

March 2019 Focus

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Congratulations to all of our 4-H members that competed at the Bell County Youth Fair, Fort Worth, San Angelo and the San Antonio Livestock Shows!

**Tractor Supply Spring Clover Campaign,
March 27 - April 7**



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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: Wednesday, March 27th **WHERE:** County Extension Office (CEO)

START TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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.

The community service project will be the collection of items for the Ronald McDonald House. Specifically: paper towels, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, furniture wipes, travel size hygiene products.

The program for the evening is over Honey Bees.

Ambassadors for the Bell EEA Style Show

We need several 4-H Ambassadors to assist on **Saturday, March 16th** for the Bell County EEA Style Show. This includes assisting the models on or off the stage, assisting attendees carrying their lunch plates and delivering the door prizes to the winners at the event.

Email Sheryl Long and let her know if you will be helping that day.

Ambassadors Applications for 2018-2019

The 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H Program. They help older youth develop leadership and communication skills, help the public understand the full scope of the 4-H program, and recruit new members from diverse backgrounds. Bell County 4-H Members must meet the following requirements to be considered for selection as a Bell County 4-H Ambassador: Be at least 14 years of age as of August 31st on the year of application. **Submit a complete application, due on May 3, 2019.** A formal interview will be given after all applications have been submitted. Members will be notified for interview times. Interviews will be formal dress.

RENEWAL OF AMBASSADORS:

Meet all activity requirements and minimum points by the **application deadline, May 3, 2019**, of the current 4-H year to be considered for renewal. (Recordbook is also a requirement and is due **June 7, 2019**)

Please turn in point sheets with renewal application!

For applications go to: <http://agriflife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/ambassadors/>

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Committee Meeting

(By-Laws, Finance Guidelines, and Nominations)

When: April 9, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting will not only nominate new officers for President and Treasurer, but we will also review the MAB by-laws and review the Finance Guideline. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.



Upcoming Events



~Upcoming District 8 4-H Contests~

If you want to participate in any of the following Spring District 8 Contests, you must notify the CEO by

Monday, March 18, 2019:

*Horse Judging *Range Evaluation *Plant ID *Entomology Contest *Wool Contest
*Mohair Contest *Ag Product ID *Livestock Skillathon

Contact the team coach or Whitney or Sheryl to sign up BEFORE March 18th!

~Upcoming District 8 4-H Contests~

If you want to participate in any of the following Spring District 8 Contests, you must notify the CEO by

Monday, April 1, 2019:

* Livestock Judging *Meat Judging *Soil

Contact the team coach or Whitney or Sheryl to sign up BEFORE April 1st!

Bell County Round UP

The Bell County Roundup includes 3 different contests. Public Speaking, Educational Presentations, and Share The Fun. **County Roundup will be held April 4th at the Bell County Extension Office.**

Educational Presentations are where you teach the audience about a certain topic/4-H project or it can also be a “how to” methods demonstration. Categories for Educational Presentations include: Agricultural Technology & Farm Safety, Animal Science, Beef, Health & Wellness, Horse, Open, Open Ag & Natural Resources, Open Family & Community Health, Promote 4-H, Safety & Injury Prevention.

Public Speaking is speaking to a group without visuals and about some issue or topic.

Share The Fun is like a talent show for those who are very talented with music whether that is singing, playing an instrument or dancing, poetry, or skits. The skit is a “Celebrate 4-H” skit, it usually is something very entertaining and fun that has to do with 4-H.

Categories include:

Poetry/Prose, Vocal, Musical/Instrumental, Solo/Band Performance, Choreographed Routine, & Celebrate 4-H

Entry Forms and more information can be found on the Bell County 4-H website under Projects.

Entries will be due March 25th.



Upcoming Events



Graduating Seniors

Scholarship applications are becoming available. 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.

Don't hesitate on asking for help or if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Bell County 4-H Scholarship—to CEO by **March 1, 2019**

Bell County Youth Fair—**April 5, 2019**

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship— **May 24, 2019**

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you have any questions regarding scholarships.

Ag Product ID Practices

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the BYCF contest. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with registration and keeping the group in order.

Ag Product ID practices will be held on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the First Baptist Church 702 House.

March 4th, 18th, and 25th

April 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

Upcoming contests:

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 have any questions.

