

Bell County 4-H September Newsletter



Calendar of Events

September

September 9: HOT Fair Entries Due & Major Show Broiler Orders Due

September 9: Calf Scramble Info

September 13: 4-H Open House, 5:30-8pm, Expo

September 15: Barrow Tag Orders Due

September 16: Deadline for Photography Entries

September 17: Commercial Steer Weigh In, 8am, W.C.Evans Ranch Little River Academy

September 19: County Food Show Entries Due to CEO

September 20: Club Officer Training, 6-8pm, CEO

September 21-Oct. 2: Paper Clover Promotion

September 27: County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

October

October 1: Club Charter Packet Due to CEO

October 2-8: National 4-H Week

October 3: Deadline for ordering Roasters

October 3: Roundup Logo & Theme Submission Deadline

October 8: One Day 4-H, 9am-12pm, Expo

October 7-15: Photography Display H.O.T., Creative Arts Bldg.

October 13: Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm

October 15: Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo

October 16: MAB Meeting, 6pm, CEO

October 18 & 24: Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo

October 20: 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO

October 22: County Food Show, Location TBD

October 24: Gold Star Banquet, Waco, TX

October 25: County Council Mtg, 6:30pm, CEO

October 31: All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay the \$20

4-H Open House will be held **September 13th from 5:30-8pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall.** The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting a 4-H open house to recruit new 4-H members. 4-H members and children from the public can come to the open house and learn about all the projects and activities in 4-H. Current 4-H members are welcome to come and learn about new projects offered in the county. There will be Bell County 4-H members stationed at booths and you will have the opportunity to talk to them about their project and all types of activities (i.e. 4-H Camp; Leadership Lab; congress...). Here is a short list, just to give you an idea of some of the projects Bell County 4-H offers, Shooting Sports, Food and Nutrition, Consumer Decision Making and Dog Project. Remember, these are just a few of the things you can get involved in!

In implementing the new online registration process, we will have computers set up so you can register on site and we can answer any questions you may have! We look forward to seeing you on September 13th and feel free to contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305 with any questions you may have!

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Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is NOW!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect this year. 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. Below the icon are instructions on how to enroll, if you need further assistance please contact the CEO at 933-5305.

To maintain the level of programming and opportunities in the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program, an annual participant fee as implemented for each 4-H member (Clover Kids & Adult Volunteers excluded) starting this 2011-2012 4-H year. The participant fee is \$20 if enrolled from August to October 31st, November 1st the participant fee will increase to \$25. This will hopefully ensure that the Texas AgriLife Extension Service can continue to deliver the highest quality 4-H program in the world.

Opportunities to enroll in 4-H are at:

- 4-H Club
- 4-H Open House– **September 13th**
- Extension Office



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

Healthy Lifestyle Applicants

Are you interesting in all things healthy? Would you like the opportunity promote the purpose and goals of the 4-H healthy lifestyles program; Empower youth and volunteers by giving them the opportunity to provide leadership and oversight to the following 4-H projects:

Food and Nutrition, Health, and Safety; Coordinate events that will provide learning opportunities for the development of leadership and effective citizenship related to the healthy lifestyles projects; or Provide educational experiences that will enable 4-H members across the county to become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter? If you said yes to any of these then **WE WANT YOU!!!** The Healthy Lifestyles Selection Committee is Accepting Applications Now! If you would like to be part of the Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board, please come by the CEO to pick up an application. The selection committee must have all applications by **September 15th by 5:00PM**. If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Stevens at 254-933-5305 or castevens@ag.tamu.edu.

County Council Meeting Themes and Programs

<u>MONTH/DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>
August 6	County Council Officer Training	
September 27	"Africa"	Shooting Sports
October 25	"Mexico"	Food Challenge
November 15	"Russia"	BCYF
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 *****	

CLUB OFFICER WORKSHOP

The club officer workshop will be on **September 20, 2011, at the County Extension Office from 6pm-8pm.** This workshop will be a great way for all club officers to learn about how to run their 4-H meetings.

The county council officers and ambassadors will be leading this workshop. All club officers are highly encouraged to attend! It will be very informative and fun!



