

May 2019 Focus

Bell County Staff:

Sheryl Austin

Cooperative Extension
Family & Community
Health

Tonya Elliott

4-H Program Assistant

Whitney Grantham

County Extension Agent
Natural Resources

Andrea Haubner

BLT Extension Educator

Sheryl Long

County Extension Agent
4-H & Youth
Development

Jackie McLaughlin

County Extension Agent
Family & Community
Health

Lyle Zoeller

County Extension Agent
Agriculture

National 4-H Conference

Lexy Ide from Bell County 4-H represented Texas as a delegate at the National 4-H Conference, April 6-11 in Washington D.C. The National 4-H Conference is the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity focused on civic engagement, civic education, and personal development to engage youth in developing recommendations for the 4-H Youth Development Program. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Conference Development Programs nationally and in their communities. This event brings together youth, state, and county extension staff members from across the United States, the U.S. territories, and the Canadian provinces.

While attending the National 4-H Conference Lexy addressed issues facing our nation today. She discussed America's School Culture, School Safety, and Student Mental Health at the Department of Education Headquarters in Washington D.C. She also met with the Texas Representatives at the United States Capital and discussed the importance of 4-H in the State.

Texas Community Futures Forum

A special invitation to attend the Texas Community Futures Forum to provide input on health and wellness, family life skills, youth development, agricultural and natural resources to meet the future educational needs for Bell County.

Tuesday, May 21st

9:00-11:00 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 N Main St. Belton

RSVP to Sheryl Long if you want to attend.

1605 N. Main, Room 102

Belton, TX 76513

Phone: (254)933-5305

Fax: (254)933-5312

E-mail: bell@ag.tamu.edu Website: <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/>



18 USC 707



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 2nd

WHERE: County Extension Office (CEO)

START TIME: 6:30 pm

The Bell County 4-H Council will be electing officers for the 2019-2020 4-H year during the May 2nd meeting. To run for an officer position, you must submit an Intent to Run form to the County Extension Office on or before **April 26, 2019**. The Intent to Run form can be found on the Bell County 4-H website, <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/4-h-county-council/>

Ambassadors Applications for 2019-2020

The 4-H Ambassador Program aims to project a clear and accurate image of the Texas and Bell County 4-H Program. The program helps 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://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-clubs-and-councils/ambassadors/>

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: May 23, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting will elect new officers for President and Treasurer, vote on the MAB by-laws changes and vote on the Finance Guideline changes. All parents and leaders are also invited to attend.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.



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 2019 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, date TBD

Where: CEO Board Room

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



Summer Fun Activities



Camps for 2019

Interested in participating in a camp this year? Keep checking the Bell County 4-H website for more information <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/campinformation/>

Texas 4-H Conference Center Summer Camps @ Brownwood

4-H Fishing Camp—June 17-19, Cost \$240

Mission Possible— July 1-3, Cost \$175

County Camp I—July 4-6, Cost \$200

County Camp II—July 8-10, Cost \$200

County Camp III-Outdoor Adventure—July 10-12, Cost \$200

Prime Time I (Grades 5-8)- July 14-17, Cost \$250

Prime Time II (Grades 3-5)- July 17-20, Cost \$250

To register, go to Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu website “Camps” page and click on REGISTER NOW button.

- Member must be 3rd Grade and up
- Camp is based on grade in 2019-2020 school year
- Pay deposit by June 14th or pay full amount
 - Late fee \$50
- All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect PRIOR to attending camp

District 8 Leadership Lab

Date: June 19-21

Location: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

Cost: TBD

Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2019

The completed, signed release forms will need to be **scanned as a pdf and uploaded** to 4-H Connect during the registration process. The forms require a copy of the participant’s **insurance card**.

If you are interested in becoming a District 8 Council Advisor, you must attend this camp to run for an office.

County Camp II @ Brownwood

Bell County 4-H will be attending County Camp I at the Texas 4-H Center! This camp takes place **July 8-10, 2019**. 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:

- | | | | | |
|----------|--------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| *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/>
I still need a female chaperone to attend this camp! Contact Sheryl if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events



Bell County Safety Day

When: Wednesday, May 8th

Location: Bell County EXPO! Center

Time: 9 am-2 pm

GROUP LEADERS NEEDED! If you are interested in serving as a group leader for Safety Day this year, please RSVP to Sheryl Long NO LATER THAN May 1, 2019! Ambassadors this is a great way to get those last minute hours in or even to boost your hours totals! Eligibilities will be sent to schools for those volunteering so that an excused absence will be given.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be academically eligible. Must be at least 13 years of age.

Bell County Record Books

Due: June 7, 2019 to the CEO

Where: CEO by 5pm

If you would like Sheryl to review your recordbook BEFORE the June 7th FINAL submission date, then please give her your recordbook ASAP.

We will trade record books with McLennan and Williamson counties on **Friday, June 14th** for those who want to help us judge. We will be judging in Bell County.

