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Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Friday, August 3, 2018** at the Bell County Expo Champions Club in the NEW Equine/Livestock Complex!

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!

Congratulations to our State Record Book Participants!

Christian Coffman—Photography

Braylee Mackie—Beef

Emma Ranly—Rabbit

Luke Read—Goat

Clara Steglich —Swine

Sheryl Long will be out on Maternity Leave starting sometime in August (depending on the baby's arrival) and she will be out for 12 weeks. Please direct your questions to Jackie McLaughlin, Whitney Grantham, or Tonya Elliott.



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **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 \$10.00. This covers your screening for the year. All volunteers will have to re-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

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, 2018 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2018)

4-H Member Categories

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Hunter Spectacular

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 **September 29, 2018** 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, 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.

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 Sheryl about the event. All your tickets should be turned in to your club manager BEFORE September 26th. **Club managers will have to turn in tickets on September 26-28. (Tickets are available through your club manager starting July 30th)**

Contact Tonya Elliott to schedule your appointment to turn in your money.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Sheryl Long at Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

Silent Auction Baskets

If your club is making two baskets worth \$50 each to donate for the silent auction, please have those baskets turned into the CEO no later than **Friday, September 21, 2018**. If your club selected to donate \$100 to the committee to make your basket, that money is due to the CEO by **Friday, September 14, 2018**.

Please let Sheryl know if you have any questions.

Workers

We are needing adult and youth volunteers to help with the Hunter's Spectacular! Please fill out the doodle to volunteer for the event:

<https://doodle.com/poll/mxkf738swd5atwr9>

An adult is needed at each booth!

Workers will be allowed to eat before the event starts!

4-H 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 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular.

Hunter Spectacular

Pick Up Tickets (**club managers only**): July 30, 2018

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: **BEFORE** September 26 (date set by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Wednesday, September 26—Friday, September 28

8—11 am then 1-4 pm AGAIN THIS YEAR ~ Club managers will deposit all money sold by their members into their club account. Managers will then write a check to Bell 4-H for your total amount of tickets sold



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County Council & Ambassadors



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4-H Awards Banquet Set Up

ALL County Council Officers and Ambassadors are **REQUIRED** to help with set up starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Expo. You will not have time to run home and change clothes! Please come prepared!

County Council Officer Training

The **NEW** meeting date has been set for **Wednesday, August 22nd** starting at 5:00 p.m at the CEO. Sheryl will be out on maternity leave so Whitney and Dawn will be in charge. They will try to make this meeting as time efficient as possible! In order to do so, come prepared to talk about:

- council program ideas,
- community service projects, and
 - by-law changes.

Please come with your personal calendars as well! Know what events you have going on each month so we can set council meeting dates!



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. Project leaders, be prepared to report on your current and upcoming activities.



Upcoming Events



4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 5th from 5:00—8:00 pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. Do you need more project experience for your recordbook? Do you want to gain more members for your club? Here is your opportunity! If you would like to be in charge of a project or club booth at the Open House, please fill out the Doodle link below that will soon be sent out and let us know which project you would like to demonstrate or which club you plan to have a booth. Hands on activities are encouraged at each project booth! Project booths are first come first serve. **Booths are to be reserved by August 24th!!** (Those participating in project demonstrations and club booths need to be at the Expo Center by 4:30 p.m. to set up and be ready by 5:00pm)

<https://doodle.com/poll/f5k74nqgs8q27d9v>

Ag Product ID

Two contests are coming soon! The fall contests are:

Heart of Texas Fair (Waco) - Saturday, October 6th

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) - Monday, October 8th

Registration for these contests is open NOW. Deadline to register is August 17th. Practice dates will be scheduled very soon.

New for this year: There will be an Ag Product ID contest at the Bell County Youth Fair. Look for more information in this contest in the near future.

The Ag Product ID teams were very successful last year. Come join our group!

Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293, or mcanales1@aol.com, if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.