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board would like to remind everyone to recognize their local fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, policeman, etc., on **September 10th**. Please bake your favorite goodies and drop them by YOUR local police or fire station anytime that week as September 10th is a Saturday. Remember to include a thank you note with your name and your 4-H club. If you don't know where to drop them off, then go ahead and bake your goodies and drop them by the county extension office by close of business on Friday, September 9th, and someone from the Advisory Board will deliver them for you. To all of your family members who are in these professions, **THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO CONTINUALLY!**

Food & Nutrition Project

The District 8 4-H Food Challenge is a unique opportunity to participate in an innovative food and nutrition competition. The 4-H Food Challenge, similar to the popular television show Iron Chef, brings fun, learning, application of knowledge and skills, and group competition together at one event. The great news is that this is a state contest now for seniors!!!! At your table, they will have all the ingredients and amounts on the table and no directions! You are to come up with a dish with what ingredients you have on the table!

In preparation for the Food Challenge, participants should not limit themselves to studying only the resources provided at the contest. Resources that may be helpful include (but are not limited to):

- MyPlate – www.myplate.gov
- Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2010 – www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf
- Fight Bac! – www.fightbac.org
- Cooking Basics for Dummies, 3rd edition

The following resources will be provided to teams at the Food Challenge. All are available online at: http://texas4h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/index_healthy_lifestyles.php

- Resource 1: Choose My Plate – 10 Tips to a Great Plate
- Resource 2: Fight Bac – Fight Foodborne Bacteria Brochure
- Resource 3: Nutrient Needs at a Glance (Updated 7/11)
- Resource 4: Altering Recipes for Good Health

If you are interested in having a team or the food and nutrition project, the information about the project, manual and entry forms will be available on the Bell County 4-H Website at: <http://bell-tx.tamu.edu/> and Click on Bell County 4-H (it is under the project link).

County Food Show is October 22nd, 2011. Entry forms are due **September 19, 2011.**

September~County Council Meeting

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office Meeting Room**. The council will be taking a trip around the world this year. All 4-H 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!!**

County Council Officers

Your county council officers will plan and implement county wide community service and activities throughout the year. They will lead you in activities such as club officer trainings, county council meetings, dances, club coke tab project and many other community service activities.

2011-2012 BELL 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairman: Peter Fasolino

1st Vice Chairman: Lacy Ide

2nd Vice Chairman: Katherine Wood

Secretary: Ashley Johnson

Treasurer: John Fasolino

Reporter: Siera Littman

Public Relations Officer: Abigail TePoel

Recreation Leaders: Bailey Kasberg & Spencer Hallmark

Parliamentarian: Ashley Payne

County Council Advisor: Dawn Brown



This year's One Day 4-H activity will be the Family Fun Festival. **It will be held October 8, 2011, at the Bell County Expo Arena.** The festival will begin at 9am and conclude at 12pm. Many activities for families include:

wellness booths, a 4-H booth and a can food drive just to name a few. If you are interested in helping lead games or help at the Festival, please email Micah at mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu.

In addition to the Festival, we are asking all 4-H clubs to collect food for the can food drive. All food will be collected and delivered to the festival the day of the event. Can food can be delivered to the office starting October 1st.

More information is to come!!! Please check your newsletter and the website for more information!



- A Clover Kid is a child who is in Kindergarten (5 years old) through 2nd grade (8 years old).
- Clover kids will sign up on-line like the rest of the family, but there is no charge from the state for their enrollment.
- Clover Kids will attend regular 4-H club meetings just like other 4-H members. They are a part of your 4-H club in all club aspects, however, when it comes

to county contests, they do not advance past the county level and they do not show animals.

- Clover Kids are also not eligible to show at the Bell County Youth Fair. For this reason, we offer the Clover Kid Fair which is in May. At the Clover Kid Fair they will be able to show off any of their FCS type projects that they have done throughout the year. Judges (recruits from the ranks of the older 4-H members) will ask the children about the projects that they have brought and there will be games, refreshments, and awards given out. Length of this event will depend on the number of Clover Kids that participate as well as the quantity of projects they bring to show off. Although we encourage parents and participants to stay for the entire event, some do drop the projects off for judging anonymously.



Starting in 2012, Quality Counts verification will be required for all youth exhibiting livestock (market and/or breeding) at major livestock shows in Texas (including the Ft. Worth Livestock Show, San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Star of Texas Fair in Austin, San Angelo Livestock Show, Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, State Fair of Texas in Dallas, and Heart O' Texas Fair in Waco). The verification process will require junior exhibitors to pass an online test that measures their knowledge on quality assurance and character education content items.

Starting in May, youth are able to go online to take the test and become verified. A verification number will need to be provided at the time of making an official entry into a Texas major livestock show. Thus, youth will need to have completed and passed the test before the major livestock show's entry deadline on November 1st. A passing score has been determined to be 80%.

