



# Bell County 4-H November Newsletter



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## Calendar of Events

### November

**November 1:** MAC Committee Meeting, 6pm, CEO

**November 1:** BCYF/Major Show Turkey Pick-Up, Call for Pick-Up Time

**November 2:** Broiler Payment & Orders Due, CEO

**November 2 and 3:** Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO

**November 7:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

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

**November 11:** Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO

**November 12-13:** Holiday Classic (FREE Show and Clinic)- Belton Expo

**November 15:** County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

**November 15:** Exchange Application and Deposit Due, CEO

**November 16:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

**November 16:** Roaster Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

**November 19:** Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Complex, Gatesville

**November 20:** Exchange Meeting, 6pm, CEO

**November 21, 22 & 28:** Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo

**November 22:** 4-H Fuddrucker Day, All Day, Fuddruckers

**November 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO

**November 29:** Membership Advisory Board, 6:30pm, CEO

### December

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

**December 9:** Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO

**December 10:** Cowboy Christmas Ball, 6:30pm, Expo

**December 20:** 4-H Fuddrucker Day, All Day, Fuddruckers

**December 21:** Broiler Pickup, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO

## Major Show Sign Up!

The 2012 Major Show (Ft. Worth; San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 2 days for sign-up; **Wednesday, November 2nd & Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Extension Office in Belton.** Both nights sign-up time will be from **5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights and times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in late October from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above. Questions? Call Randall or Pam @ 254-933-5305. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

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# County Council Themes and Programs



<u>MONTH/DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
November 15	"Russia"	BCYF/Recordbooks
December	***** NO MEETING *****	
January 24	"China"	Fashion Presentation
February 21	"France"	Fair Dress-Up
March 20	"Ireland"	Texas Congress
April 24	"United States"	Officer Elections
May, June, July	***** NO MEETING *****	

The Bell County 4H County Council will meet on **Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room**. The council is continuing it's trip around the world. Next stop ***Russia***. Dress for the wet winter weather, it is going to be cold. All 4H members and leaders are welcome to join in the adventure. Remember that each club needs to be represented by two delegates (the president and a council delegate), they are the voting delegates for the club. There are games, contests and special programs for each meeting. Also, learn about what other clubs are doing and about the upcoming county 4-H programs. There are opportunities at each destination. **Come Join in the Fun & Learn about new Recordbooks!!!**

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## Make a change in 4-H!

The 4-H Youth Advisory Board/Committee (MAC- Make a Change Committee) is a group of 4-H members who come together and find new ways to promote 4-H and provide other opportunities for 4-H. This committee is only for 4-H members and no parents are allowed to the meetings! So, parents, you can go shopping or enjoy a couple hours of peace and take your child to the meeting! All 4-H ages are welcome to attend the meeting (please no clover kids). The first meeting will be held **November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6pm at the CEO**. We hope you consider being on a great and fun committee who will have make 4-H more fun and enjoyable!



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# Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held November 7, at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will hopefully be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project!

Dates for consumer are as follows: (Dates set already due to full meeting room schedule and availability)

## **November:**

Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO: **November 7, November 16 & November 28**

## **January:**

Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO: **January 3, January 11, January 23 & January 30**

Consumer County Contest, 6pm, CEO: **January 17**

## **February:**

Consumer Project Meeting, 2-4pm, CEO: **February 19, February 26 & February 28**

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## *Membership Advisory Board*

Calling all Parents and Adult Leaders and Managers: We will be having a meeting for all leaders on **November 29<sup>th</sup> at the CEO at 6:30pm.** We will have a potluck dinner from 6:30pm-7pm and start promptly at 7pm. Please bring your favorite dish and please no shellfish! We will be discussing this year's Hunter Spectacular and starting committees for next year! Come so you do not get put on a committee that you do not want! We will also be discussing other 4-H business!



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## COME JOIN THE LEADERS 4 LIFE TEAMS!

Any 4-H member interested in learning how to be a more effective leader or to learn more about Parliamentary Procedure is welcome to join us for more information. Parents, this is a great way to help teach your children about public speaking and how to be a leader for the future! 4-H members, this is a great contest that as seniors you can actually go to Nationals if you win district and state! Plus, it is a great way to becoming a major officer in your club and county council and become an Ambassador!

Other dates to mark in your calendar:

- **November 11:** Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO
- **December 9:** Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO



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# OPERATION A BIT OF HOME!

