



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

NOVEMBER 2010



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

November 2: Broiler Orders Due

November 2, 16, 23 & 30: Public Speaking/Youth Leadership Program, 6pm, CEO

November 3 & 4: Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO

November 5-7: Junior Leadership Retreat, Brownwood

November 9: Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO

November 12: Clothing Board, 2pm, CEO

November 13: Deadline to register for National 4-H Conference

November 13-14: Holiday Classic (FREE Show and Clinic)- Belton Expo

November 16: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

November 17: Roaster Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

November 18: District Food Show Orientation-6-8pm-CEO

November 20: Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Complex

November 22, 23 & 29: Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo

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December

December 9: District 8 4-H Food Show-Belton

December 11: Cowboy Christmas Ball, 6:30pm, Expo

December 17: Applications for Master Wellness Program Due

December 22: Broiler Pickup, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO



Major Show Sign UP!!!

The 2010 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. This year there will be only 2 days for sign-up; **Wednesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 4, 2010**, both nights sign-up time will be from **5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights or times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in early November from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above.



Bell County 4-H Website

The 4-H website is a great way to keep up with all upcoming 4-H events & to download necessary forms.

Please visit our update website: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>

We will no longer be sending the county newsletter by mail, it will be emailed to those members who have provided us with an email address. If your family does not have email you may locate the newsletter on our website. If you need more information on 4-H Events & Forms please contact the CEO

County Council Meeting Themes and Programs

| <u>MONTH/DATE</u> | <u>THEME</u> | <u>PROGRAM</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| November 16 | "The 1ST Thanksgiving" | Shooting Sports Program |
| December | ***** NO MEETING ***** | |
| January 25 | "70's" | Tyler C. Program |
| February 22 | "Backwards Day" | Tell & Show Fair |
| March 22 | "I Bleed Green" | Roundup Presentations |
| April 26 | "Surf's Up" | Officer Elections |

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **November 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room**. Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who come to the meeting and are voting delegates for the club. All 4-H members are welcome though! It will be a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Breedlove is a non-profit organization who helps under privileged countries in need. They specialize in the malnutrition of people of all ages. Breedlove is based out of Lubbock Texas and is one of the leaders in the fight against hunger. Their supplies are highly demanded and go to just those in need. Bell County Council has decided to "Change the World" by receiving donations. You can donate your spare change in any club and the club with the most money gets a prize at the end of the year. This is a great opportunity to get involved in community service and also help the Texas 4-H Council in their effort to make a difference. If you would like more information please visit www.breedlove.org to see all of the great things this organization does. Thank you. Tyler Coufal. Texas 4-H Council.



Graduating Seniors

It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So apply NOW for school!!!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

If you are interested in learning about scholarships available through 4-H or how to apply for a scholarship, you can attend the scholarship training, which will be held at the County Extension Office Board Room on **November 9th at 6pm**. This training will be invaluable to learn about what scholarship donors look for in scholarships, how to write an effective essay, or how to fill out effective information on your scholarship application.



Bell County Extension Recruits Volunteers for Master Wellness Volunteer Program

The Master Wellness Volunteer initiative is a Texas AgriLife Extension Service program that will provide volunteers with 40 hours of training in health and nutrition education. The training will focus on physical activity, nutrition, food safety, food demonstrations, child health, and various Extension nutrition, health and wellness programs.

Who Volunteers? 4-H Adult Volunteers, High School Students (age 16 or above), Health and Wellness Coordinators, Workplace and Church Volunteers, Human Resource Managers, Organizational and Civic Leaders. As well as, anyone who is interested in promoting Health and Wellness in their community.

Master Wellness Volunteer Classes will be held on January 14, 21, 28, and February 4 & 18, 2010. All of the training will be at the Bell County Extension Office. After becoming certified, volunteers agree to give back 40 hours of service. The volunteer opportunities are diverse - giving presentations for local community groups, assisting with periodic cooking schools, passing out information at health fairs, and much more. Previous health or wellness training is not required, but an interest in living healthfully and helping others do the same is. Those interested in participating may call the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933- 5305 or email

CAStevens@ag.tamu.edu or SLAustin@ag.tamu.edu for more information and an application. Applications are due on or before December 17, 2010. There is a \$50 fee to participate.