Leaders 4 Life (Parliamentary Procedure)

Practices will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. as follows:

March 8 - Natural Grocers, Temple

March 22 - First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton

Contact Gage Bass for questions or needing more information. cchsgabass@gmail.com

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

March 16th, May 18th

2-4 pm. @Temple Public Library McLane Room

Clover Kid Fair—June 15th at 10 am at First United Methodist Church

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

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

Consumer Decision Making Practice for State

If you have qualified to compete at State 4-H Roundup, practices will be on Tuesday, March 5 & 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton.

If you are an intermediate who has participated in this project and would like to assist with this for leadership in your recordbook, you are encouraged to attend.



FCH Project News



Bell County Fashion Show Contest & Storyboard & Duds to Dazzle Contest & Trashion Show

The Bell County 4-H contest for all 4-H fashion competitions (Fashion Show, Trashion Show, Storyboard & Duds to Dazzle) will take place on **Monday, March 4th**. Start working on your projects now! Entry deadline will be **Friday, February 22nd**. Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website. Please email the forms to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.

District 8 Fashion Show

The District 8 Fashion Show takes place on **Tuesday, April 16th** at the Bell County Expo Center. Good luck to all Bell County 4-H members participating in this contest!

Bell EEA Style Show & Luncheon

March 16th is the Bell County Extension Education Association Style Show and Luncheon, 11am at the Temple College Pavilion. This event supports the Bell EEA scholarship program for senior grade 4-Her's. If you modeled at the Bell County Youth Fair Fashion Revue and signed up to model at the EEA Luncheon, Jackie McLaughlin will be contacting you. Please send Jackie your commentary for your outfit. Those who signed up to model will need to come to **the on Friday, March 15th, between 4pm and 5pm to practice their modeling**.

On the day of the style show, the models will need to report by 10:30am. The models will be given a complimentary lunch. All family members are welcome to attend, however they will need to buy a ticket (\$15.00) to the event in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the Bell County Extension Office. If you have ANY questions, call the extension office and ask for Jackie McLaughlin.

Food Challenge Practice for State

If you have qualified to compete at State 4-H Roundup, practices will be on Tuesday, March 5 & 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton.

If you are an intermediate who has participated in this project and would like to assist with this for leadership in your recordbook, you are encouraged to attend.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State

If you have qualified to compete at State 4-H Roundup, practices will be as follows from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.:

March 8 - Natural Grocers, Temple

March 15 - First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton (this practice will go until 8:00 p.m.)

March 22 - First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton

March 29 - Natural Grocers, Temple

If you are an intermediate who has participated in this project and would like to assist with this for leadership in your recordbook, you are encouraged to attend.



FCH Project News



Duds to Dazzle Contest Practice

Did your child sign up to compete in the District 8 Duds to Dazzle contest? We will be hosting a practice on **Tuesday, March 19th** at the Bell County Extension Office.

Time: 6:00—8:00 pm

What to bring: ideas for simple projects to inspire your team!

Teams:

Sew On and Sew Forth (Jr/Int) - Emily Anderson, Jane Gauntt, Abigail Marzo

Glitz (Jr/Int) - Ava Diaz, Veda Bennett, Cecelia Manuel, Emily Gowan, Caroline Wood

4-His Glory (Jr/Int) - Amelia Castillo, Madelyn Hampton, Patience Underwood

Senior Team (Seniors) - Grace Pohl, Jessalyn Payne, Anne Marie Haddad

The Sewciopaths (Seniors) - Ashley Candelas, Josephy Candelas, Margaret Wood, Sarah Wood



Photography Project



PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP in DALLAS: Sat-Sun, Mar 23-24, 2019

Join us for one or both days, exploring Dallas through your camera lens. Dallas has so much to offer, especially amazing architecture. We will be using the free trolley to photograph parks, sculptures, architecture, and reflective water. We will shoot the Dallas skyline and photograph light trails from a bridge then head to Reunion tower to get a different perspective of the city. Sunday we will head to Fair Park for more great photo opportunities including a butterfly garden. Make plans to attend - you won't want to miss out on the fun!

Recommendation: Book your hotel now. Some of us are staying at the Courtyard by Marriott Downtown/ Reunion District at 310 S. Houston St. Rooms on Expedia were \$125 a night. There is **NO 4-H FEES for the field trip** - you pay for your own food, lodging (if desired), and admission charge to Reunion Tower and Fair Park. We will provide schedule and details on where to meet closer to the event. This event is open to all 4-Hers of all ages, including clovers. 4-Hers must have a responsible adult with them - this is NOT a drop and leave event. **RSVP by March 21 to Elizabeth Coffman, familycoffman@aol.com**

Outdoor Project News

District 8 Rifle Contest

Save the date! If you are interested in competing in the District 8 Rifle Contest that will take place on **Saturday, May 11th**, in Buffalo. Entry deadline is **Friday, April 26, 2019** on 4-H Connect. The 2 categories are Competitive Rifle Match & Provisional Light Rifle Match. More information will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website. Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions regarding this contest.