Help bring a little bit of home to American soldiers serving in Afghanistan! Soldiers deployed overseas often work 14-17 hour days, 7 days a week. In the short “down time” they have, they enjoy watching movies at Morale, Welfare, & Recreation (MWR) facilities. Bell County 4-H is joining **OPERATION A BIT OF HOME** in **collecting new or gently used DVDs** for the MWR facility in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

OPERATION A BIT OF HOME is a legitimate program which has been recognized by the federal government. You can learn more about this program at <http://www.operationabitofhome.com> . Many agencies have teamed up to help, including the Boy Scouts of America and even other state 4-H offices.

How can you help? **Simply drop your new or used DVDs in the donation box located at the CEO!** No children’s movies, please. Donations will be collected regularly with the last pick up of DVD donations on December 20, 2011. Your donations will be very appreciated by our military heroes!

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## Exchange



The Exchange is a great opportunity to meet new friends from Bell County as well as from another state! The adventures are great! In the Exchange program, you will be able to engage in activities which help prepare you to host other 4-H members from another state. You will also prepare to travel to another state and stay in the home of another 4-H member. You will be able to experience some of the ways that people in other communities are different and ways that they are similar.

Come and join the Bell County 4-H Exchange Program/Club by attending our first meeting on **November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the County Extension Office**. Before you come though, make sure and fill out an application and make your deposit by November 15<sup>th</sup> to the CEO. The deposit and application completes your commitment to the program.

Come and join the fun! All youth interested in participating must be entering 8th grade in the Fall before hosting and must not have completed 11th grade in the Fall that Exchange begins. Come to the meeting November 20<sup>th</sup>! All parents are asked to attend as well!

To Access the Exchange Website (and the application), please go to: <http://agriflife.org/bell4h/bell-county-4-h-exchange/>



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# Holiday Classic

\* FREE CLINICS \*

The 19th Annual Holiday Classic will be **November 12-13, 2011 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. Arrive with animals by noon on November 12th. No preregistration required. 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.



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## ★ COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL ★

The 3rd Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 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, 2011 by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at (254) 933-5305.



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# Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

The 2011 Rabbit Extravaganza will be held at the Coryell County Activity Complex on Saturday, November 19, 2011. All registration must be submitted using 4-H Connect. Registrations are open from October 1st-October 28th.



This event includes a rabbit show, but also provides a judging contest; rabbit skill-a-thon, rabbit photo contest, best dressed rabbit and many more activities available to young people who do not actually show rabbits. It would be a great learning experience for someone who is interested in learning more about the 4-H Rabbit Project. For more information please see the Bell County 4-H website or contact the CEO at 254-933-5305.

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## Swine Validation

### **NEW: All Breeding Gilts Must Be Validated**

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. 21st**— ACADEMY 4H/FFA, BARTLETT FFA, HOLLAND 4H/FFA, 4-HIS GLORY, SALADO 4H/FFA, CTCS 4H, STAMPEDE CREEK

**NOV. 22nd** — BELTON FFA, TIGERTOWN 4H, TEMPLE FFA, TROY 4-H/FFA, OENAVILLE 4H, BARKING BUDDIES 4-H, BELL 4-H HORSE CLUB

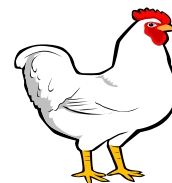
**NOV. 28th** — ROGERS 4H/FFA, KILLEEN 4H/FFA, MAXDALE 4H, TRIMMIER 4H, ELLISON FFA, HARKER HEIGHTS FFA, SHOEMAKER FFA, LBMS 4-H, SOUTH BELTON MS 4-H



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## Broiler Orders

Payment and orders for Broilers for the 2012 BCYF are due no later than **November 2, 2011** Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 or 50 birds and 50 is the maximum allowable order per exhibitor. Cost of the birds is \$36 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these **birds will arrive on December 21, 2011** and need to be picked up between **3:30-5:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office.





# 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!



# Graduating Seniors

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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 8th, 2011 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.



Need to have more family meals together?? Want to help 4-H make some money?  
Bring your family to Fuddruckers in October, November, and December!

All you have to do is pay for your meal and drop your receipt in the basket labeled “4-H” and 4-H will receive money!!

Fuddruckers locations are:

- Temple in the Mall (Proceeds go to Bell County 4-H)
- Killeen on 190 (Proceeds go to Military 4-H)



**Dates for this fall are: ~November 22 ~ December 20**

**Go and eat a great meal with your family and support the 4-H program!**



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# November



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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO	<b>8</b> Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Leaders 4 Life Meeting, 7pm, CEO	<b>12</b> Holiday Classic, FREE, Belton Expo
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