

# June 2018 Focus

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## Congratulations Newly Elected Bell County Council Officers!

President— Clara Steglich

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Secretary—Margaret Wood

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ison Cross

## Congratulations to the Bell County 4-H Scholarship Recipients!

Kristen Heisch

Wesley Ide

Lauren McIver

Emily O'Braden

Miguel Salazar-Canales

Erin Steglich

## Hunter's Spectacular

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Sheryl know ASAP

## Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Friday, August 3, 2018** at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the 4-H slideshow. Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to [Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu).



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# County Council & Ambassadors



## Ambassador Applications for 2018-2019

Members will be notified for their interview times. Interviews will be formal attire. Renewing Ambassadors will not have to interview this year since everyone met minimum hour requirements.

Interviews have been set for **July 10, 2018**. If you have a conflict, you must contact Sheryl Long to schedule your interview **BEFORE July 10, 2018**.

## 4-H Club Managers

### 4-H Club Chartering

Deadline: July 1, 2018

All the information needed is the still the same, but now Club Managers will be submitting their club information either on 4-H Connect or to Sheryl. You should have received an e-mail from Sheryl with the Charter Packet attached. Please don't hesitate to ask questions if you need help.

### NEW! Club Manager Training Series

I am excited to announce that we will be conducting online workshops targeted toward 4-H Club Managers in District 8 this spring and summer! This will be a casual training atmosphere where 4-H volunteers can ask questions, get questions answered, share ideas, and hopefully learn something new!

Topics will vary by month and volunteers are welcome to submit suggestions online. Trainings are set from 12 noon until 1 pm on WebEx on the following Tuesdays:

**\*July 31, 2018**

More information can be found online at: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/club-managers/>

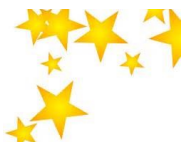
### Membership Advisory Board Meeting

**When:** August 23, 2018

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:30 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We will be having our first meeting of the year starting at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular.



# Awards

## 4-H Award Interviews

All 4-H members who already applied for a Star Award (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Danforth "I Dare You" Award), must complete an award interview on **Thursday, June 6th**. You will be receiving an e-mail to schedule your interview time on this date. If this date does not work for you, you must notify Sheryl Long ASAP!



# Upcoming Events



## 4-H Hunter's Spectacular Planning Meeting

If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H fundraiser Hunter's Spectacular, please join us at the CEO on **Monday, July 23, 2018**. This meeting will start at 5:30 pm We want all Committee Chairpersons in attendance! If your committee has met, please be prepared to give us an update!

## Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices are over for the spring contests. Look for information on participating in the Ag Product ID contests in the new 4-H year.

### Upcoming contest:

4-H Roundup – Invitational contest on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration is closed; teams are set.

Good luck to all participants and congratulations to all the team members who participated in the different contests this past 4-H year. You ALL did well and your efforts are commended!

Contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293, or [mcanales1@aol.com](mailto:mcanales1@aol.com) if you have any questions.





# Upcoming Events



## Bell County Record Books

**Due:** June 8, 2018

**Where:** CEO by 5pm



If you would like Sheryl to review your recordbook BEFORE the June 8th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP.

## County & District Recordbook Judging

We will trade record books with McLennan and Williamson counties on **June 21st** for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging in Bell County this year. This is a great way to get new ideas for your child's recordbooks!

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 12th** in Williamson County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event this as well. E-mail Sheryl if you are interested.

## Clover Kids Summer Camp

Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 1pm - 4pm

Temple Public Library, 3rd Floor McLane Room

Open to incoming Kindergarten to 2nd grade youth

Join us as we learn more about 4-H and projects through hands-on activities.

For more information, contact Dawn Brown at [bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com).

## Clover Kids Fair

Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10am

First United Methodist Church, Family Life Center

Entry form deadline is Friday, July 13th, 2018

Open to 4-H members in Kindergarten to 2nd grade

The Clover Kids Fair is an opportunity for 4-H Clover Kids to participate in a fair just for them and to showcase their projects.

Fair handbook and entry form are on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website.

