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District 8 Livestock Judging

Bell County Intermediate Team:

- * 1st Cattle Team
- * 2nd Sheep & Goats
- * 5th Swine Team
- * Overall High Point Team

Allison Brinkman:

- * 5th Cattle High Individual
- * 9th Reasons High Individual
- * 9th Overall High Individual

Maddison Brinkman:

- * 8th Cattle High Individual
- * 9th Sheep & Goats High Individual
- * 5th Overall High Individual

Callie Eaton:

- * 5th Sheep & Goats High Individual

Morgan Lary:

- * 6th Reasons High Individual

Amanda Simpson:

- * 3rd Cattle High Individual
- * 6th Sheep & Goats High Individual
- * 3rd Swine High Individual
- * 3rd Overall High Individual

Bell County Senior Team:

- * 3rd Reasons Team
- * 5th Overall High Point

Erin Steglich:

- * 10th Cattle High Individual
- * 2nd Swine High Individual
- * 7th Reasons High Individual
- * 9th Overall High Individual

Emma Coffman
Clara Steglich

District 8 Ag Product ID Contest

Bell County Intermediate Team:

3rd Place Team

Sarah Wood—4th Overall High Point Individual

Emily Anderson—12th Place Individual

Grace Walters—20th Place Individual

Bell County Senior Team:

3rd Place Team

Margaret Wood—10th Place Individual

Miguel Canales—15th Place Individual

Billy Wood—16th Place Individual

Merah Winters—18th Place Individual



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EVENT	REGISTRATION DUE DATE	EVENT DATE	LOCATION
District Roundup		Saturday, April 30, 2016	Riesel High School 600 E. Frederick Riesel, TX 76682
4-H Scholarship Interviews		April 29-31—May 1, 2016	Austin
District Rifle Contest	April 22, 2016	Saturday, May 14, 2016	Leon County Gun Club
Texas 4-H Roundup	May 13, 2016	June 6-10, 2016	TAMU, College Station
District Horse Show	May 13, 2016	June 20-21, 2016	Bell County Expo Center, Belton
Bell County Recordbooks Due & Judging	Rough—June 1 Final—June 15	June 17, 2016	Bell County Extension Office
District Leadership Lab & Officer Elections	May 20, 2016	June 26-29, 2016	T Bar M, New Braunfels, TX
Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer County Camp II		June 29—July 1	Brownwood
District Recordbook Judging	Sheryl will enter members that advance from County	Thursday, July 7, 2016	Bosque County
Southeast District County Camp	June 1, 2016	July 8-10, 2016	Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX
Texas 4-H Congress			Austin
Texas 4-H Horse Show		July 23-30, 2016	Taylor County Expo Center, Abilene
Texas 4-H Recordbook Judging	Sheryl will enter members that advance from District	Monday, August 1, 2016**	



Graduating Seniors

Scholarship applications are becoming available! Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for scholarship application deadlines. The website is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines. <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—Milam County by May 15, 2016

Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Upcoming Events

Vet Science Project

Meeting Dates: April 6– Brazos Valley Equine Center starting at 6:00 p.m. Come learn about the horse breeding program with Dr. Whitaker. Contact Stacey Winters for more information at: 254-913-3570



May 4, June 1, July 6– Locations and subjects TBD

August 1-3—Vet Science Summer Camp at the Bell County Expo!

Texas A&M Vet School Open House—Free and open to the public! Contact Richard Lary 254-931-8838.

Clover Kids Meetings & Clover Kids Fair

Clover Kid Fair! May 21—First United Methodist Church in Belton

June 18—Temple Public Library

The Bell County 4-H Clover Kids Fair will take place on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The location is yet to be determined. The Clover Kid Fair is a chance for them to participate in a fair for Clover Kids and show what they have been learning! This is a great opportunity for them to become more familiar with what to expect as a real 4-H member down the road. Starting time and length of this event will depend on the number of Clover Kids that participate. Contact Dawn Brown for more information. bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com

Safety Day

When: May 19, 2016

Location: Bell County EXPO! Center

Time: 9 am-2 pm

GROUP LEADERS NEEDED! If you are interested in serving as a group leader for Safety Day this year, please RSVP to Sheryl Raley NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016! Ambassadors this is a great way to get those last minute hours in or even to boost your hours totals! Eligibilities will be sent to schools for those volunteering so that an excused absence will be given.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be academically eligible. Must be at least 13 years of age.

