

October 2017 Focus

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**Thank you to everyone
who helped out at the
Hunter's Spectacular!
This event could not
happen without the help
of our volunteers!**

Livestock Show Eligibilities

For all members participating in the State Fair of Texas and the Heart O' Texas Fair, your child must be enrolled in Bell County 4-H PRIOR to attending these events! Make sure your child's school information is correct in 4-H Connect so the eligibility forms can be sent!

The Tractor Supply Clover Sales begin October 4 and end on October 15. We are fortunate in having 2 stores in the county: Killeen and Temple. The paper clovers cost is \$1 and a percentage of each clover sale goes back to Bell County 4-H.

Contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to work a shift at one of the stores.



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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

4-H Age /Grade Requirements

Effective with the new 4-H Year signup, Texas 4-H membership eligibility will be based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31st following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

Minimum age - 8 (as of August 31, 2017 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2017)

4-H Member Categories

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12



4-H Club Managers

MAB Meeting

All MAB officers will need to attend the next Membership Advisory Board Meeting on **Tuesday, October 24th** at the CEO. Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

Shooting Sports Coaches Trainings

Training in Stephenville—Archery, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun in Stephenville on November 11-12, 2017.

- Registration will be conducted through [4-H Connect](#).
Look for [2017 D8 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Certification Training \(Stephenville\)](#).
- Registration will be open starting October 9 and closes October 27, 2017.
- Only one discipline certification (archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun) is obtainable per participant per training.
 - Cost is \$12.

Participants **MUST** have completed and passed the Background Check **PRIOR** to registering for the event, so if they have not completed this, they should do so **IMMEDIATELY!** NO EXCEPTIONS!

<https://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/shooting-sports-coaches-training/>



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County Council & Ambassadors



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County Council Meeting

WHEN: Monday, October 30th **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 items for the Temple VA, such as:

Bingo cards, card decks, board games, books, hygiene kits, t-shirts, undergarments, socks, gum, healthy snacks, and sugar-free candy. Please bring donated items to the meeting!

The program for the evening is the Bell County Youth Fair. We will discuss new additions and changes, how to fill out the entry form, and need to know items.

Hope to see everyone at the October meeting!



Upcoming Events



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.

Ag Product ID Practices

Fall Contest time is here! The Heart of Texas Fair is Saturday (10/7) in Waco. The State Fair contest is on Monday (10/9) in Dallas. We have had some good practices this year, so I hope we can do well. A few more practices are planned before taking a short winter break and then starting up again in February for the spring contests. Practices are at 6:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church 702 House. Practice dates are as follows:

October: 2nd, 16th, 23rd

Teams for this month's contests are set, if there are changes to your plans, please let me know immediately. As always, anyone interested in coming to a practice to see what the contest is about is welcomed. Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293 if you have any questions.

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

October 21st—2-4 p.m. @Belton First United Methodist Church Family Life Center

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 for more information.

STEM Project Informational Meeting

Do you like to build stuff, figure out how things work, tinker, or work with numbers? Is science class a favorite for you? Looking to branch out into a new 4-H project?

Join us at the CEO on **Tuesday, October 10th** starting at 6:30 p.m. to learn more!

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Whatever the focus of the class, we take advantage of opportunities to introduce our students to new technology and show them that science can be fun.

Contact Jennifer Jackson at jenjacks1980@yahoo.com.



Upcoming Events



4-H VET SCIENCE PROGRAM

Upcoming Contests:

Heart O' Texas Fair – Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Participants may register on site the morning of the contest. The participation fee is \$10/contestant.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo – Tuesday, March 13th, 2018

Participants must fill out an entry for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo which is due to the Bell CEO no later than November 7th. Entry forms will be posted on our website in mid-October. Bell County 4-H will cover the entry fees associated with this contest.

We have new 4-H Volunteers leading the 4-H Bell County Vet Science program. We are grateful for the leadership of Casey and Travis Swanson.

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

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/bellctyyouthfair/>
- 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 1, 2017** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.



FCS Project News



FCS Coalition Meeting

The next FCS Coalition Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 17th** at the CEO.

Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

Food Challenge Practices

If you are interested in competing in the 4-H Food Challenge Contest, then please attend one of the upcoming Food Challenge Practices! Here are the scheduled practices to be held at the First Baptist Church 702 House in Belton. You do not have to have a pre-established team, we can find a team for you to join!

- **Wednesday, October 4th**, 4:30 p.m.
- **Friday, October 13th**, 5:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 18th**, 4:30 p.m.
- **Friday, October 27th**, 5:30 p.m.

The Bell County contest is tentatively scheduled for October 19. Entry forms due to CEO by October 13th.

Two senior teams, two intermediate, and two junior teams will advance to the District 8 contest which will be December 13th at the Bell County Expo Center. For questions, contact the CEO or Barbara Wood.

~Bell County Food Show/Food Challenge Contest~

The Bell County Food Show and Food Challenge contests will be held on **Thursday, October 19th** at the **St. John Lutheran Church in Bartlett in the TRC Building.**

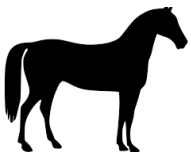
Food Challenge is for all 4-H Grade levels (including Clover Kids) and will compete in teams of 3-5 participants.

Only seniors will be able to advance to the state level but Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will be able to advance to the district contest.

Food Show is now for all 4-H Grade levels as well (including Clover Kids). Only seniors will be able to advance to the state level but Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will be able to advance to the district contest. We will have someone available at the county contest to take your picture for the District 8 Entry.

Entries will be due to the CEO by **October 13th**. Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H Website at <https://agriflife.org/bell4h/projects/food-showfood-challenge/>

Two senior teams, two intermediate, and two junior teams will advance to the District 8 contest which will be **December 13th** at the Bell County Expo Center.



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. 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.

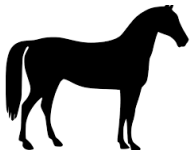
The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation.

Contact CEO for more information.

~Poultry Exhibitors~

BCYF Roaster: Due to CEO by **October 4**. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and the cost is \$46.00 per order of 25 birds. Birds will arrive on December 8th and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

BCYF Broiler: Due to CEO: **November 1**, Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 or 50 birds and 50 is the maximum allowable order per exhibitor. Cost of the birds is \$46.00 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these birds will arrive in December or January. (exhibitors can enter 2 pens of broilers.)



Livestock Project News



Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation

WHEN: October 17 & 23, 2017

WHERE: Bell County Expo

TIME: 4:00—7:00 P.M.

Any lamb or goat that was validated for the State Fair of Texas will have to be REVALIDATED for Spring Majors!

State Validation tags should have already been ordered through the CEO. If you have not purchased a tag and need to, you must contact Whitney ASAP!

NEW THIS YEAR~ All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, Wether Does will use the same validation tag! Yes, all breeding sheep and goats will be tagged. There is flexibility in which ear the tag can be placed in breeding sheep and goats due to them already having a scrapie tag and flock tag. Market lambs and goats can still be family validated (1 form), but breeding sheep and breeding goats must be validated to a single exhibitor. Also, a color copy of the original registration papers **MUST** be sent to whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu PRIOR to the physical validation date.

County only tags will be \$5 per animal payable at validation.

Oct. 17 – Academy FFA, Bartlett FFA, Belton FFA, Ellison FFA, Harker Heights FFA, Killeen Career Center FFA, Killeen FFA, Maxdale 4-H, Temple FFA, Salado 4-H/FFA, Shoemaker FFA, Stampede Creek 4H, Tigertown 4-H, & Trimmier 4-H

Oct. 23 – Bell Horse Club, Christian Youth 4-H, 4-His Glory 4-H, Hares & Hounds 4-H, Holland 4-H/FFA, Oenaville 4-H, Rogers 4-H/FFA, & Troy FFA

If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or 933-5305.

Major Show Heifer Validation

WHEN: October 16, 2017

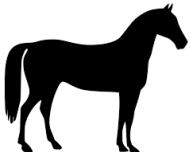
WHERE: Bell County Expo

TIME: 4:00—7:00 P.M.

