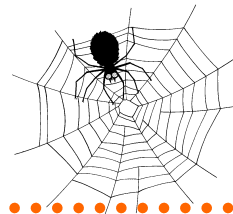


# BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## OCTOBER 2010



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**\*\* Check out the updated website!! \*\*** <http://agriflifeweb.tamu.edu/bell4h/>

#### OCTOBER 2010

- October 1. Club Charter Packet Due to CEO
- October 1. Deadline for ordering Roasters
- October 3-9. National 4-H Week
- October 4. Consumer Orientation Meeting, 7pm, CEO
- October 4. Clothing Board, 6-7pm, CEO
- October 5. Food Challenge Orientation, 5.45-6.45pm, CEO
- October 7. Fundraising Tickets due to CEO by 2pm
- October 8-9. HOT Photo Display, District 4-H Entries
- October 9. One Day 4-H, 9am-3pm, CEO
- October 9. Movie in the Park, 7pm, Yettie Polk Park
- October 16. Hunter's Spectacular-Expo-6pm
- October 20. 4-H MAB Meeting, 6pm -CEO
- October 21. 4-H Recordbook Training, 6-8pm -CEO
- October 23. County Food Show, 2pm-CTCS School, Temple
- October 25 & 26. Lamb & Got Validation, 5-8pm, Expo
- October 25. Gold Star Banquet, 6.30pm, Waco Baylor Campus
- October 26. County Council Mtg, 6.30pm, CEO
- October 29. All 4-H Enrollment Form due in office to participate in Bell County Youth Fair
- October 30. "Dog eared book & bake sale", 8am-2pm, CEO

#### NOVEMBER 2010

- November 3 & 4. Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO
- November 9. Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO
- 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

#### DECEMBER 2010

- December 9. District 8 4-H Food Show-Belton
- December 11. Cowboy Christmas Ball, 6.30pm, Expo
- December 22. Broiler Pickup, 3.30-5.30pm,CEO

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## 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. We do not charge dues to participate in 4-H, so we ask that you help us by selling tickets to our main fundraiser.

In 2010, we will be hosting our 2nd annual event with the outdoorsman in mind. Our event is called the Hunter's Spectacular and will be held October 16, 2010 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. The event will feature vendor booths who offer hunting-related supplies. We will also have a drawing for 20 guns, binoculars, hunting equipment, deer stand, 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. In addition, those who have pre-purchased tickets to the Hunters Spectacular, will be able to attend the Outdoor Expo the same day for only \$2.00 with their ticket stub.

We need our 4-H members to come support 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 as well as provide scholarships each year to qualifying 4-H members. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office and visit with Randall about the event.



# Annual 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment NOW!!! Make sure and enroll at your 4-H club meeting. All enrollment cards are due to the Extension Office by **October 1st**. You must enroll every year, so make sure to fill out an enrollment card! If you are not enrolled by **October 29th**, you will NOT BE ABLE to PARTICIPATE at the Bell County Youth Fair. Opportunities to enroll in 4-H are at:

- 4-H Club
- Extension Office

Also, make sure and check the military box on your enrollment card if you or a family member is:

- Currently Active in the military
- Reserves or National Guard

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

**NOTE:** Make sure & circle on top of the enrollment form, if you are new to 4-H.



## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK - October 3-9, 2010**

**Monday-** The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will be attending Bell County Commissioners Court to give the proclamation for National 4-H Week. We are asking all 4-H members in the community to wear their 4-H T-Shirts one day this week and in particular on Monday!

**Tuesday-** All 4-H members are encouraged to make a poster about 4-H and put it up in their school or community.

**Wednesday-** Bell County 4-H members are encouraged to tell others about Bell County 4-H! Tell everyone you can about 4-H! Bell County 4-H members have a wide variety of projects they can do in 4-H. Some projects include horse, photography, livestock, food and nutrition, consumer, clothing, and even computer and technology.

**Thursday-** All 4-H members will work on their 4-H projects! They will work hard to: "Make the Best Better" (our 4-H motto). All 4-H members are encouraged to make baked goods and take them to the schools to let them know how much we appreciate their help in our community.

**Friday-** This a great day to take these baked goods to those businesses. Make sure and let them know it is National 4-H Week.

**Saturday-** One Day & Movie in the Park



# COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING THEMES AND PROGRAMS

| <u>MONTH/DATE</u> | <u>THEME</u>           | <u>PROGRAM</u>        |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| October 26        | "Monster Mash"         | Trick or Treat Bags   |
| November 16       | "The 1ST Thanksgiving" | Shooting Sports       |
| 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     |
| May               | ***** NO MEETING ***** |                       |
| June              | ***** NO MEETING ***** |                       |
| July              | ***** NO MEETING ***** |                       |

## COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER

The Bell County 4-H County Council will meet on October 26, 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](http://www.breedlove.org) to see all of the great things this organization does. Thank you. Tyler Coufal. Texas 4-H Council.






