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November 2018 Focus



**4-H is for YOU !
4-H is for FUN !**

**The new 4-H Year started over
on August 15th! This means you
can start re-enrolling your
family on 4-H Connect. Log on to
www.4honline.com. If you need
help logging in or don't
remember your password,
contact Tonya Elliott.
More details inside
this newsletter on enrollment.**

Don't miss out on the NEW Bell County 4-H T-Shirts are in! Cost is \$10 per shirt. Stop by the office to purchase your shirt! Checks or cash only. Checks can be made payable to Bell 4-H. Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

Sheryl Long is back from maternity leave! Please contact her for all your 4-H needs and she will resume duties as they were prior to her absence.



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment is now OPEN! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrillife.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://agrillife.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 is 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





County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, November 13th

WHERE: County Extension Office (CEO)

TIME: 6:30 pm

Remember the council delegate and the president of the club are the two representatives from your club who must attend the meeting and serve as 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 new opportunities.

This month's community service project will be collecting supplies for the animal shelters. If you forgot to bring items for foster care last month, you are welcome to bring those to this meeting as well.

The program will cover Bell County's Competitive Teams and Judging Contests. We will set up a few mock contest scenarios for attendees and provide contact information for members looking to join any of the active teams who compete at contests all over the state.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

The County Council Officer and Ambassador Christmas party is scheduled for **Thursday, December 20th** at the CEO. \$10.00 and under unisex gift for Exchange Game. NO CHINESE CHRISTMAS GAG GIFTS.

Time is from 1:00 –3:00 pm.

Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball

This event will take place on Saturday, December 8th at the Bell County Expo Center. You will wear your official green jacket with black bottoms. You will need to arrive no later than 5:00 pm. Assist with the live and silent auction around 7:30 pm. After the band ends around 10 p.m. you will help with the cleanup. You will have down time to eat and participate in the dance! Please respond to me if you are able to attend or not.

Please respond to me no later than Friday, November 16th.

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: January 15, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We encourage all Club Managers to attend and give their opinions on the Bell County 4-H program.

BCYF Food Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up food containers on **January 3rd** at the CEO for your participants competing in the 2019 BCYF Food Division. Our business hours are Monday-Friday 8 am –12:00 & 1:00-5:00 pm. This is for Club Managers ONLY!

BCYF Events

Bell County Youth Fair Eligibility

Club Managers, please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

- BCYF has a website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: <http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>
- You **MUST** attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. Your name MUST be on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule. Must be your primary club!
- All 4-H members **MUST** be enrolled by **December 10, 2018** to participate in the BCYF.

BCYF Validation Dates

All BCYF livestock validations will be conducted at the Bell County Expo in conjunction with the Spring Major show validations. A fee of \$5/head will be charged to validate livestock for the Bell County Youth Fair. Major show validated livestock will automatically qualify for BCYF and will be exempt from this fee. Mark your calendars with these dates and times.

Swine: November 26 & 27 4:00-7:00 pm

Rabbits: January 6 3:00-5:00 pm

BCYF Entry Deadlines

4-H members participating in the Bell County Youth Fair must submit a completed BCYF Entry Form to your Club Manager by **THEIR ESTABLISHED** deadline! Entry forms **will not** be accepted by individuals at the County Extension Office!

IMPORTANT BCYF Photography Dates

- All photos must be taken after March 1, 2018
- Photos will be submitted online at <http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair> beginning January 2, 2019 to no later than 5 p.m. on January 16, 2019.
- READ the photography section in the catalog!

BCYF Container Work Day

If you are interested in helping assemble containers for the Bell County Youth Fair, please come by the CEO on Thursday, December 27th starting at 8:00 am. Contact Barbara Wood if you are interested in helping.

The 2019 schedule and entry forms are now posted online at

<https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/schedule/>



Upcoming Events



Ag Product ID

The next Ag Product ID practice will be on Monday December 10th. Practice will be at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 702 House.

Upcoming contests:

Bell County Youth Fair – Friday, February 8, 2019

HLSR – Wednesday, March 13, 2019

District Contest (Stephenville) – Friday, April 5, 2019

Leon County – Monday, April 15, 2019

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

Meat Judging Practices

Meat Judging practices will take place the following dates from 5:30—7:30 pm. at the CEO.

- Monday, November 19th
- Monday, November 26th
- Thursday, November 29th

Contact Nora Whitson for more information.

Texas 4-H Scholarship Training

On **Wednesday, November 28th** from 6-8 pm online, there will be a Texas 4-H Scholarship Training. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members grades 10-12! This is a FREE training that does not require a

Contact Sheryl Long for any questions.

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

November 17th, January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, May 18th

2-4 pm. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

Clover Kid Fair—June 15th at 10 am.

Clover Kid Summer Camp—July 20th from 1-4 pm. at Temple Public Library

Contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com for more information.

Graduating Seniors

Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for scholarship application deadlines.

The website is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines. Sheryl will be e-mailing applications to family e-mails listed on 4-H Connect for 4-H members listed in Grade 12.