For more information, contact Dawn Brown at [bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com).



# Summer Camps



## **\*NEW\* Camping Incentives!**

Interested in attending County Camp or Leadership Lab but didn't want to spend the money? This year, we have decided to cover part of the cost of one of these camps for 4-H members who have met certain requirements:

- Must be a Bell County 4-H member
- Youth member attends 2 meetings BEFORE December 31, 2017.
  - Must complete 1 Community Service with your 4-H Club.
- Submit a COMPLETED Camp Partial Cost Coverage application to Sheryl Long by the set camp deadline.

4-H members must register themselves for the camp that they wish to attend online.

Contact Sheryl Long for more information or visit <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

## **County Camp II @ Brownwood**

Bell County 4-H will be attending County Camp II at the Texas 4-H Center! This camp takes place **July 9-11, 2018**. This camp is perfect for a first time or returning camper, someone that wants to try it all, or someone that wants to spend time with people their age and make new friends. Programs are age-based and include traditional camp activities such as:

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| *Archery | *Rifle    | *Challenge Course | *Swimming         | *Arts & Crafts |
| *Fishing | *Kayaking | *Dances           | *Teams Challenges |                |

And MORE!

**Registration Deadline: June 13** on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>  
Transportation to and from camp will not be provided by Bell County 4-H.

Contact Sheryl if you have any questions.



## **District 8 Leadership Lab**

**Date:** June 24-27

**Location:** T Bar M Resort, New Braunfels

For those members that have already registered for this camp, we will be traveling to New Braunfels in a 15 passenger van! Parents, be checking your e-mail for more information from Sheryl on drop off/pick up times.

Since this is a leadership camp, I expect all participants to be on their best behavior and represent Bell County 4-H well. You WILL respect all adults and follow all dress code requirements. If you are asked to change out something deemed out of dress code or inappropriate, you will do so with no questions asked. You will only get 1 warning! If problems continue, your parents will come pick you up.



# Summer Fun Activities



## ~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
- Please adhere to RSVP deadlines



## Cake Decorating Tips Workshop

**When:** Thursday, June 7th **Where:** County Extension Office

**1st Workshop:** 10:00 am—noon

**2nd Workshop:** 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

RSVP to the CEO by **Monday, June 4th** so we can adequately prepare.

## One Day Sewing Camp

Save the date for a one-day sewing camp hosted by Jammie Payne! This camp will take place at the County Extension Office **Tuesday, June 19th** from 9:00 am till noon. Project choices will include: upcycled pants and fleece tie pillows. Community Service projects will include pillows and crochet octopus for NICU (to the Moon and Back) and hospice patients (Kindred Hospice). RSVP to the CEO by **Monday, June 11th**.

## Cupcake Decorating Workshop

**When:** Thursday, June 28th **Where:** County Extension Office

**1st Workshop:** 10:00 am—noon

**2nd Workshop:** 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

RSVP to the CEO by **Monday, June 25th** so we can adequately prepare.



## Summer Clothing Blast

Save the Date! The annual Summer Clothing Blast will take place on **July 30 & 31** at the Bell County Extension Office. More details to come!

## Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp sometime in August.

Cost is yet to be determined, there may be a fee to cover materials for the workshop.

More details to come in the July 4-H Newsletter!



# Photography Project

## **Texas 4-H Photography Community Service Opportunity: National Wild Turkey Association Women in the Outdoors - June 9, 2018**

**7:30 am - 5:30 pm** (Stay for as much of the day as you want)

**Hilliard Ranch near Davilla, TX** (contact Christian or Elizabeth Coffman for more details including map)

Open to all age 4-H members and FREE! Photographers cover events such as: archery, shotgun, fly fishing, bowfishing, cowboy/Dutch oven cooking, self-defense, welding, kayaking, drone flying, light rifle, tie dye, trailer backing, first aid, and more. 4-Hers serve others by sharing photography skills and gain photography experience.

Bring sunscreen, hat, refillable water bottle, comfortable shoes, and camera. Lunch will be provided.