THE 4-H FAMILY HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE BELL COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE.  
 YOU MAY ALSO PICK UP A COPY IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

# One Day 4-H

## One Day 4-H



one day, this October,  
 Texas 4-H'ers  
 will join together  
 to change their  
 communities  
 4 the better

What will you do one day?

October 9, 2010  
[texas4h.org](http://texas4h.org)

On October 9<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. your door bell may be ringing! The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors and County Council officers will be leading the State 4-H "One Day" community service project. On October 9<sup>th</sup> 4-H members throughout the state of Texas will be participating in many different community service projects. The idea of the One Day project is to get as many 4-H members, parents, and leaders involved in community service projects, giving them an opportunity to say "Thanks" to the state for their support of Texas 4-H for the past 102 years. This year Bell county 4-H will be trick or treating for food items to resupply our area food banks. We want to invite everyone in the county to participate in this project with the goal of collecting as much food as possible! For those of you who cannot help gather the food, there is no need to get out into the cold; we will be ringing your door bell asking for food donations. Donations can be anything from canned foods, cracker boxes, gravy mixes, stuffing, rice, Jell-O and pudding, to dessert and hot coco mixes, or a bag of flour and sugar. If you are going to participate, we need you to bring plastic and paper shopping bags. Lunch will be provided for helpers! We need drivers to follow each group of people so that the collectors can lighten their loads. Please meet at the County Extension Office at 9am to start collecting. Lunch will be held at the Extension Office and drop off will be at the Extension Office. Mark your calendars and have a few extra food items in the house! If we do not happen to ring your bell, feel free to drop off donations at the Texas Agrilife Extension Office located at 1605 N Main St, Belton, TX 76513-1996, between the hours of 9am-3pm on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we will be hosting a "Movie in the Park" at the Yettie Polk Park (across from bathrooms and beside the hamburger stand) at 7p.m. Everyone is welcome, rain or shine, the movie will play! We hope to see you there!



# Food & Nutrition Project

County Food Show is October 23rd, 2010 at CTCS. Entry forms are due October 12, 2010 Nutrition Quiz Bowl March 5, 2011 at McLennan Community College.

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!

If you are interested in having a team or the food and nutrition project, the information about the project and entry forms will be available on the Bell County 4-H Website at:

<http://agrifeweb.tamu.edu/bell4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/>

## Food Challenge Orientation

The Agents will also be hosting a Food and Nutrition Project/Food Challenge Orientation to orient youth and adults about the upcoming food and nutrition contests especially Food Challenge. The meeting will be October 5, 2010, at 5:45pm-6:45pm. Come learn about the contests!

## Public Speaking Project/Youth Leadership Program

This fall, we will be holding a youth leadership program through the Toastmasters and Bell County 4-H. This program will teach leadership and public speaking skills. The kids will learn how to give different types of speeches, how to speak effectively, and how to run a meeting as well as learn to serve in many different leadership roles. This program is a very special program and not offered in many counties at all and we are very lucky to have it come to Bell County 4-H. If you are interested in this program please call the Extension Office and RSVP by October 11th with Pat only. She will need your name, phone number, and email. The age limit will be for those ages 11-18. There will be ONLY 15 members allowed in each program and it will cost \$10 a person. If we fill up quickly, we will put you on a waiting list for the next one or if someone backs out. Come and learn some very valuable life skills you will use the rest of your life. Sign up quickly!

### Dates for the Youth Leadership Program:

October 19th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

October 26th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

(this meeting is combined with Consumer)

November 2nd- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

November 9th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

November 16th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

November 23rd- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

November 30th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room

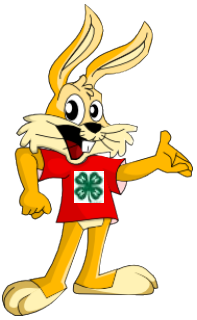
December 7th- 6pm. Extension Office Board Room



## ROASTER ORDERS DUE

Payment and orders for Roasters for the 2010 BCYF are due no later than **October 1, 2010**. Exhibitors must order and pay for 25 birds. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and cost is \$35 per order of 25 birds. Please note that these birds will arrive **November 17, 2010** and need to be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

## TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA



The 2010 Rabbit Extravaganza will be held at the Coryell County Activity Complex on Saturday, November 20, 2010. All entries must be submitted through the County Extension Office no later than October 15, 2010.