Intro to Parliamentary Procedure Workshop

Bell County 4-H Ambassador, Austin Castillo, will be hosting an Intro to Parliamentary Procedure Workshop at the CEO on Saturday, December 8th from 10 am—1:00 pm. Please RSVP to Austin no later than Monday, December 3rd if you would like to attend. austincastillo@hotmail.com



FCH Project News



Food Challenge Practices

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

All remaining practices will be at the First Baptist Church 702 House, starting at 6:00 pm:

- November: 13, 20, 27
- December 4, 11

FCH Coalition Meeting

When: November 27, 2018

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

Consumer Decision Making Practice

Consumer Decision Making practice is November 15 & 29 at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 702 House, Belton.

Please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507 to be added to her distribution list for this project and practice schedule.



Photography Project

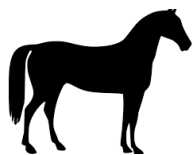


On the Horizon

PRACTICE Opportunity- Fri-Sat (after Thanksgiving) November 23-24, 2018:
Homestead Heritage "Living off the Land Festival" - Waco

Texas 4-H Community Service

- Donate used/new DVD's for Veterans! Send to Bell County Extension Office, Donate directly to local Vet Home or Donate via DVDs 4 Vets 4-H Youth coordinators
Contact Elizabeth Coffman for more information at: familycoffman@aol.com



Livestock Project News



Major Show & BCYF Swine Validation

WHEN: November 26th & 27th at Bell County EXPO!

TIME: 4:00 — 7:00 pm

County only validated pigs will cost \$5 per head. If you have not pre-ordered your state tags, please contact Whitney Grantham at whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu ASAP to check availability of extras. We need all parents to be there to sign forms and to draw a map where animals are being kept. If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

Nov. 26 – Academy FFA, Bartlett FFA, Belton FFA, Oenaville FFA, Salado 4-H/FFA, Stampede Creek 4-H, Tigertown 4-H, Temple FFA, Troy FFA, & Bell Horse Club

Nov. 27 – Christian Youth 4-H, Ellison FFA, Hares & Hounds 4-H, Harker Heights FFA, Holland 4-H/FFA, 4-His Glory 4-H, Killeen FFA, Killeen Career Center FFA, Maxdale 4-H, Rogers 4-H, Shoemaker FFA, & Trimmier 4-H

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

Major Show Entry Night

DEADLINE: November 8, 2018 at the CEO

On the 8th, we will stay open through the lunch hour and will accept entries until 6:00 p.m.

Beginning in mid-October, entry forms for all **2019 Spring Major shows** (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) will be available online at <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/> so that you may pre-fill and print forms at home or you can pick-up copies from the CEO. All completed forms and payment must be turned into the CEO no later than 6:00 pm. on November 8, 2018. Checks or exact change only will be accepted; NO CREDIT CARDS! Checks need to be made out to: **Bell Livestock Coalition**

Please know your child's birthdate, social security number, and Quality Counts number when attending Major Show Entry night or turning in entry forms. Those items are a necessity!

Spring Judging Contests

Sign ups for all Spring Major Show Judging Contests will take place in conjunction with Major Show Entries. If you are planning to participate in these contests, please sign up with Whitney Grantham by November 8th.

~Poultry Exhibitors~

BCYF Roaster: Birds will arrive on **December 7th** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

BCYF Broilers: Birds will arrive in **December 21st** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m.

BCYF & Major Show Turkeys: Birds will arrive on **November 7th** and must be picked up that afternoon at the CEO. You will be receiving a more specific time around noon from Whitney on the 8th.

San Antonio, Houston & Austin Broilers: Pick up will be sometime in January. Look for more information from Whitney Grantham.

Important Dates

November 2018

November 1: BCYF Broiler Orders Due
November 3-4: Holiday Classic Clinic & Show
November 8: Major Show Entry Night
November 9: Community Service Vet
November 13: County Council Meeting
November 13: Food Challenge Practice
November 15: CDM Practice
November 17: Clover Kids Meeting
November 19: Meat Judging Practice
November 20: Food Challenge Practice
November 23-24: Homestead Heritage Photography Project
November 26: Meat Judging Practice
November 26-27: Major Show & BCYF Swine Validation
November 27: FCH Coalition Meeting
November 27: Food Challenge Practice
November 29: Meat Judging Practice
November 29: CDM Practice

December 2018

December 1:
December 4: Food Challenge Practice
December 7: BCYF Roaster Pick Up
December 8: Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball
December 8: Intro to Parliamentary Workshop
December 10: BCYF 4-H Enrollment Deadline
December 10: Ag Product ID Practice
December 11: Food Challenge Practice
December 20: Council/Ambassador Christmas Party
December 21: BCYF Broiler Pick Up
December 27: BCYF Container Work Day
December 31: BCYF 2 Meeting Deadline

January 2018

January 3: BCYF Food Container Pick Up
January 6: BCYF Rabbit Validation
January 15: MAB Meeting
January 16: BCYF Photography Upload Deadline
January 19: Clover Kids Meeting

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