To learn more about Quality Counts including the verification process, please visit:

<http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu/>.

Bell County 4-H members will not be allowed to enter major shows unless they have completed this by November 1st.

Any 4-H member who plans to show at the 2011 Heart of Texas Fair must complete and turn entry forms into the county extension office no later than **September 9, 2011**.

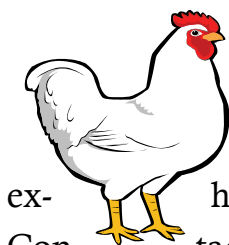
Entry forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.



Major Show Broilers

4-H members who plan to show broilers at San Antonio, Houston or Austin or roasters at the Star of Texas Fair in Austin must order no later than **September 9, 2011**. The minimum

order is 25 birds per exhibitor and cost is \$31.25 per 25 birds. You may order a maximum of 75 birds per exhibitor and you must order in multiples of 25. Families cannot order one set of birds (75) for multiple children. Each exhibitor must select and exhibit their pen of 3 from the birds assigned to them. Contact Pam or Randall to order or with questions you may have.

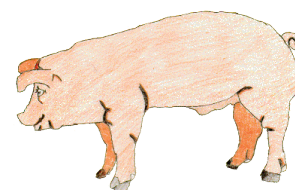


2011 CALF SCRAMBLES

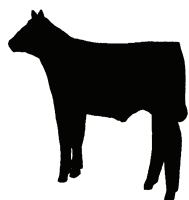
We will be receiving information within the next few weeks regarding calf scramble applications for major shows. If you are interested in scrambling at one of the major shows, please contact Randall or Pam at the Extension Office no later than **September 9th** and we will send you the appropriate forms as they arrive. Most shows require participants to be at least 14 years old and 100 lbs and to not be beyond your eleventh grade year in school.

MAJOR SHOW BARROW TAGS

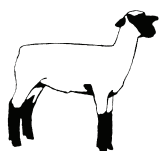
We need to know by 5:00 p.m. **Thursday, September 15, 2011** how many major show barrow tags you will need for the 2012 Major Show's. Tags will cost \$10.00 per tag. We do not need you to order tags for county-only pigs. Contact Pam at the Extension office at 254-933-5309.



BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh IN



For those 4-H members who plan on showing Commercial Steers at the Bell County Youth Fair, the Commercial Steer Weigh-In will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.** at the W.C. Evans Ranch in Little River-Academy, TX. For additional information you can call the CEO.



Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goats Validation

4-H members who plan to show market lambs or market goats in 2011 must validate these animals. Lamb and goat validation for Bell County exhibitors will be held

October 18th and 24th at the Bell County Expo Center. Exhibitors who plan to show in San Angelo in 2012 must have a Texas Bred Lamb. You must have your Texas Lamb Breeders Tag with you at validation, or the sheep will not be eligible for San Angelo.

October 18th—Academy 4-H/FFA; Bartlett 4-H/FFA; Belton FFA; CTCS 4-H; Oenaville 4-H; Temple FFA; Tigertown 4-H; Troy FFA/4-H & Stampede Creek 4-H

October 24th—Bell 4-H Horse; Ellison FFA; 4His Glory 4-H; Harker Heights FFA; Holland 4-H/FFA; Killeen 4-H/FFA; Maxdale 4-H; Rogers 4-H/FFA; Salado 4-H/FFA & Trimmier 4-H.

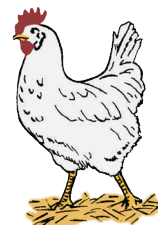
Validation Time for the above dates is: **5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each night**

**Cost: \$10.00 for each State animal and \$3.00 for each County animal,
(If you validate for State it covers BCYF also)**

New for 2012- All Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goats Must be Validated

BCYF COUNTY ROASTER ORDERS

Deadline for ordering Roasters for the Bell County Youth Fair is **Monday, October 3, 2011**. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and the cost is \$36.00 per order of 25 birds. The birds will arrive on **November 16, 2011**





Fun for the Whole Family!

We need your help! Each year, the Bell County 4-H hosts fundraisers to help with the costs of supporting our youth.

Our event is called the Hunter's Spectacular and will be held **October 15, 2011** at the Bell County Expo Center. We will have lots of fun things for the whole family at the event including a meal, silent auction, live auction, vendors, and even have games. We will also have a drawing for 20 guns, binoculars, hunting equipment, t-shirts for sale and lots of other fun prizes. For the young people, we have games and activities and even a cake walk. A live auction of outdoor items will take place that evening as well as a silent auction with the hunter in mind.