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 and registration forms please see Bell County 4-H website or contact the CEO at 254-933-5305.

## LAMB AND GOAT 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 25th and 26th from 5-8pm at the Bell County Expo Center.

Exhibitors who plan to show at San Angelo in 2011 must have a Texas Bred Lamb.

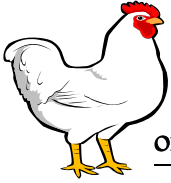
### YOU MUST HAVE TLBA TAGS AT VALIDATION!

**October 25**—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 26**—Bell County 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.



# BROILER ORDERS



Payment and orders for Broilers for the 2010 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.

## Major Livestock 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.**

## 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.

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

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



# 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.



**FEATURING**

**MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY**

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

**DECEMBER, 11<sup>TH</sup> 2010  
@ 7:00 PM**

**BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Consumer Decision Making** is a great way to learn how to shop better!!! What is better than learning how to shop! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held October 4, 2010, at 7pm at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will be setting dates and times of other meetings. It will be a lot of fun!

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## 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.




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## 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 21, 2010 at 6-8pm in the CEO



# DOG PROJECT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Barking Buddies is still collecting items for the Bell County Animal Shelter. Even though the shelter is closing in Dec the dog project is still trying to collect 100 bags of pedigree dog food. They will donate all food to the BCAS until the end of November and after that to other local shelters. So far they have collected 3 bags of food. Only 197 to go to reach their goal. Food can be dropped off outside the CEO or at a Barking buddies meeting.

The Barking Buddies 4-H club is trying to raise money for Canine CPR classes and other equipment. They will be holding a "Dog-eared book and bake sale" on October 30 at the CEO from 8.00 - 2.00. Any person or club that would like to donate gently used books or magazines, bookshelves, desk or any book related item can do so by emailing the club at [Barkingbuddies4h@yahoo.com](mailto:Barkingbuddies4h@yahoo.com) and we will make arrangement to get the items. Thank you in advance for your help.



## BELL COUNTY 4-H FOCUS

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Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating



*Improving Lives. Improving Texas.*



# OCTOBER



| SUN      | MON  | TUE  | WED                        | THU   | FRI   | SAT   |
|----------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|---|
|          |  |  |                            |   | 1<br>Club Charter<br>Packets Due to<br>CEO<br><br>Deadline for<br>ordering Roasters | 2   |
| 3        | 4<br>Consumer<br>Orientation Mtg,<br>7pm, CEO<br><br>Clothing Board,<br>6-7pm, CEO | 5<br>Food Challenge<br>Orientation, 5:45-<br>6:45pm, CEO | 6                          | 7<br>National 4-H Week                      | 8   | 9<br>One Day 4-H ,<br>9am-3pm, CEO<br><br>Movie in the Park,<br>7pm, Yettie Polk<br>Park<br><br>HOT Photo Display |
| 10       | 11   | 12   | 13                         | 14  | 15  | 16<br>Hunters<br>Spectacular, 6pm,<br>Expo  |
| 17       | 18   | 19   | 20<br>MAB Mtg, 6pm,<br>CEO | 21<br>Recordbook<br>Training, 6-8pm,<br>CEO | 22  | 23<br>County Food<br>Show, 4:30-8pm,<br>CTCS  |
| 24<br>31 | 25<br>Lamb & Goat Validat<br>Gold Star<br>Banquet, 6:30pm,<br>Waco-Baylor          | 26<br>on, 5-8pm, Expo                                    | 27                         | 28  | 29<br>4-H Enrollment<br>Forms Due to CEO  | 30  |



# NOVEMBER



| SUN                         | MON                                 | TUE                                   | WED                                      | THU | FRI | SAT  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|--|
|                             | 1                                   | 2<br>Broiler Orders Due               | 3  | 4   | 5   | 6  |
|                             |                                     |                                       | Major Livestock Show Sign-up, 5-8pm, CEO |     |     |  |
| 7                           | 8                                   | 9<br>Scholarship Training, 6-8pm, CEO | 10                                       | 11  | 12  | 13<br>Holiday Classic, Expo                                |
| 14<br>Holiday Classic, Expo | 15                                  | 16<br>County Council Mtg. 6.30pm, CEO | 17<br>Roaster Pickup, 3.30-5.30pm, CEO   | 18  | 19  | 20<br>Rabbit Extravaganza, Coryell County Activity Complex |
| 21                          | 22<br>Swine Validation, 4-7pm, Expo | 23                                    | 24                                       | 25  | 26  | 27   |
| 28                          | 29                                  | 30                                    |  |     |     |  |