in Williamson County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event this as well.

## Clover Kids

The next meetings for the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids are:

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

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

**July 20**—Clover Kids Recordbooks are due to CEO

## Vet Science Project Schedule

**June**—TBD—MCC Field Trip to Vet Tech Program Dept

**July**—TBD—Blinn Field Trip to Vet Tech Program Dept.

**August**—Vet Science Camp

Contact Stacey Winters or Richard Lary for more information.

## ~4-H Planning Meetings on Tuesday, July 18th~

### 4-H Awards Banquet Planning Meeting

If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H Banquet, please join us at the CEO on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. This meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Come with your ideas on how to make the banquet better!

### 4-H Hunter's Spectacular Meeting

If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H fundraiser Hunter's Spectacular, please join us at the CEO on Tuesday, July 18, 2017. This meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. We want all Committee Chairman in attendance! If your committee has met, please be prepared to give us an update!



# FCS Project News



## Community Service Project

The Clothing and Textiles Project Group is sponsoring a community service project and invites everyone to please contribute. They are collecting **new** backpacks, duffle bags or totes for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Bell County in assistance to the Child Protection Agency. Children need a backpack, tote or duffle bag to put their clothes and belongings in when they go to a new home. You can bring the donated tote, backpack or duffle bag to the CEO. Please think how important this small gesture is to the support of the self-esteem of a child.

## Women in the Outdoors Photography Community Service Project

**When:** Saturday, June 10

**Where:** Hilliard Ranch, near Davilla, TX

**Time:** 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Women in the Outdoors is hosting a fun, action packed day in Bell County for women to enjoy learning or perfecting a variety of outdoor activities in a noninhibitive environment. Texas 4-H photographers are invited to participate in this exciting day as official event photographers. This state-level community service will provide the WITO with posed and candid photographic material for use in advertisements National Wild Turkey Federation publications, and local chapter newsletters. 4-H photographers will be exposed to a variety of activities such as: archery, shotgun, bowfishing, cowboy and Dutch oven cooking, digital photography, fly fishing, geocaching, handgun, kayaking, rifle, plant propagation, self-defense, trailer backing, and welding. 4-H'ers will return home with their photos after copying images to a central drive at the event. This event is open to Junior, Intermediate, and Senior aged 4-H members.

For more information, contact Christian Coffman or Elizabeth Coffman at [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com)

## FCS Coalition Meeting

**Date:** June 27, 2017

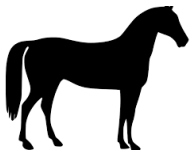
**Location:** County Extension Office

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will continue to plan upcoming workshops and contests. New members welcome!

Contact Jackie for more information or any questions.





# *Livestock Project News*



## **Major Show Steer Validation & Heifer Validation**

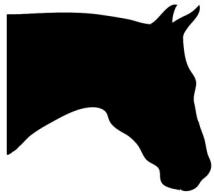
### **State Fair Lamb, Goat & Swine Validation**

Major Show Steer Validation and Major Show Heifer Validation will take place on **Tuesday, June 27th** at the Bell County Expo. We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers **before** validation. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival as well. Please bring a copy registration papers with you to validation. All State Fair Validations will take place this day also. The schedule is as follows:

**Market Steer/Breeding Heifer Validations:** 7:00 – 10:00 am AND 5:00 – 7:00 pm

**State Fair of Texas Goat, Sheep, and Swine Validations:** 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Contact Whitney Grantham if you have any questions.



## **District 8 4-H Horse Show**

**Date:** June 19-20, 2017

**Location:** Bell County Expo

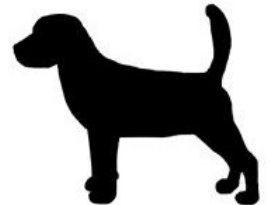
Good luck to our exhibitors that are participating!

## **District 8 4-H Dog Show**

**Date:** July 7-9, 2017

**Location:** Bell County Expo

Good luck to our exhibitors that are participating!



## **Bell County Youth Fair & Major Livestock Show Turkeys**

**Order Deadline:** June 30, 2017

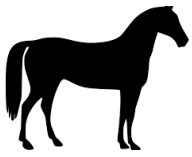
**Cost:** \$4.25 per bird, all orders must be placed in increments of 25

Each exhibitors may order an individual set of birds OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. Family orders are an option, nor required. Major show birds may be used for county birds. Contact Whitney Grantham for more information.



**Please keep in mind, if you need help with selection, feeding, and management of livestock projects, don't hesitate to call Whitney, Lyle or Sheryl. We are here to help you with your projects!**





# Livestock Project News



## Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

### Objectives:

- Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in junior livestock programs across Texas.
- Prepare youth for the experience of the University setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.
- Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for animal agriculture, 4-H, and junior livestock programs.
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in animal agriculture and advocacy.

### Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

### Application Process

- Applicants go to: [http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0JPBcTafCz8b52J](http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0JPBcTafCz8b52J)
  - Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
  - CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 participants per university
- Applications are due June 2, 2017. Applicants will be notified by June 16, 2017 regarding application result



## Livestock Judging Team & Livestock Skill-a-Thon Team

If you are a senior or intermediate aged 4-H member interested in competing with the Livestock Judging team or Livestock Skill-a-Thon teams during the invitational contests at State Round Up in June, contact Whitney at the CEO to get more information on how to sign up. The deadline for entry is May 15th.

**Livestock Skillathon Contest: June 6th**

**Livestock Judging Invitational Contest: June 8th**

## State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders

**Order Deadline:** June 23, 2017

**Cost:** \$31.25 per 25 chicks.

Orders must be in increments of 25.

Contact Whitney for more information.





# Important Dates

June 2017

**June 2:** Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador deadline  
**June 9:** Recordbooks due to CEO  
**June 10:** Women in the Outdoors Photography  
**June 13:** County Recordbook Judging, CEO  
**June 15:** 4-H Award Interviews  
**June 16:** County Camp Registration Deadline  
**June 16-18:** Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge, Seguin  
**June 17:** Clover Kids Camp  
**June 19-20:** D8 Horse Show, Expo  
**June 21-23:** D8 Leadership Lab, Brownwood  
**June 23:** SFT Broiler Orders Due  
**June 24:** Food Workshop  
**June 26-28:** County Camp, Brownwood  
**June 27:** Major Show Steer & Heifer Validation  
**June 27:** State Fair Barrow, Goat & Lamb Validation  
**June 27:** 4-H FCS Coalition Meeting  
**June 26-28:** County Camp I, Brownwood  
**July 29:** Photography Workshop  
**June 30:** BCYF & Major Show Turkey Orders Due

July 2017

**July 1:** 4-H Club Chartering Deadline  
**July 6:** D8 Recordbook Judging, Georgetown  
**July 7-9:** Texas 4-H Dog Show, Bell County Expo  
**July 13-14:** Summer Clothing Blast  
**July 15:** Clover Kids Fair  
**July 18:** 4-H Banquet Planning Meeting  
**July 18:** Hunter's Spectacular Meeting  
**July 20:** Clover Kid Recordbooks Due, CEO



## BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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