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# November 2017 Focus

## Congratulations to our Bell County Food Show & Food Challenge Winners!

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## Texas 4-H clubs receive TFB memberships

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is providing a complimentary membership to each of the more than 1,500 4-H clubs across the Lone Star State. TFB's goal is to strengthen the existing relationship with Texas 4-H by providing educational resources, curriculum support and local resources through county Farm Bureaus. Please see the link below to read the full article.

<https://www.morningagclips.com/texas-4-h-clubs-receive-tfb-memberships/>



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# 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment started **August 15th**!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (excluding Clover Kids). The participant fee is \$20 if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to \$25.

**Please do not worry if you are still pending at the county level once you have enrolled.** The county office will try to keep up as best as we can by approving them at least once a week. As long as you complete your enrollment, you are in the system and good for enrollment and BCYF requirements. Enrollment dues must be paid by an electronic payment.

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit:

<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/>

All volunteers who enroll will be charged \$10 per volunteer. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to enroll each year. Club Managers must enroll ASAP!

If you have further questions, please contact the County Extension Office at: 254-933-5305

## Photography Project

### 4-H Photography Project

- **Saturday, November 25th**—All Day, Animal/People Photography field trip to Homestead Heritage
- **Saturday, December date TBD**— All Day, Cityscapes/Night Photography field trip to San Antonio
- **March (Spring Break), Date TBD**- Still Life & Dominant Color @ CEO
- **Saturday, June 10th**—Texas 4-H Photography Community Service—NWTF Women in the Outdoors Event  
In Davilla, TX

Contact Elizabeth Coffman at [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com) if you have any questions.

### NEW! Texas 4-H Master Photography Program

**Workshop II:** Color, Composition, Post-production basics, written test

Saturday, Dec 9, 2017, All Day @ Dallas, TX

Contact Elizabeth Coffman at [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com) if you have any questions.



# County Council & Ambassadors



## County Council Meeting

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 9th      **WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO)

**START TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

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.

The community service project will be the collection of stuffed animals for the children's hospital. Bring an UNUSED stuffed animal as a donation. Any size welcomed.

The program for the evening is What Not to Wear. We will cover appropriate attire for 4-H members for different events.

**Hope to see everyone at the January meeting!**

## Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

The County Council Officer and Ambassador Christmas party is scheduled for **Thursday, December 21st** at the CEO. \$10.00 and under unisex gift for Exchange Game. NO CHINESE CHRISTMAS GAG GIFTS.

Time is from 1:00 –3:00 p.m.

## 4-H Club Managers

### BCYF Food Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up food containers on **January 2nd** at the CEO for your participants competing in the 2018 BCYF Food Division. Our business hours are Monday-Friday 8 am –12:00 & 1:00-5:00 p.m. This is for Club Managers ONLY!



# Upcoming Events



## 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.

Sheryl will be e-mailing applications to family e-mails listed on 4-H Connect for 4-H members listed in Grade 12. Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

## Texas 4-H Scholarship Training

On **Saturday, November 18th**, there will be a Texas 4-H Scholarship Training from 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. on the Texas A&M Campus in College Station. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members grades 10-12! Cost is \$20 per person but includes training packet, refreshments and lunch. Registration deadline is November 15th through 4-H Connect. For questions, contact [t-Lepley@tamu.edu](mailto:t-Lepley@tamu.edu)

## Ag Product ID Practices

Ag Product ID practices are over for the fall contests. Practices for the Spring contests will resume in January.

### Upcoming contests:

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: March 14, 2018

District 8 Contest: April 20, 2018

To participate in the Houston Livestock Show Contest, you must contact Michael BEFORE November 7th! New members are welcomed to participate at any time. Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293 or email at: [mcanales1@aol.com](mailto:mcanales1@aol.com) for more information.

## Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

**November 18th, January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 19th**  
2-4 p.m. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

Contact Dawn Brown at [bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com) for more information.

## NEW Bell County 4-H T-Shirt is here!

The NEW Bell County 4-H T-Shirts are in! Cost is \$15 per shirt.