We need our 4-H members to sell tickets to the event. Your club manager will be asking each of you to participate and we want you to know that we utilize the funds raised for the total Bell County 4-H program....which includes you! We are able to help offset the costs of many events, camps, livestock supplies, workshops, contests, and leadership activities through these funds. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office and visit with Randall about the event.

Choosing the right animal...

we're here to help!

Anyone who needs help finding a lamb, goat, or swine project for the Bell County Youth Fair or Major shows in 2012 should contact Randall as soon as possible. I am more than happy to look for animals for you, go along with you when you will be selecting your projects, go to a sale, or contact breeders for you. Lamb and goat selection will be winding down very soon and the selection will be getting slim, so do not hesitate. Also, pigs will begin being sold in late-September, but we need to be making plans now and contacting breeders to set-up dates. You can reach me by phone at 254-933-5305 or email trrakowitz@ag.tamu.edu.



4-H ELIGIBILITY

Attention New BCYF Rule: All members must attend a minimum of 2 meetings of the club in which they are enrolled from September 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012 to participate in the BCYF.

All 4-H youth, including youth in public, private, and/or **home school**, must adhere to the following guidelines regarding extracurricular activities and academic eligibility:

Complete a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" – If you are in public or private school, your form will be sent automatically to your school. If you are home schooled, you will be required to come to the office to pick one up and fill it out.

OR

Name of 4-H member must appear on a list of eligible students to participate in a specific extracurricular activity signed by the school principal or designee. – This list is usually used during the youth fair instead of filling out a form for each student.

Extracurricular activities through 4-H that require a "Declaration of Eligibility Form" or List of Eligible names:

- All 4-H Competitive Events (this does include photography, Bell County Youth Fair, Participation in ANY 4-H event or activity that would require them to be absent from school.

Consistent with the UIL rules, the Texas 4-H Program has adopted a three school week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (ie from public to private or private to home or home to public or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity. As a result of the 81st Legislation, no significant changes were made in TEA or UIL rules and procedures.

The 76th Legislature passed House Bill 3573 with 3 major changes in regard to school eligibility and extracurricular activities:

- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education (instead of State Board of Education) to adopt for extracurricular activities and to approve or disapprove UIL rules and procedures.
- Suspension period of "no pass, no play" changed to 3 SCHOOL weeks.
- Authorizes local boards of trustees to adopt policies that establish the number of times that students may be absent to participate in extracurricular activities. It also requires that the policies allow at least ten absences for extracurricular participation but does not cap the maximum number of days that may be missed for extracurricular participation.

Major Livestock 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!

Photography Contest

IMPORTANT DATES:

Entry Deadline: Friday, September 16, 2011

Submit the following:

Flash drive or CD with each photo labeled or renamed:
bell_county_firstnamelastname_category.jpg just like in district rules.

No email submissions allowed.

Display: October 7-15 2011

Heart O' Texas Fair, Waco, Texas
Creative Arts/Exhibit Building



Age Divisions:

Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31, 2011 as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Birth date between:</u>
Junior	8 years old and in 3rd grade or 9 - 10 years	Sept 1, 2000 – Aug 31, 2003
Intermediate	11-13 years of age	Sept 1, 1997 – Aug 31, 2000
Senior	14 - 18 years of age	Sept 1, 1992 – Aug 31, 1997

Please note. This is NOT the qualifying contest for the state senior contest that will be held in spring 2012. This contest is in addition to the state senior contest and senior members wishing to enter the state contest should contact their County Extension Agent for details.

Eligibility of Photos: All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H members between the dates of October 1, 2010 and time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one division and class.

For more information about the photo contest, please visit the Bell County 4-H Website. Under photography you will find entry forms and guidelines. These forms can also be obtained at the Extension Office.

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Texas 4-H Roundup Logo and Theme Contest is Back!!