**For more information:** Elizabeth and Christian Coffman, 254-718-1332, [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com).

## **MINI-WORKSHOP & FIELD TRIP: San Antonio #2**

**Who:** All 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers can attend but MUST have a parent or guardian with them!)

**When:** Saturday, June 30 and Sunday July 1, 2018

**What:** Learn different photography styles and practice what you've learned. Tons of hands on photography!

Note: Transportation and accommodations are on your own. Come for both days or just one.

**Where:** Fredericksburg Wildseed Farm, Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch & Caverns, San Antonio Riverwalk, possibly a theme park (TBD).

**Cost:** No 4-H fees. All expenses are normal entrance fees, food, lodging you incur.

**RSVP** by June 20, 2018 to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com)

## **MINI-WORKSHOP & FIELD TRIP: Austin**

**Who:** All 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers can attend but MUST have a parent or guardian with them!)

**When:** Saturday, July 21, 2018, 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

**What:** Learn why Austin is one of the most photographed cities in Texas! Note: Transportation is on your own.

**Where:** We will explore eclectic architecture mixed with stately capitol buildings and of course the Colorado River. The historic bat flight from the Congress Bridge and the city skyline at night next to the water is not to be missed!

**Cost:** No 4-H fees. All expenses are normal entrance fees and food you incur.

**RSVP** by July 11, 2018 to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, [familycoffman@aol.com](mailto:familycoffman@aol.com)

## **On the horizon:**

**Mini-Workshop & Field Trip:** Galveston Island, September 1-2, 2018

**World-Wide Photo Walk:** Multiple locations, October 6, 2018

**Junior Master Photographer Training, Workshop I:** Bell County CEO, October 27, 2018

**Homestead Heritage "living off the Land Festival":** Waco, November 24, 2018

**Junior Master Photographer Training, Workshop II:** Bell County CEO, December 1, 2018



# FCH Project News



## 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

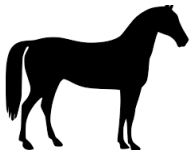
**Tuesday, August 21st** at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm Please let us know if you would like to be added to the agenda.

## Bell County EEA

The Bell County 4-H (all clubs) provides the Bell Extension Education Association monthly club meetings with the program. Providing a program for the Bell EEA clubs gives you as a 4-Her the opportunity to 'tell your story' about your 4-H experiences. The clubs like to hear what you are doing in your projects and community activities. This does not require a huge presentation, just talk to them about what you are doing in 4-H. The Bell EEA provides scholarships to Bell County 4-H graduating seniors that apply for the scholarships. Dates for EEA meetings are:

- **July 9<sup>th</sup>** - Tanglefoot in Temple at St Lukes Catholic Church, 2807 Oakdale, Temple, 9:30am
- **July 9<sup>th</sup>** - Leedale in Zabcikville, at Ocker Brethren Church, 10:00 am
- **July 10<sup>th</sup>** - Tejas Club in Belton at the County Extension Office, 9:30am

Call Jackie or Sheryl if you have questions AND will present to a local club. If no one volunteers, we will start contacting people to present at these meetings. This counts for your record book and for scholarships!!



# Livestock Project News



## BELL 4-H HORSE CLUB

### BEAT THE HEAT OPEN ALL-BREED AND APHA NOVICE SHOW

August 18-19, 2018 at the Brand new & Air-conditioned Bell County Expo!

All Breed Class Entries \$10.00

RV Hook up \$25/night

APHA Class Entries \$10.00

Stalls \$20.00 /Night

Office Charge Per horse \$20.00

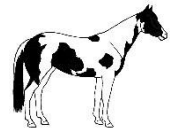
Grounds Fee (if no stalls) \$20.00

Shavings \$8.00/bag (no outside Shavings please)

Trail Warm up \$5.00 (if Showing)

For Questions: Open Show Jeanette Abbe (254) 718-4938 or Shawn Campbell (254) 718-4334

APHA SHOW Kelly Lazo - (979) 220-3432 knslazo@gmail.com



## Bell County 4-H Vet Science Camp

Monday, July 30 — Wednesday, August 1

Bell County Expo Center, Special Events Room

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Registration is **\$15 for all 4-H members!** Not in 4-H? Join Bell County 4-H for \$25.

