

Bell County 4-H News March 2010



4-H Calendar of Events

MARCH

March 2- County Roundup Orientation-CEO-6pm
March 4- Dog Project-Expo Assembly Hall-6pm
March 6- Quiz Bowl & Consumer Contest-Waco-MCC
March 11- Leadership Advisory Board-CEO-11:30am
March 12- Fashion Show & County Roundup Entries Due
March 12- RSVP Clothing Tour
March 15- Last day to pick up BCYF Items
March 16 & 17- Clothing Blast- CEO- 8am-5pm
March 18- Dog Project-Expo/Assembly Hall-6pm
March 20- EEA Style Show-Expo-11am
March 20- County Fashion Show-Expo-3pm
March 23- County Council-CEO-6:30pm
March 25- Dog Project- CEO-6pm
March 27- County Roundup Contest-Belton Methodist Church-9am-2pm

APRIL

April 2- CEO-Closed
April 6- Awards/Committee Mtg-CEO-6pm
April 8- County Recordbook Training-CEO-6pm
April 10- District Livestock Judging-Stephenville
April 12- Rifle Entries Due
April 15- Dog Project Training -CEO-6:30
April 16- District Fashion Show-TSTC
April 16- Dog Agility-Littman Home-6pm
April 17- District Roundup-TSTC
April 19- Healthy Lifestyles Mtg-CEO-6pm
April 22- Volunteer Recognition-Expo-6:30pm
April 23- Sr Award Bell County Scholarship Due to CEO
April 24- District Range Evaluation Contest-Alcoa, District Rifle Contest-Leon County, District Entomology Contest-Cleburne
April 27- County Council-CEO-6:30pm
April 30- Dog Agility-Littman Home-6pm

County Council Meeting

The Council meeting will be held on: March 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:

- 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

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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

Quiz Bowls-

- Beef Quiz Bowl
- Horse Quiz Bowl
- Swine Skill a thon

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.

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:
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

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!!!

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

RSVP by March 12th for clothing blast.

****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

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:

March 4th: Expo, Assembly Hall, 6-8pm

March 18th: Expo, Assembly Hall, 6-8pm,

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.

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

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.

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.

Healthy Lifestyles Contest

NEW!!! Texas 4-H Roundup is inviting all Intermediates and seniors to be part of a new contest for Texas 4-H Roundup.

The Healthy Lifestyles contest is set up like the Consumer contest but involves anything to do with food and nutrition and health.

This contest will be a fun and new thing for Bell County 4-H. If you are interested in being part of the Healthy Lifestyles Contest and you are ages 11-18, please come to the information meeting on **April 19th** at **6pm at the Extension Office Board Room.**

Banquet/Awards Committee

If you are a 4-H parent or leader and would like to help with the banquet or awards, please come to the meeting on **April 6, 2010 at 6pm** for the committee meeting. We will be going over 4-H awards criteria, applications, and discussing banquet.

Fair Items

Some Country Store money, ribbons, and items have not been picked up from the Extension Office. You have until **March 15th** to pick up these items from the office or country store money will be put back into the Bell County Youth Fair fund and all items will become property of the Bell County Youth Fair. Don't forget to come and pick them up!