An **ORIGINAL COLOR SCAN** of the registration papers must be sent to Whitney by **Friday, October 13th** so that she can upload all papers to the online system. You may come by the office to have those scans made and fill out your paperwork prior to validation. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival. Also, please bring your original registration papers with you to validation for verification!

****New**** All **BCYF only Unregistered Heifers** must fill out an Unregistered Heifer Validation form prior to arrival in addition to being physically validated with a tag and county number tattoo on October 16th. County only tags will be purchased on-site the night of validation. \$5 per head for BCYF Only heifers.

If you have any questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.



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 FFA, 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 or 933-5305.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Upcoming Contests

Heart O' Texas Fair – Sunday, October 8th, 2017

Participants may register on site the morning of the contest. The participation fee is \$10/contestant.

State Fair of Texas – Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

Participants can sign up with Whitney Grantham at the Bell CEO. Entry fees will be paid for by Bell 4-H.

AggieFest – Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Contact Whitney by October 10th to register. \$15 per contestant before October 10th, \$20 per contest upon arrival of the contest.

Sign Ups for all Spring Major Show Livestock Judging Contests will take place on November 7th in conjunction with Major Show Entry Night. If you are planning to participate in Spring Major Shows, please sign up with Whitney Grantham by the 7th.

Photography Project

4-H Photography Project

Upcoming Meeting Dates/Events

- **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 if you have any questions.

NEW! Texas 4-H Master Photography Program

Workshop I: Equipment, Camera types, lenses, manual settings, basic composition, & lighting

Saturday, Oct 14, 2017, All Day @ the Texas 4-H Office, College Station, TX

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

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

Contact Elizabeth Coffman at familycoffman@aol.com if you have any questions.

NEW! Texas 4-H Photography Ambassador Program

By application only

*Must successfully complete the 4-H Master Photography Program

Photographers Wanted!

Apply to be an official photographer for the District 8 Holiday Classic. This event takes place at the Bell County Expo on November 4th & 5th.

Applicants must be: *active member in D8, *in grade 6-12, *willing to be in the show arena with livestock, *provide own photography equipment, *provide all digital image and release to D8 4-H & AgriLife Extension, and *provide own travel arrangements.

Apply online by **October 22nd** at <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/holiday-classic>

Select your preferred day, select your preferred specie, attend orientation with a professional livestock photographer, only 4-8 photographers will be selected

Important Dates

October 2017

October 2: Ag Product Id Practice
October 4: BCYF Roaster Orders due
October 4: Food Challenge Practice
October 1-7: National 4-H Week
October 9: County Holiday, CLOSED
October 10: State Fair Livestock Judging
October 10: STEM Project Info Meeting
October 5-14: Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo
October 13: Food Challenge Practice
October 13: BC Food Show & Food Challenge Entry
Deadline
October 14: AggieFest Livestock Judging
October 14: Master Photography Workshop I
October 16: Major Show Heifer Validation
October 16: Ag Product Id Practice
October 17: Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation
October 17: FCS Coalition Meeting
October 18: 4-H FCS Coalition Meeting
October 18: Food Challenge Practice
October 21: Clover Kids Meeting
October 19: BC Food Challenge & Food Show
October 22: Application deadline for Holiday Classic
Photographer
October 23: Major Show Lamb & Goat Validation
October 23: Ag Product Id Practice
October 24: MAB Meeting
October 27: Food Challenge Practice
October 30: County Council Meeting
October 30: Ag Product Id Practice
October 31: LAST Day for \$20 4-H Enrollment

November 2017

November 1: 4-H Enrollment goes up to \$25!
November 1: BCYF Broiler Orders due
November 4-5: D8 Holiday Classic, EXPO
November 7: Major Show Entry Night
November 10: County Holiday, Closed
November 11-12: Shooting Sports Coaches
Trainings, Stephenville
November 18: Clover Kids Meeting
November 18: Texas 4-H Scholarship Training
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



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H: Sheryl Long

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

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