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

4 A Healthier Me! Workshop

When: August 1, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm

Where: Bell County CEO

What to Bring: Sack lunch, Towel, and Tennis Shoes

Free Event open to all 4-H members! Join us for a day fun learning about Zumba, Hair & Skin Care, Hygiene Tips and Smoothies!

RSVP by **July 27th** to the County Extension Office



Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp at Schoepf's on **Tuesday, August 14th!** We will be touring Schoepf's BBQ food preparation and service facilities. RSVP deadline will be **August 3rd** to the CEO. We will meet at Schoepf's BBQ at 9:30 a.m. Bring at least \$10 for your lunch at the restaurant.

Homemade Candy Workshop

When: August 16, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm

Where: Ronald McDonald House, 2418 S 47th Street, Temple

RSVP by **August 10, 2018** to the County Extension Office



Holiday Cake Class

When: September 18, 2018

Time: 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Where: Bell County CEO

We will be making chocolate mice, oreo turkeys, deer cupcakes, cookie flip flops, dipped strawberries and more. Open to the first 20 participants. RSVP to the CEO no later than September 7th.

Photography Project

"Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Texas 4-H Photography Ambassadors:

Christian Coffman

Mackenzie Nowell

Margaret Wood

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT: Pink Fishing "Reeling in the Cure"

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

When: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

What: Bass Fishing Tournament benefitting the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Organizers are requesting photography coverage of event and winners. www.pinkfishing.com

Where: Cedar Ridge Park, Sunset Pavillion, Belton Lake, Temple

Why: Support efforts to fight cancer.

RSVP: By **Aug 24, 2018** to Margaret Wood, (254)-534-0558, marqart59@gmail.com

September: Photography Interest Meeting/Photography 101/Photography Christmas Gift Creation

Cost: Free

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

When: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 9 a.m. to noon

What: Learn the basics of photography (good refresher for those who are more advanced) and see what is in store for photography enthusiasts this year (field trips, contests, community service, workshops, and FUN!) We will also be creating photography gifts for Christmas presents you can take home.

Where: CEO, Belton

Why: To improve skills and have some fun

RSVP: By Sep 7, 2018 to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com to be sure we have enough materials for everyone

On the horizon:

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

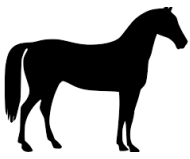
Junior Master Photographer Training, Workshop I: Bell County CEO, October 27, 2018

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

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

Mini-Workshop & Field Trip: Galveston Island, December

National Wild Turkey Association Women in the Outdoors Event: Hilliard Ranch, Davilla, June 8, 2019



Livestock Project News



Whitney and Lyle will both be out of the office August 13-17. If you have major show entry or validation questions, please take care of those ahead of time!

Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders

Due By: August 29, 2018

WHERE: CEO

COST: \$20/Tag for Market, Wether Does/Dam, and all Breeding Animals

For those members who plan to validate lambs or goats for the 2019 spring major shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) you **MUST ORDER AND PAY FOR YOUR**

TAGS at the CEO NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 29th! Cost will be \$20/tag for market tags and wether doe tags, wether dam tags, AND ALL BREEDING ANIMALS. The Breeding Boer Goat Validation program includes registered boer **BUCKS and DOES**, as well as wether does. The Breeding Sheep Validation program includes registered **BUCKS and EWES**, as well as wether dams.



Any animal (except cattle) that was validated for the State Fair of Texas will have to be REVALIDATED for Spring Majors so don't forget those in your tag orders!

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tag numbers MUST be in the lamb's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation and be on the form at the time they are submitted. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs must have a GREEN TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show or receive TLBA recognition at other major shows. Wether dams must have a BLUE TLBA ewe lamb tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Wether Dam Show.

A color copy of the original registration papers MUST be sent to whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu PRIOR to the physical validation date.

MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION! If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.