San Antonio Picture Results

NAME	AGE CAT	DIVISION	CLASS	DESCRIPTION	PLACE	SPECIALTY
DANIELLE FASOLINO	SENIOR	PEOPLE	COLOR	2 GIRLS	2nd	
DANIELLE FASOLINO	SENIOR	STILL LIFE	COLOR	CANDY CANES	2nd	
DANIELLE FASOLINO	SENIOR	ANIMAL	COLOR	PUPPY	1st	
NATHAN FASOLINO	INT	STILL LIFE	COLOR	BLANKETS	2nd	
JARED BURTCHELL	SENIOR	STILL LIFE	COLOR	CORN DOGS	2nd	
JARED BURTCHELL	SENIOR	ARCH	COLOR	BLDG W/WINDMILL	2nd	
JARED BURTCHELL	SENIOR	STILL LIFE	BLK & WHT	WAGON W/POTS	2nd	
JARED BURTCHELL	SENIOR	ANIMAL	COLOR	BUTTERFLY	1st	Best of Show
EMMA COFFMAN	INT	PEOPLE	COLOR	DANIELLE 1/2 FACE	2nd	
EMMA COFFMAN	INT	PEOPLE	BLK & WHT	CRYING BALLERINA	1st	
EMMA COFFMAN	INT	STILL LIFE	COLOR	TEDDY BEAR PICNIC	2nd	
EMMA COFFMAN	INT	ANIMAL	COLOR	HAWK	1st	
CHRISTIAN COFFMAN	JUNIOR	PEOPLE	COLOR	EMMA IN FIELD	1st	Best of Show
CHRISTIAN COFFMAN	JUNIOR	STILL LIFE	COLOR	CRAYONS	1st	
CHRISTIAN COFFMAN	JUNIOR	FLOWER	BLK & WHT	GERBERS W/ANT	1st	Best of Show
CHRISTIAN COFFMAN	JUNIOR	STILL LIFE	BLK & WHT	BOY TOYS	1st	Best of Show
PAIGE WILSON	INT	PEOPLE	BLK & WHT	ESTHER	2nd	

SAN ANTONIO CONSUMER RESULTS

Junior Team- Wesley Ide, Seth Brown, Billy Wood-7th place

Intermediate Teams:

Taylor Jacobs, Selena Drake, Lacy Ide, Taylor Harris, Katherine Wood, Whitney Bushing

Senior: Dorothy Wood

GREAT JOB!

Bell County 4-H Members complete Youth Leadership Program

“The Youth Leadership Program is based on the belief that every young person has the potential to become a good communicator and leader, but this potential needs to be developed.”- Toastmasters International. The Youth Leadership Program is a youth program provided by the Toastmasters International Organization. The goal of the program is to help the youth learn to overcome the nervousness everyone feels when asked to speak before an audience, organize and present their ideas logically and convincingly, listen carefully to others’ ideas, offer advice that will help others improve their speaking and leadership skills, and participate in and lead group discussions and meetings.

Fifteen Bell County 4-H members participated in the Youth Leadership Program. They attended eight long two to two and half long hour sessions during November and December. At the meetings, they learned about: parliamentary procedure, impromptu speaking, how to put a speech together and a many other life lessons. They also elected officers, lead meetings and discussions, and sometimes even evaluated their peers. The members also completed their program by doing presentations at the Toastmasters Speaking Seminar held on January 30, 2010. One group gave a mock meeting skit of one of their sessions to the guests. The other group gave a funny skit on how to give an impromptu speech and included many other lessons they learned during their experience. The Bell County 4-H members really learned a lot of life skills they can use for many years to come and are certainly above many adults going into the real world.

Bell County 4-H Members completing the Youth Leadership Program were: Andrew Kiesle, Bailey Kasberg, Brandon Stone, Brittany Stone, Cimrey Williams, David Huber, Emma Coffman, Hannah Huber, Jarrett Mackie, Jordan Kurtz, Joy Huber, Nathaniel Fasolino, Paige Wilson, Peter Fasolino, and Trent Williams.

Trent Williams, Andrew Kiesle, Paige Wilson, and Nathaniel Fasolino giving Youth Leadership Presentation



Pictured above Youth Leadership Participants: Left to right. Top row- Jarrett Mackie, Bailey Kasberg, Emma-Leigh Coffman, Paige Wilson. Middle row- Brandon Stone, Andrew Kiesle, Peter Fasolino, Trent Williams. Bottom Row-Jordan Kurtz, Nathaniel Fasolino, Cimrey Williams, and Brittany Stone.



Nathaniel Fasolino giving speech at Youth Leadership Presentation.



State Contest Opportunities!

There are two contests that have deadlines slowly bearing down on 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.**

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 are available soon on the Bell County 4-H website! Deadline is June 1st. It is first come, first serve so get them in quick!



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