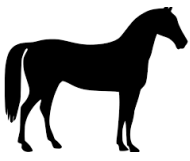
Registration includes all camp materials, a t-shirt, and lunches each day.

Please stop by the CEO to complete the registration form and submit payment by **Friday, July 13th.**

The camp will be limited to the first 50 youth to sign up!







# Livestock Project News



## Major Show Steer Validation & Heifer Validation

### State Fair Lamb, Goat & Swine Validation

Major Show Steer Validation and Major Show Heifer Validation will take place on **Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Bell County Expo. We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers before validation as well. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival as well. Please bring the registration papers with you to validation. All State Fair Validations will take place this day as well. The schedule is as follows:

**Market Steer/Breeding Heifer Validations:** Monday, June 25, 2018

7:00 am – 9:00 am & 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

**State Fair of Texas Swine Validations:** Monday, June 25, 2018

5:00 pm—7:00 pm

**State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Validations:** Schedule a time on **Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm at the Bell County Extension Office. If the family has more than 8 sheep and goats, we will validate at their barn. Schedule your time with Whitney Grantham at [whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu).

Contact Whitney Grantham if you have any questions.

## State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders

**Order Deadline:** June 29, 2018

**Cost:** \$37.50 per 25 chicks; min order of 25, max of 75 birds per family/exhibitor

Each exhibitor may order an individual set of birds OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. Orders per exhibitor/family must be in increments of 25.

Contact Whitney to fill out an order form. Checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition.



## Bell County Youth Fair & Major Livestock Show Turkeys

**Order Deadline:** June 29, 2018

**Cost:** \$4.25 per bird; min order of 5, max of 75 birds per family/exhibitor

Each exhibitor may order an individual set of birds OR siblings within the same household may order and share a set of birds. Major show birds may also be used for county birds.

Contact the CEO to fill out an order form. Checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition.



# Important Dates

June 2018

July 2018

**June 1: Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Application Due**

**June 1: Book Donation deadline**

**June 5: Sheryl Long's Baby Shower**

**June 6: 4-H Award Interviews, CEO**

**June 7: Cake Decorating Tips Workshop, CEO**

**June 8: 4-H Recordbooks Due to CEO**

**June 9: Photography Community Service**

**June 13: County Camp II registration deadline**

**June 16: Clover Kids Camp**

**June 18-19: D8 Horse Show, Expo**

**June 19: One Day Sewing Camp, CEO**

**June 20: State Fair Lamb and Goat Validation**

**June 21: County Recordbook Judging, Bell**

**June: 22-24: Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge**

**June 24-27: D8 Leadership Lab, New Braunfels**

**June 25: Steer & Heifer Validation**

**June 25: State Fair Swine Validation**

**June 26-28: County Camp II, Brownwood**

**June 28: Cupcake Decorating Workshop**

**June 29: BCYF & Major Show Turkey Order Deadline**

**June 29: State Fair Broiler Orders Due**

**June 30: Photography Workshop & Trip, San Antonio**

**July 1: 4-H Club Chartering Deadline**

**July 9: Bell County EEA Meeting**

**July 9-11: County Camp II, Brownwood**

**July 10: New Ambassador Interviews, CEO**

**July 10: Bell County EEA Meeting**

**July 12: D8 Recordbook Judging, Williamson**

**July 13-15: Texas 4-H Dog Show**

**July 21: Photography Workshop & Trip, Austin**

**July 21: Clover Kids Fair**

**July 23: Hunter's Spectacular Planning Meeting**

**July 22-25: Texas 4-H Congress**

**July 30-31: Summer Clothing Blast**

**July 31: Club Manager Training, Online**

**July 30-August 1: Bell County Vet Science Camp**

August 2018

**August 3: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet**

**August 18-19: Bell 4-H Horse Show**

**August 21: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting**

**August 23: MAB Meeting**



## BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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4-H: Sheryl Long

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