Major Show Heifer Barcode Orders

Due By: August 29, 2018

WHERE: CEO

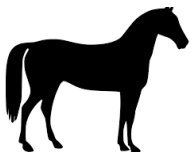
COST: \$15 per Heifer

It is time to order **MAJOR SHOW BREEDING HEIFER BARCODES** for the 2019 Spring Major Shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin).

We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers before validation as well. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival. Please bring your original registration papers with you to validation!

Non-registered heifers, to be shown at Bell County Youth Fair ONLY, will be permitted to county validate for \$5/head. County only tags will be purchased on-site the night of validation.

If you have any further questions please contact Whitney Grantham.



Livestock Project News



Major Show Entry Deadlines!

West Texas Fair and Rodeo: Due to CEO by Friday, August 3, 2018

State Fair Of Texas: Due to CEO by Friday, August 17, 2018

*****New for the State Fair of Texas this year:**

Exhibitors will not only submit a paper copy of their entry and payment to the CEO as always, but they will also enter their information online at the link provided below.

<https://bigtex.com/get-involved/livestock-shows/livestock-exhibitors/livestock-exhibitor-online-application-and-worksheets/>

Whitney will provide detailed instructions on how to enter when the link is open.

Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo: Due to the CEO by Friday, August 17, 2018

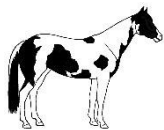
All Spring Majors (FWSS, SASSR, SALE, HLSR, RA) – November 8, 2018

All entry forms are posted on the Bell County 4-H website's Livestock page. <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>. **MUST HAVE EXACT CHANGE OR MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION! Be sure to pay attention to the date for each show and when those forms are due to the CEO. If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or call 254-933-5305.

Central Texas State Fair

Saturday, September 1, 2018

The jackpot show is one of our annual fundraisers. Our livestock committees will need assistance working the rings. Livestock experience is preferred. Please email whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu for your assignments.



BELL 4-H HORSE CLUB BEAT THE HEAT HORSE SHOW 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

APHA Class Entries \$10.00

Trail Warm up \$5.00 (if Showing)

Classes include: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship and Trail



ALL BREED RANCH HORSE SHOW

Ranch Class Entries - \$30.00 (50% payback)

Cattle Charge - \$60.00

(deadline for Cattle Pre-entry is August 11th or pay additional \$20.00)

Classes include: Ranch Riding, Working Cow Horse, Ranch Reining, Ranch Trail and Ranch Confirmation.

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

Ranch Horse Show—Calvin Waters—(740)502-5245

Important Dates

August 2018

September 2018

August 1: 4 A Healthier Me Workshop
August 3: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet
August 3: RSVP Deadline for Chef Day Camp
August 3: West Texas Fair Entry Deadline
August 10: RSVP Deadline for Candy Workshop
August 13-17: Lyle & Whitney Out
August 14: Chef Day Camp
August 15: 4-H Enrollment Begins
August 16: Homemade Candy Workshop
August 17: State Fair of Texas Entry Deadline
August 17: HOT Fair Entry Deadline
August 18-19: Bell 4-H Horse Show
August 21: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
August 22: County Council Officer Training
August 23: MAB Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
August 24: RSVP Deadline for Pink Fishing
August 29: Major Show Lamb & Goat Tag Orders Due
August 29: Major show Heifer Barcode Orders Due

September 1: Central Texas State Fair, Expo
September 1: Start enrolling 3rd grade members
September 5: 4-H Open House
September 7: RSVP Deadline for Holiday Cake Class
September 7: RSVP Deadline for Photography Interest Meeting
September 8: Pink Fishing Community Service
September 14: Turn in money for H.S. Silent Auction Baskets
September 15: Photography Interest Meeting
September 18: Holiday Cake Class
September 21: Turn in H.S. Silent Auction Baskets
September 26-28: Club Managers turn in raffle ticket money to Tonya Elliott
September 29: Hunter's Spectacular



BELL COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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