BELL COUNTY 4-H HUNTER'S SPECTACULAR



Big Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Hunter's Spectacular and volunteered to help! It was a huge success and we appreciate your involvement! Also, thanks to everyone who helped make it a success by selling tickets, sponsoring the event, and coming to the event to support it!

We are looking forward to next year's Spectacular to be even bigger and better!



2010-2011 Deer Hunting Contest

Nov. 6th – Jan. 16th

Central Texas Christian School 4-H Club

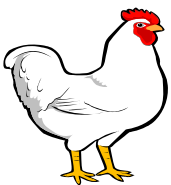
Fundraiser for Club Operations

Entry fee \$25.00 per person

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

For info and forms go to www.ctcs4hclub.com

Broiler Orders



Payment and orders for Broilers for the 2011 BCYF are due no later than **November 2, 2010**. Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 or 50 birds and 50 is the maximum allowable order per exhibitor. Cost of the birds is \$35 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these **birds will arrive on December 22, 2010** and need to be picked up between **3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office.



Swine Validation

All pigs for the Bell County Youth Fair and major livestock shows must be validated on one of the nights below. We need all parents to be there to sign forms and to draw a map where animals are being kept. If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

Validation: 4-7pm at the Expo

NOV. 22nd— ACADEMY 4H/FFA, BARTLETT4H/FFA, HOLLAND 4H/FFA, 4-HIS GLORY, SALADO 4H/FFA, CTCS 4H, STAMPEDE CREEK

NOV. 23rd — BELTON FFA, TIGERTOWN 4H, TEMPLE FFA, TROY FFA, OENAVILLE 4H, BARKING BUDDIES

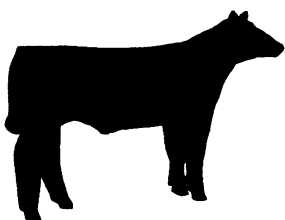
NOV. 29th — ROGERS 4H/FFA, KILLEEN 4H/

FFA, MAXDALE 4H, TRIMMIER 4H, ELLISON FFA, HARKER HEIGHTS FFA, SHOEMAKER FFA



Beef Cattle Clinic

A Beef Cattle (steers and heifers) Clinic will be held on December 18 at the Bell County Expo Center. This clinic will be open to any 4-H or FFA families, whether novice or experienced. We will discuss the equipment that you need for a show, show preparation, feeding at the show, how to prepare at the show, and how to clip. In addition to this, the second portion of the clinic will be dedicated entirely to showmanship and how to present your project at the show. This clinic will provide hands on learning experience so all participants are encouraged to bring their steer or heifer projects to the Expo. Participants may begin stalling at 6:30 am and all animals must be in place by 8:00am. Registration will be from 7:30 until 8:00a.m and the clinic will start at 9:00 and last until 2:00 p.m. Lunch and breakfast will be provided. The cost is \$15.00 per child (pre-registration) and \$25.00 day of registration. The pre-entry deadline is December 10, 2010 and you can pre-register by paying at the Bell County Extension Office. The cost of the clinic will cover breakfast, lunch, and all clinic materials.





Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Contests

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is once again offering 4-H members the chance to win **cash awards** through **Public Speaking** and the **Quality Counts** Multi Media Contest.

Public speaking is divided into two age divisions and provides both Sr, and Jr 4-Hers the opportunity to win cash for a skill they are already developing in 4-H.

The Quality Counts Multi-Media contest offers technology oriented youth the opportunity to participate in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, even if they can't travel to Houston.

Both of these contests are excellent opportunities supporting valuable programs our youth are already engaged in.

If interested please contact the CEO @ 254-933-5305 or go to the 4-H website: <http://agriflife.org/bell4h/> for more details and applications.



As we prepare for the 2011 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, We are looking for enthusiastic, responsible students in grades 9 through 12 to take part in this unique leadership opportunity. Responsible students in grade 8 are also welcome, if they feel they will represent their organization well. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop and practice the leadership skills that 4-H strives to develop in our youth.

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. is “A Volunteer Organization that Emphasizes Agriculture and Education to Develop the Youth of Texas”. Tour guides are given the opportunity to educate school children about agriculture and its importance.

- Tour dates are assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
- Do not schedule students on the day they will sift, classify or show an animal. Students must commit to school tours from 7:45am to 2:30pm on their tour day.