Bell County Record Books

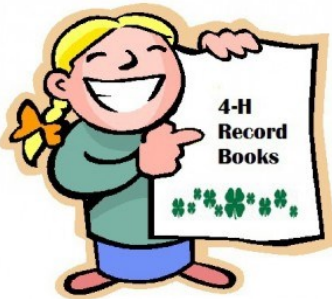
Due: June 15, 2016 to the CEO

Where: CEO by 5pm

If you would like Sheryl to review your scholarship BEFORE the June 15th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook by June 1 for her to review.

We will trade record books with Williamson County on June 17th 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 7th in Bosque County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event this as well.



Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: May 28th

Where: CEO Board Room

Time: 6:30 pm

All Club Managers and Assistant Club Managers are required to attend. This meeting will not only elect new officers, but we will have a training for those that attend. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Each club is allowed a maximum of 3 votes.

We will hopefully have the 2016-2017 charter packets available from the state office to give to each club. Let Sheryl know if you have a schedule conflict or any questions.

Texas Round Up Entries

Sheryl needs you to enter the Texas 4-H Round Up ASAP! You must register your child by Friday, May 13th on 4-H Connect at www.4honline.com! We do not want to miss anyone that qualified! Make sure you communicate with any of your team members and myself on whether or not your qualified team wants to participate at state. Call or email Sheryl with any questions. All Texas 4-H Round Up documents are posted on

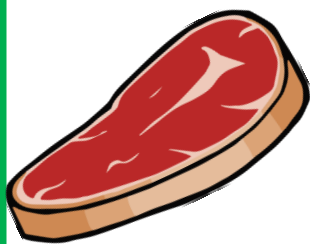
<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/roundup/>

Silent Auction for Texas 4-H Round Up

"I Support the Clover"

Bell County 4-H would like to participate in the Texas 4-H Round Up Silent Auction again this year. This contest will be an opportunity to earn money for your local 4-H program by submitting an item on behalf of your county.

Tigertown 4-H will provide the basket if other clubs will help fill it. We must have a photo of our completed basket by May 13th! Our theme this year will be "Bluebonnet." Please bring any of your items to go into the basket to the CEO as soon as possible!



Meats Judging

Interested in the Meats Judging project? Then join us on Monday, June 13th and/or on Monday, July 11th to find out more information! 4-H volunteer Nora Whitson will be leading this project and is excited to start this project in Bell County! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sheryl.

4-H/Ag Livestock Coalition meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 19th

Location: County Extension Office

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Come give us your input on potential programs for 4-H Livestock.

Hunter's Spectacular

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on the Gun Sponsorship Committee, please let Sheryl know by Tuesday, May 10th.

Awards

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Bell County 4-H volunteer leaders and Bell County 4-H County Council will solicit nominations and vote to select two individuals to be recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for "Distinguished Service." One will be chosen by the MAB and one chosen by 4-H members. 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE May 2, 2016!** The essay should include the following:

Name of Person Making Nomination

Leader Nominated

Date

Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?

What does this leader do that is outstanding?

Examples: Teaches others new projects, takes 4-Her's on tours, leads club, etc.

How has this leader helped you?

How has this leader helped others?

Nominations should be emailed to siraley@ag.tamu.edu

Bell County 4-H Awards

All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications by **May 2, 2016**. Record books for county competition will be due in **June 15**. Awards age based on 4-H Grade as of August 31, 2015.

Graduating seniors for the 2016 year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application.

Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to: <http://agriflife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/>

4-H Award Interviews

When: June 1, 2016

Where: CEO Board Room

Time: 2 pm– 8 pm

We will schedule interview times for those members that applied to receive an award.

Bell County 4-H Exchange Club FUNDRAISER!