Outdoor Challenge

What: The 4-H Outdoor Challenge is a contest consisting of 10 activities set up for teams of two to compete within their age division. The activities could cover basic skills and knowledge in outdoor safety, outdoor skills, swimming, paddling, shooting, wildlife and habitat, biologist skills, fishing, first aid, outdoor gear consumer education, off road bicycling, and climbing.

When: June 26-28, 2019

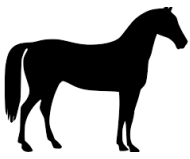
Where: Texas 4-H Center, Lake Brownwood

Who: 4-H members of all ages are eligible to prepare and participate. Participants will compete in a team of two within 4-H age divisions. All participants must have training and experience in all activities posted for the current year's event. Team members must be from the same county 4-H program.

Registration:

Contest – 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>), April 15-May 19, 2019; Participation is limited to the first 50 full teams that register. Registration will be \$50/participant.

Lodging & Meals – Optional Lodging and Meals at the 4-H Center are available by reserving on <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> during same timeframe as Contest Registration.



Livestock Project News



Homeschool Eligibilities for Major Stock Shows

Bell County 4-H members that are homeschooled and entered in any Major Livestock Show (Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and Austin) must fill out and submit your form to Scarlot Barreras **at least one week prior** to your beginning show date. One form per child per show.

Vet Science Meeting

The next Vet Science Meeting will take place at the County Extension Office on the following dates.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

March 6th & 20th

April 3rd & 17th

Contact Casey and Travis Swanson at tswanson01@hotmail.com for more information.

Tag Orders due April 15th!

It is time to order:

BCYF/STATE MARKET STEER TAGS

2020 BCYF, 2019 State Fair of Texas, and 2020 Spring Major shows
(Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin)

REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFER VALIDATION BARCODES

2020 BCYF, 2019 State Fair of Texas, and 2020 Spring Major shows
(Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin)

2019 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS MARKET LAMBS, MARKET GOATS, & MARKET BARROWS

Bell County validations require all 4-H and FFA members to order and pay for their tags prior to validation.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH THE CEO.

COSTS OF TAGS PAYABLE TO THE BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION

STEERS: \$20 / tag ordered

HEIFERS: \$15 / barcode ordered

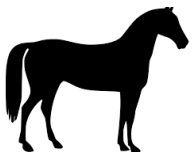
LAMB: \$20 / tag ordered

GOAT: \$20 / tag ordered

SWINE: \$20 / tag ordered

Deadline to have orders in the Extension Office WILL BE APRIL 15, 2019!





Livestock Project News



Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for animal agriculture.

Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank



Application Process:

Applicant goes to: https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C2PxJ597FTPIFL

- a. A two-minute YouTube video will be required (instructions can be found within the application)
- b. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- c. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- d. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university
- e. Applications are due **May 15, 2019**
- f. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2019 regarding application result

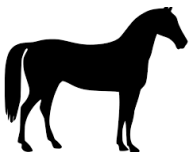
2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

Texas A&M University – Kingsville June 17-20, 2019

Texas A&M University – College Station July 8-11, 2019

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University – Lubbock/Canyon July 22-25, 2019

Cost: \$250.00 (includes food and lodging)



Livestock Project News



Texas 4-H Equine Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador program strives to provide high school aged 4-H members the opportunity to develop and practice advanced leadership skills related to mentoring other youth, and to become advocates for the equine industry in Texas.

Objectives:

- Prepare youth to serve in leadership capacities in Horse projects and programs across Texas.
- Prepare youth for the experience of the university setting, through intensive science based instruction and experiences.
- Prepare and provide opportunities for youth to serve in advocacy roles for the Equine Industry, 4-H, and the horse programs.
- Develop a heightened awareness of career opportunities in the equine industry and advocacy.



Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding horse projects
- Students with a profound interest in equine science and the horse industry in Texas
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

- Applicants go to http://tamuag.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_esuzimQvlFSJcVf
 - Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
 - CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

Applications are due **May 1, 2019**.