LOGO & THEME REQUIREMENTS

- The logo submitted may be made up of no more than four colors
- Theme must have "Texas 4-H Roundup" located in it.
- Theme must have 2012 for its date
- Images may be hand drawn or computer generated
- Electronic images must be in .jpg format
- If selected, images may be modified slightly for printing purposes

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submissions must be received no later than **October 3, 2011**

PARTICIPANTS

- Must be a 4-H member
- May be a team (no size limit), 4-H Club, or individual submission
- Participants must be from same county

SUBMISSION RIGHTS & CREDIT

- All submissions become the property of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- 4-H members release all rights to submission of theme and logo
- Credit will be provided to individual or team in State 4-H Roundup documentation

WINNING ENTRY

- The winning entry will receive a \$100 gift card

SUBMISSION PROCESS

Print format: mail entry to: Texas 4-H Office
c/o Kyle Merten
4180 State Hwy. 6 College Station, TX 77845
Please include the following information:
name, e-mail address, county, mailing address,
city/state/zip, and age

Electronic format: e-mail entry to: Mr. Kyle Merten
kjmerten@ag.tamu.edu

Please include the following information:
name, e-mail address, county,
mailing address, city/state/zip, and

Paper Clover Promotion

The fall Tractor Supply and Del's Paper Clover promotion will be held from **Wednesday, Sept. 21 to Sunday, Oct. 2** and is a great way to build momentum for **National 4-H Week on October 3-8!**

New for this Fall's Paper Clover

- 4-H participation awards and incentives
- A chance for you to win a \$250 gift certificate to the 4-H Mall by registering your clubs participation in the store during the promotion.
- Opportunity for your 4-Hers to be the face of the next national Paper Clover promotional materials
- A way to boost funds raised for your state just by having a 4-H presence in-store
- Daily tracking updates of the top states and TSC stores during the promotion on the TSC 4-H micro-site at www.tractorsupply.com/4-H

For information including log-in info please visit the 4-H website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>

Congratulations!!

State 4-H Horse Show Winners



Taylor Dwyer- 1st- Western Pleasure
Taylor Dwyer- 1st- Western Riding
Carlie Block- 2nd- Registered Mares 5 & Over
Liza Spurlock-1st- Grade Mares
Taylor Dwyer- 4th- Hunt Seat Equitation



Need Scales?

The Bell County 4-H program is selling a used set of Paul's Scales for sheep/goats/pigs. We will take sealed bids at the Extension Office from Sept 1-Sept 30 at noon. All bids must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on September 30, 2011 and may only be submitted by a current Bell County 4-H member, club, or leader. The winner will be contacted by phone and must remit payment no later than October 3, 2011. Minimum bid accepted will be \$500. For more details or questions, contact Randall.

Bell County 4-Her needs your VOTE!

Emma Coffman is a 4-H photographer with Stampede Creek 4-H Club. She recently had one of her photos selected by Country Magazine as a finalist in their Rural Photo of the Year Contest in the Country Kids category. The category winner is chosen by popular vote, which means **YOU can help!!!**

Country Magazine is known for its beautiful photographs from all over the United States. Professional photographers pick four finalists for each of the four categories out of the thousands of entries, with the public voting for the overall category winner. The four category winners compete for the Photo of the Year title, again depending upon votes from the public. Voting is as easy as going to www.Country-Magazine.com, clicking on "Rural Photography Contest", and submitting your selection! **Emma's photo is "number 4" - a Mexican Charro Boy** taken at the 4th of July parade in Belton, Texas.



Ambassadors

The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors are the representation of the Bell County 4-H program. They will represent the county 4-H program on TV, Radio, Commissioners Court, and will lead many of the 4-H promotional events during the year. They also help with the 4-H banquet, state photo workshop, district food show, and are mentors at your club meetings.

Below are the Ambassadors for the **2011-2012 Year**

- ~ Whitney Bushing-Tigertown
- ~ Emma Coffman- Stampede Creek
- ~ Selena Drake- Tigertown
- ~ Peter Fasolino-4-His Glory
- ~ Taylor Harris-Tigertown
- ~ Lacy Ide-Rogers
- ~ Taylor Jacobs- Tigertown
- ~ Bailey Kasberg- 4-His Glory
- ~ Jennifer Ramthun-Holland
- ~ Tyler Ramthun-Holland
- ~ Brandon Stone-4-His Glory
- ~ Brittany Stone-4-His Glory
- ~ Kyler Tormey-Tigertown
- ~ Katherine Wood-Tigertown
- ~ Kathy Ide- Advisor
- ~ Advisor- Micah Holcombe, 4-H Agent

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!

This is a great record book service opportunity and this is also a state-wide community service! Please contact Emma or Christian Coffman at familycoffman@aol.com if you have any questions.