We have the following sizes available:

*Youth Medium	*Youth Large	*Small	*Medium	*Large
*XL	*2XL	*3XL	*4XL	

Stop by the office to purchase your shirt! Checks or cash only. Checks can be made payable to Bell 4-H.

Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

# BCYF Events

## Bell County Youth Fair

Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. Please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

- The BCYF has a website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: <http://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair/>
- You **MUST** attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members **MUST** be enrolled by **December 6, 2017** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31<sup>st</sup> so do it quickly.

## BCYF Entry Deadlines

4-H members participating in the Bell County Youth Fair must submit a completed BCYF Entry Form to your Club Manager by **THEIR ESTABLISHED** deadline! Entry forms **will not** be accepted by individuals at the County Extension Office!

## IMPORTANT BCYF Photography Dates

- All photos must be taken after March 1, 2017
- Photos will be submitted online at <http://agrilife.org/bellcttyouthfair> beginning January 3, 2018 to no later than 5 p.m. on January 16, 2018.
- READ the photography section in the catalog!





# *FCS Project News*



## **Food Challenge Practices**

Food Challenge/Food Show Practice continuing for those who are advancing to the District Food Challenge/Food Show competition. Practices will take place at the First Baptist Church 702 House in Belton starting at 5:30 p.m.

**November: 3, 10, 17**

Contact Barbara Wood for more information.

## **~District 8 Food Show/Food Challenge Contest~**

For those members competing in the District 8 Food Challenge and Food Show on **Wednesday, December 13th**, Sheryl and Jackie will register your child in the appropriate contest(s). Be checking your emails for more information on arrival and check in times for that day.

Good luck to all Bell County 4-H members competing!

## **Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practices**

Nutrition Quiz Bowl is a quiz game that tests teams of 3-4 on their knowledge of food and nutrition, diseases, laws/regulations, etc.. Up against the clock, the 4-Hers buzz in to answer a question and earn or lose points accordingly. Competitions are held in a tournament-system bracket. Practices will take place:

**November 14, 21, 28**

6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton

Contact Barbara Wood for more information.

## **Consumer Decision Making Practices**

Consumer Decision Making is a project where you will learn how to compare prices, look for quality, and make purchases based on facts and research. This improves your money management skills, smart purchasing skills, and decision-making skills. Practices will take place at the First Baptist Church 702 House in Belton starting at 5:30 p.m.

**November: 14, 21, 28**

Contact Barbara Wood for more information.

## **Embroidery Workshop:**

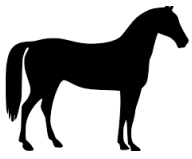
**WHEN :** Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO) @ 6 pm

Learn to do basic embroidery! Our Bell County Youth Fair, Textile Crafts has a section for entering embroidery items. Check the fair catalog for all the different types of embroidery that can be entered. This workshop will give you the information and some hands on experience in embroidering.

**SIGN UP BY: NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>!** NO FEE. You must call the CEO to sign up as our workshop leader has to prepare for the materials.





# Livestock Project News



## ~~Major Show Entry Night~~

**WHEN:** November 7, 2017 at the CEO

**TIME:** We will stay open through the lunch hour and will accept entries until 6:00 p.m.

Beginning in October, entry forms for all **2018 Spring Major shows** (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) will be available online at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/major-livestock-shows/> so that you may pre-fill and print forms at home or you can pick-up copies from the CEO. We will stay open during the lunch hour and stay late that evening at the office for your family to come enter for all the majors. All completed forms and payment must be turned into the CEO no later than 6:00 PM on November 7, 2017. Checks or exact change only will be accepted, NO CREDIT CARDS! Checks need to be made out to: **Bell Livestock Coalition** Please know your child's birthdate, social security number, and Quality Counts number when attending Major Show Entry night or turning in entry forms. Parents, bring your ID if you will be utilizing our Notary! Those items are a necessity!