The Bell County 4-H Exchange club is an organization which nurtures education and relationships with a similar group in another state, striving to learn about their culture and environment and teach them about ours in the great state of Texas. It is a two year commitment from our members with them traveling to visit the state they are exchanging with for a week and also hosting for a week the alternate year. This term our youth will be exchanging with Thurston County, Washington.

If you would consider donating \$25, \$50, or \$100 to sponsor event t-shirts for the current term, your business name will be featured on the back of the shirt and also featured in our end-of-term journal detailing our travels. If you need more information, feel free to contact Kathy Ide at 254-493-2548 or contact the agents at the County Extension Office at 254-933-5305.

2016 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 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 siraley@ag.tamu.edu. Submission deadline will be in June.

South East District 8 County Camp

Date: July 8-10

Location: Lakeview Methodist Conference Center, Palestine, TX

Cost: \$125 per child, \$85 per adult

Deadline: Forms and payment due in Bell County Office by June 1st

If you have any questions e-mail Sheryl at siraley@ag.tamu.edu.

All paperwork will be posted on the Bell County 4-H Webpage

If you are a Senior Aged 4-H member (grades 9-12) , consider being a workshop leader or a group leader.

Notify Sheryl if you are interested.





Summer Fun Activities



Interested in participating in a camp this year? Keep checking the Bell County 4-H website for more information

<http://agriflife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

Camps Across Texas

2016 Texas A&M University Horse Judging Camp-
June 22-24 and July 6-8

2016 Howard College Goat Showmanship Camp-
June 12-14

2016 Howard College Lamb Showmanship Camp-
June 5-7

Texas A&M Livestock Judging Camp—
June 10-12 and June 13-15

South East District 8 Count Camp—
Palestine, July 8-10

Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps @ Brownwood

Horizons (Grades 4-8)- June 27-July 1, 2016

Mission Possible- July 6-8, 2016

Beginner Shooting Sports Camp—July 11-13, 2016

Prime Time Extreme (Grades 8-11) - July 11-14, 2016

Prime Time (Grades 5-8)- July 17-20, 2016

Prime Time (Grades 2-5)- July 20-23, 2016

Fishing Camp (Grade 3 & Up) - July 25-27, 2016

**County Camp II—June 29-July 1, 2016— This is
the Brownwood County Camp that Bell County
will be attending**

District 8 Leadership Lab

Date: June 26-29

Location: T Bar M, New Braunfels, TX

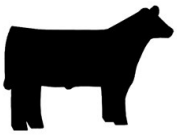
Cost: \$250 per child

Deadline: May 20, 2016 on 4-H Connect

We will be hosting “Not” Leadership Lab at T Bar M again this year! Camp will be a day longer than normal because we will be having fun at Schlitterbahn one day!

The completed, signed release forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Connect during the registration process. The forms require a copy of the participant’s **insurance card**.

If you are interested in becoming a District 8 Council Advisor, you must attend this camp to run for an office. Officer applications must be turned into Sheryl by May 20th as well



Livestock Project News



Horse Validation

IMPORTANT~ It is that time again to validate your horses that will be competing at the District 8 Horse Show and/or State 4-H Horse Show. Validation via 4-H Connect is a requirement for the 4-H Horse Shows. Horses must be **owned** by the 4-H member, their parents, grandparents, legal guardian, or sibling. Horses must be validated by **May 1st**. A horse must be revalidated each year! The validation of multiple horses is encouraged. Validation instructions are posted on agrlife.org/bell4h

District 8 4-H Horse Show

Date: June 20-21, 2016

Location: Bell County Expo

Entry Deadline: May 20, 2016

on 4-H Connect

Cost: \$15 per class

Only properly validated horses can enter.

NEW! Waiver forms will not be mailed. The form will be signed, scanned as a pdf, and uploaded into 4-H Connect

Texas 4-H Dog Show

Entry Deadline: May 9, 2016

Cost: \$5.00 registration fee per exhibitor

\$10.00 per entry per dog per class

\$10.00 per Drill Team Member (Drill Team entry)

\$3.00 per entry/per photo

\$5.00 Exhibition Classes

The Texas 4-H Dog show will take place July 8-10, 2016 at the Bell County Expo. Find out more

information at

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/dogshow/>

4-H Poultry Workshop

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Location: County Extension Office

Time: 5:30 p.m.