Recordbooks

Have you ever thought about doing a recordbook? A recordbook is good for those who want to keep records of their 4-H career, win awards for resumes, or help you with filling out your scholarship applications. All seniors who complete a recordbook say that it helped them with filling out their scholarship applications a lot. We have even helped create a format that ties directly to the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form. How easy is that!!!

Recordbooks are getting easier to fill out and complete these days! If you would like to learn about how to complete a recordbook, the Bell County 4-H will be hosting 2 workshops this year to help you do a recordbook. The first workshop will help with how to start a recordbook and how to record effective information for recordbooks and will be in November and the second workshop will be in April and will be the second part which is how to fill out the forms and do tables and what to actually do to fill out the recordbook.



If you are interested, please attend the first recordbook training on: **October 20, 2011 at 6-8pm in the CEO.**

We had a great year for recordbooks this year!

Congratulations on the following STATE recordbook winners!

Peter Fasolino– 1st- Consumer Education

Brandon Stone– 5th-Personal Development/Leadership

2012 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION CHANGES

The following educational presentations have been monitored over the last five years. Participation numbers, youth interest and contest funding are all factors that have been considered during this time. As a result of these considerations, the following educational presentations will no longer be offered at Texas 4-H Roundup as state qualifying events.

~Agronomy ~Consumer Life Skills ~Farm & Ranch Economics ~Food & Nutrition
~Horticulture Housing & Home Environment ~Meat Science ~Shooting Sports

As a result of the previously listed educational presentations being discontinued, there will be two new educational presentations that will be created to take their place. Each contest being discontinued is also listed under the appropriate category it will most likely filter under. Please note, there may be some exceptions. These new educational presentation categories include:

- **Open- Agriculture & Natural Resources**

~Agronomy ~Farm & Ranch Economics ~Horticulture ~Meat Science ~Shooting Sports (may also fall under Safety and Injury Prevention)

- **Open- Family & Consumer Sciences**

~Consumer Life Skills ~Food & Nutrition ~Housing & Home Environment

The above changes will go into effect September 1, 2011.

For more information please visit the Bell County 4-H website at: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>

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 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.



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September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
					HOT Fair Entries Due Major Show Broilers Orders Due Calf Scramble Info Due	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		4-H Open House, 5:30-8pm, Expo	Barrow Tag Orders Due	Healthy Lifestyles Applications Due	Deadline for Photography Entries	Commercial Steer Weigh -In, 8am, W.C. Evans Ranch Little River Academy
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	County Food Show Entries Due to CEO	Club Officer Training, 6-8pm, CEO				
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		County Council, 6:30pm, CEO				



October 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Club Charter Packets Due to CEO
2	3 Deadline for ordering Roasters Roundup Logo & Theme Submis- sion Deadline	4	5	6	7	8 One Day 4-H, 9am-12pm, Expo HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg.
9			National 4-H Week			
	10	11	12	13 Fundraising Tickets Due to CEO by 2pm	14	15 Hunter's Spectacular, 6pm, Expo
		HOT Photography Display, Creative Arts Bldg.				
16 MAB Meeting, 6pm, CEO	17	18 Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo	19	20 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm, CEO	21	22 County Food Show
23 30	24 31 24th- Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goat Validation, 5-8pm, Expo Gold Star Banquet, Waco, TX	25 County Council Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO	26 31st- All 4-H Enrollment must be completed on 4-H Connect to be able to pay \$20.00	27	28	29

Family FUN



Festival FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!

Saturday, October 8
Bell County Expo Arena
9AM-12pm

- Activities for the **WHOLE** family!
- **FUN** Family Contests and Prizes Available
- Information about how to help your family stay active and healthy on a budget!
- Bring a non perishable food item to stock our local food banks!
- Door Prizes Include:
 - Bicycles for all ages
 - Gas Gift Cards
 - Grocery Gift Cards
 - **FIRST 100** participants will receive a **FREE** Colorful T-Shirt!
 - More Activities and Information to come!



Learn more about the festival by going to:
<http://agrilife.org/bell4h/familyfunfestival/>

ORDER YOUR ONE DAY 4-H T-SHIRTS NOW!!!

\$8.00 per shirt



<u>SIZES</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Youth Medium	_____
Youth Large	_____
Adult Small	_____
Adult Medium	_____
Adult Large	_____
Adult XL	_____
Adult XXL	_____
Adult XXXL	_____
TOTAL SHIRTS ORDERED: _____	

NAME(S): _____

Please make checks payable to Dawn Brown
(Bell County 4H County Council Advisor)

ORDER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 23, 2011
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.