If interested, please contact the CEO at 254-933-5305 to sign-up. Scholarships are available for seniors participating.



National 4-H Conference

Information and application process is provided for the 2011 National 4-H Conference scheduled to take place at the **National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, April 2-7, 2011**. Texas is striving to send a delegation of at least 10 youth and 2 adults. 4-H members between the ages of **15 and 18** should apply before the **deadline of November 13, 2010**. Applicants may register in the County Extension Office beginning **September 15, 2010** for more information you can go to the following link:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/natconference/index_youth_natconference.php#app

Junior Leadership Retreat

WHEN: Friday November 5 through Sunday November 7

WHO: 4-H members ages 9-14 (and Adult Chaperones)

WHAT: State level leadership development program

WHERE: Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood

COST: \$100 for youth, \$65 for Adult Chaperones
(includes two nights lodging, four meals, two evening snacks and program fees)

To register, please come by the CEO. (Must have an adult chaperone)

Make sure to register through the Extension Office and an adult must serve as a chaperone.

Join the fun!



2011 Texas Teen Retreat

The Texas 4-H Conference Center is pleased to announce plans for the first event of 2011 -- The Texas Teen Retreat to be held **January 7-9, 2011** at the Texas 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood, TX! This retreat will be an excellent opportunity for **senior 4-H members ages 13-19** to learn numerous basic personal skills and leadership techniques. Our unique theme this year is "Leaders 4 Life!" an in depth look at the new Leaders 4 Life project. Participants will see, learn, and get some hands-on practice in the components of the contest. Teen Retreat participants will be equipped to return to their counties and lead activities with afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, Youth Boards, and more! Cost for this retreat is Youth-\$100.00, Adult Chaperones \$65.00. If you are interested in participating in this retreat please register through the CEO.



Holiday Classic

* FREE CLINICS *

The 19th Annual Holiday Classic will be **November 13-14, 2010 at the Bell County Expo**. The Holiday Classic is open to all interested youth in 4-H and FFA. Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows. The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families (4-H & FFA) participating in the livestock project area.

The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation. "Quality Counts" programs are discussed to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock. For more information please contact the CEO at 254-933-5305.

THE 2ND ANNUAL COWBOY CHRISTMAS™ BALL

FEATURING

Michael Martin Murphey

**Our Second Annual Fundraiser for
the Bell County Youth Fair**

Scholarship Fund

DECEMBER, 11TH 2010

@ 7:00 PM

BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER

The 2nd Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 11th, 2010 at the Bell County Expo Center**. Our guest of honor, Michael Martin Murphey, the "Singing Cowboy Poet", will be performing on stage starting at 8pm and doors open at 7:00pm. Murphey is famous for his single "Wildfire" and many more.

All proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show and PRCA Rodeo Scholarship Fund. This is given out every year to high achieving Bell County youth as they attend and maintain the high standards of education at their college/university of choice. Last year we awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to 8 graduating seniors.

Heavy appetizers will be served and guests are encouraged to dress in formal western wear to keep in tradition and keep with the atmosphere. A silent auction will also be held during the evening and will include western art, hunting trips and western heritage-based items.

Tickets will be based by table location in the Garth Main Arena floor and will be available starting November 1st, 2010 by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at (254) 933-5305.



San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo- Food Challenge

The Texas 4-H & Youth Development Program is pleased to announce that the Food Challenge will be offered as a contest at the 2011 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

A few important items related to this opportunity include:

Contest Date: The date of the contest will be Sunday, February 20, 2011. (Micah will take anyone wanting to go but may need more adult chaperones as well and more cars depending on the amount of youth participating).

Entry: Youth will participate in the Food Challenge as individuals. No team entries are allowed! Individuals wanted to compete must see Micah before **November 19th.**

Eligibility: In 2011, this contest is only open to eligible youth in the Senior age division - youth with birth dates between September 1, 1991 and August 31, 1996 (ages 14 to 19).

Contest Information: The format of this contest will be similar to the 4-H Food Challenge as it is conducted at Texas 4-H Roundup. The 2010-2011 4-H Food Challenge Guidelines will apply to this contest. The guidelines are available on the 4-H web site at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/index_healthy_lifestyles.php.

More information will be available in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Premium Book, which will be available on their web-site: <http://www.sarodeo.com>.



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November



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