This FREE event will be conducted by Bell County 4-H Member Wesley Ide.

Major Show Steer Validation, Heifer Validation and all State Fair Validations

Date: Monday, June 27, 2016

Location: Bell County Expo

Time: 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

All 4-H members must come by the CEO **BEFORE** the validation date to fill out paperwork. This will make validation run more efficient and quicker. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the CEO.

Bell County Fair & Major Livestock Show Turkeys

Order Deadline: June 17th

Where: County Extension Office

Cost: TBD, look for more info in the June 4-H Newsletter

FCS Project News

4-H / FCS Coalition Meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 24th

Location: County Extension Office

Time: 6:00 p.m.

We need to plan summer activities so please join us and give us your ideas!

Summer Clothing Blast

The annual 4-H Summer Clothing Blast will take place on June 23 & 24 at the County Extension Office. More details to come!



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council May Meeting Officer Elections

The Bell County 4-H Council will be electing officers for the 2016-2017 4-H year during the May 9th meeting. To run for an officer position, you must submit an Intent to Run form to the County Extension Office on or before **May 2, 2016**. The Intent to Run form can be found on the Bell County 4-H website, <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/4-h-county-council/>

If you have any questions, contact Dawn Brown at bellcounty4hcouncil@gmail.com or Sheryl at the CEO

Applying for Bell County 4-H Ambassador?

The 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H Program. They help older youth develop leadership and communication skills, help the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program, and recruit new members from diverse backgrounds. Bell County 4-H Members must meet the following requirements to be considered for selection as a Bell County 4-H Ambassador: Be at least 14 years of age as of August 31 on the year of application. **Submit a complete application, due on May 2, 2016.** A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.

RENEWAL OF AMBASSADORS:

Meet all activity requirements and minimum points by the **application deadline, May 2, 2016**, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal. (Recordbook is also a requirement and is due **June 15, 2016**).

Please turn in your hours sheets with renewal application!

For applications go to: <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/ambassadors/>

Important Dates

May 2016

June 2016

May 1: Deadline to Validate horses for D8 & State 4-H Horse Shows

May 2: County Council Intent to Run From due

May 2: 4-H Ambassador Applications due

May 2: Adult Leader Award Nominations due

May 2: 4-H Award Applications due

May 4: Poultry Workshop

May 4: Vet Science Project Meeting

May 9: County Council Meeting and Officer Elections

May 9: Texas 4-H Dog Show entries due online

May 10: H.S. Gun Sponsorship Committee Deadline

May 13: Deadline for D8 Horse Show

May 13: Texas 4-H Round Up entries due online

May 13: Deadline to submit items for Texas 4-H Round Up Silent Auction Basket

May 15: D8 TAE4-HA Scholarship due in Milam

May 17: MAB Nominations Committee Meeting

May 19: Bell County Safety Day

May 19: 4-H/Ag Coalition Meeting

May 20: D8 Leadership Lab deadline online

May 20: D8 Council Officer Application due

May 21: Clover Kid Fair

May 24: 4-H/FCS Coalition Meeting

May 28: MAB meeting and Club Manager Training

June 1: 4-H Award Interviews

June 1: Bell 4-H Ambassador Interviews

June 1: Vet Science Project Meeting

June 1: Recordbook Rough Draft submission to CEO

June 1: SED8 County Camp forms due to CEO

June 13: Meats Judging Interest Meeting

June 15: Final Recordbook Submission to CEO

June 17: BCYF & Major Show Turkey orders due

June 18: Clover Kids Meeting

June 20-21: D8 Horse Show, Belton

June 23 & 24: 4-H Summer Clothing Blast

June 27: Major Show Steer & Heifer Validation

June 27: State Fair Validation for lambs, goats and pigs

June 26-29: D8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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

<http://agrillife.org/bell4h/>