Horse Validation

Its that time of year to validate your horse(s) for the District 8 Horse Show and Texas 4-H Horse Show! Some of the fields within the system have been updated, so families with existing horse profiles will need to update some of their information when validating. Validation will be open

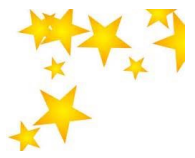
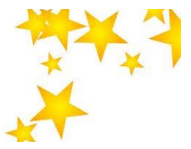
March 1st – April 15th at \$10 per validation and \$20 from April 16 until May 1.

REMINDERS:

- Horses must be validated in 4-H Connect every year.
- Only one validation per horse each year is necessary
- If the horse is registered then the registration papers must be uploaded during validation. The owner must be listed as the 4-Her, or a member of the 4-Hers immediate family (parent, sibling, grandparent, legal guardian).
- If the horse is grade (unregistered) then the field designated for the upload of registration papers should be left blank.
- Pictures need to be a visual representation of the horses color and markings (head and legs must be visible in right and left profile images and lighting should be sufficient to determine coat color)

State 4-H Horse Show

Goat Tying and Freestyle Reining have been added to the class roster for the State 4-H Horse Show!



Awards

ADULT LEADER AWARDS

Bell County 4-H volunteer leaders and Bell County 4-H County Council will solicit nominations and vote to select two individuals to be recognized at the Annual 4-H Banquet for "Distinguished Service." One will be chosen by the MAB and one chosen by 4-H members. 4-H volunteer leaders who are chosen for this award include outstanding club managers, leaders, project leaders, workshop leaders and volunteer leaders who go above and beyond their leader capabilities.

OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARD- The Outstanding Leader Award chosen from the 4-H member requires an essay no longer than 1 page. **The ESSAYS ARE DUE May 3, 2019!** The essay should include the following:

Name of Person Making Nomination

Leader Nominated

Date

Why do you think this leader is an outstanding leader?

What does this leader do that is outstanding?

How has this leader helped you?

How has this leader helped others?

Nominations should be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu

Bell County 4-H Awards

All 4-H members applying for awards (Gold, Silver or Bronze Star; Rookie, Honor Roll, All-Star Letterman; Danforth, Senior Awards Outstanding Community Service, must submit the appropriate paperwork and applications by **May 3, 2019**. Award Interviews will be later in May at the Bell County Extension Office. Record books for county competition will be due on **June 7, 2019**. Awards age based on 4-H Grade as of August 31, 2018

Graduating seniors for the 2109 year, who are members of 4-H, may apply to receive a Senior Award, to be presented at the Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet. Seniors must have been active and meet the requirements listed on the application.

Other descriptions and awards information is available on the Bell County 4-H Website by going to:

<http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/4-h-awards/>

4-H Award Interviews

When: June 2019, specific date TBD

Where: CEO Board Room

We will schedule interview times for those members that applied to receive an award.

Important Dates

March 2019

April 2019

**March 1: Bell County Photography Contest Entry
Deadline**

March 1: Bell 4-H Scholarship Application Due

March 1: Horse Validation Starts

March 4: Bell County Fashion Show

March 4: Ag Product ID Practice

March 5: CDM Practice

March 5: Food Challenge Practice

March 6: Vet Science Meeting

March 8: NQB Practice

March 8: L4L Practice

March 13: HLSR Ag Product ID Contest

March 15: NQB Practice

March 16: Clover Kid Meeting

March 16: Bell EEA Fashion Show

March 18: Ag Product ID Practice

March 18: District 8 Contest Deadline

March 19: CDM Practice

March 19: Food Challenge Practice

March 19: Duds to Dazzle Workshop

March 20: Vet Science Meeting

March 22: L4L Practice

March 22: NQB Practice

March 23-24: Photography Field Trip

March 25: Ag Product ID Practice

**March 25: Bell County Round Up and Share the
Fun Entry Deadline**

March 27: County Council Meeting

March 29: NQB Practice

April 1: Ag Product ID Practice

**April 1: District 8 Livestock Judging, Meat Judging
and Soil Judging Deadline**

April 3: Vet Science Meeting

April 4: BC Round Up & Share the Fun

April 5: BCYF Scholarship Deadline

April 8: Ag Product ID Practice

April 9: MAB Committee Meetings

April 14: Duds to Dazzle Workshop

April 16: D8 Fashion Show, Belton

April 15: BCYF & State Market Steer Tag Orders

**April 15: BCYF, State Fair & Spring Major Regis-
tered Breeding Heifer Validation Orders**

**April 15: State Fair Lamb, Goat and Barrow Tag
Orders Due**

April 15: Last Day to Validate Horses for \$10/head

April 16: Horse Validation goes up to \$20/head

April 17: Vet Science Meeting

April 22: Ag Product ID Practice

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