## The 26th Annual District 8 Holiday Classic

**Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine Clinic and Prospect Show, November 4-5, 2017 @ Bell County Expo Center**

**This is a completely FREE EVENT!**

***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 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.

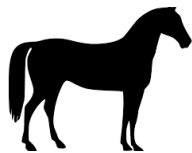
## ~Poultry Exhibitors~

**BCYF Roaster:** Birds will arrive on December 8th and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**BCYF Broilers:** Birds will arrive in December 22nd and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**BCYF & Major Show Turkeys:** Birds will arrive on **November 8th** and must be picked up that afternoon at the CEO. You will be receiving a more specific time around noon from Whitney on the 8th.

**San Antonio, Houston & Austin Broilers:** Pick up will be sometime in January. Look for more information from Whitney Grantham.



# *Livestock Project News*



## **~~ Major Show and County Swine Validation ~~**

**WHEN:** November 27th & 28th at Bell County EXPO!

**TIME:** 4:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

**COST:** State Validation tags should have already been ordered through the CEO.

County only validated pigs will cost \$5 per head.

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.

**Nov. 27** – Academy FFA, Bartlett FFA, Belton FFA, Oenaville 4-H, Salado 4-H/FFA, Stampede Creek 4-H, Tigertown 4-H, Temple FFA, Troy FFA, & Bell Horse Club

**Nov. 28** – Christian Youth 4-H, Ellison FFA, Hares & Hounds 4-H, Harker Heights FFA, Holland 4-H/FFA, 4-His Glory 4-H, Killeen FFA, Killeen Career Center FFA, Maxdale 4-H, Rogers 4-H, Shoemaker FFA, & Timmier 4-H

If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at [Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu) or 933-5305.

## **Bell County Showmanship Workshops & Weigh Day**

**WHEN:** Sunday, December 3, 2017

**WHERE:** Bell County Expo, Livestock Barn

**TIME: 1:30 — 4:00 p.m.**

1:30—2:30 p.m.—Arrival

2:30—3:00—Workshops

3:00—4:00 p.m.—Practice & Weigh

Join us for an ALL species showmanship practice at the Bell County Expo Center. If you have a project for the youth fair or major shows, this will be a great opportunity to get in the ring. Agents, Ag Teachers, and project mentors will be available for one on one showmanship practice. The livestock scales will also be set up for weighing your projects.

If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at [Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu) or 933-5305.

## **Project Visits**

As we approach the Bell County Youth Fair and Major Stock Show season, Whitney Grantham will be available to come take a look at your projects. **Please call the Extension Office to schedule a visit.**



# Important Dates

November 2017

November 1: 4-H Enrollment goes up to \$25!  
November 1: BCYF Broiler Orders due  
November 3: Food Challenge Practice  
November 4-5: D8 Holiday Classic, EXPO  
November 7: Major Show Entry Night  
November 8: BCYF & Major Show Turkey Pick Up  
November 10: County Holiday, Closed  
November 10: Food Challenge Practice  
November 11-12: Shooting Sports Coaches  
Trainings, Stephenville  
November 13: Embroidery Workshop  
November 14: NQB Practice  
November 14: CDM Practice  
November 17: Food Challenge Practice  
November 18: Texas 4-H Scholarship Training  
November 18: Clover Kids Meeting  
November 18: Texas 4-H Scholarship Training  
November 20: Embroidery Workshop  
November 21: NQB Practice  
November 21: CDM Practice  
November 23-24: County Holiday, CLOSED  
November 25: Photography Field Trip  
November 27: Major Show & BCYF Swine  
Validation  
November 28: Major Show & BCYF Swine  
Validation  
November 28: CDM Practice

December 2017

December 3: Showmanship Workshop & Weigh  
Day  
December 6: LAST DAY to enroll in 4-H for BCYF  
requirements  
December 8: BCYF Roaster Pick Up  
December 9: Master Photography Program  
December 13: D8 Food Challenge & Food Show  
December 21: Council/Ambassador Christmas  
Party  
December 22: BCYF Broiler Pick Up  
December 25 & 26: County Holiday, Closed





## BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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

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