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 11th** in McLenna County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event as well.



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.

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

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

Clover Kids Meeting Schedule

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.

Leaders 4 Life Practices

Leaders 4 Life Practice, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church Gym

May 3

Contact Gage Bass for more information, cchsgabass@gmail.com.



Upcoming Events



Texas 4-H Round Up Entries

We need you to enter the Texas 4-H Round Up ASAP! You must register your child and yourself by **May 13, 2019**. We will not register for you! Registration takes place on 4-H Connect at www.4honline.com. Make sure you communicate with any of your team members and myself on whether or not your qualified team wants to participate at state. Adults that will be attending must register too! All contest registrations (Qualifying or Invitational) will be **\$35.00 and they must pre-register**. There will not be a one-day pass option for contests. The one-day pass option will be available to non-contestant youth and scholars who are not competing in a contest during the week. This option will also be available for adults who are only attending one day of the event. Youth MAY NOT participate in more than one contest in a day.

Call or e-mail Sheryl with any questions.

Parking Passes—will be purchased direct from Transportation Services using the link below. Select 2018 Texas 4-H Roundup in the drop down menu. You will print and bring your pass with you to the event. **NO PASSES WILL BE SOLD ONSITE.**

<https://transport2.tamu.edu/account/conference/parkingpermits.aspx>

T-Shirts— Order t-shirts here!

https://secure.touchnet.com/C21490_ustores/web/classic/product_detail.jsp?PRODUCTID=11719

Bell County 4-H is ONLY paying for QUALIFYING entries, no invitational contests.

District 8 Council Officer Elections

How to Apply

- **By Friday, May 24** – Sign up for SURGE on 4-H Connect
- **By Friday, May 24** – Complete the application materials in hard copy and on 4-H Connect
 - ◇ Includes a pdf of the signed D8 4-H Council Agreement (Member and parent signature)
 - ◇ Photo
 - ◇ Texas 4-H Council Signature pages (*if running for Texas 4-H Council qualifying position*) (Youth, parent agent signature)
 - ◇ Application questions to be answered.
 - ◇ Digital Poster email
 - ◇ Please also note the procedures related to an impromptu question, interview, election process, and a few other details!
- **Monday, June 10** – Participate in a face-to-face interview in Waco area. Interviews will begin at approximately 1:30 pm.

All of this information can also be found on the D8 4-H website on the Council page:

<http://agrilife.org/d84h/district-4-h-council/>



FCH Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, May 21st at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm

Food Challenge Practice for State

Food Challenge Practice for State Roundup, 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton
May 7, 13, 21, and 28

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood at
woodbtwice@gmail.com.

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State Roundup, 7:00 pm, First United Methodist Church Gym,
May 7, 13, 21 and 28

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood
at woodbtwice@gmail.com.

Consumer Decision Making Practice for State

Consumer Decision Making Practice for State Roundup, 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym, Belton
May 7, 13, 21, and 28

Leadership opportunities available for anyone needing it, please contact Barbara Wood at
woodbtwice@gmail.com.



Photography Project



June 8th (Saturday): State 4-H Photography Community Service-“Women in the Outdoors”, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm (can come for part of the day if desired). This is a fantastic day of photography, covering kayaking, fly fishing, shooting sports, drone flying, ATV, campfire cooking, and much more. After photographing the class, instructors allow 4-Hers to try the activities. Open to all ages including clover kids (must have a parent present and some activities have age limits, such as ATV).

June 10th (Monday): Texas 4-H JMP pinning and Texas 4-H Photography Ambassador induction ceremony, Reed Arena (room TBD) Texas 4-H Roundup @ College Station (time TBD).

June 11th (Tuesday): Texas 4-H Photography Judging Invitational Contest, Open to all Intermediate and Senior age 4-Hers. No qualifying contest, so why not try it? Materials are available on the state 4-H website under photography.

Outdoor Project News

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.

Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program provides high school age 4-H members and youth an opportunity to gain advanced knowledge and practice leadership skills related to the science, technology, engineering, and management of water in Texas. By connecting with water professionals, Water Ambassadors will gain exposure and recognition as youth leaders, learn about internship opportunities, and explore the diverse career paths in the water industry. The Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program is led by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and supported in part by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation.

Each year, up to (32) individuals are selected to join the Texas 4-H Water Ambassadors Program. Those selected will participate in a summer 4-H2O Youth

Applications open to youth entering 9th-11th grades for '19-'20 school year.

Deadline to apply is May 15, 2019.

Who to Contact?

Ag Product ID—Michael Canales, michael.canales@tx.usda.gov

Consumer Decision Making—Barbara Wood, woodbtwice@gmail.com

Food Challenge— Barbara Wood, woodbtwice@gmail.com

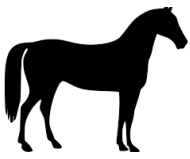
Livestock Judging—Whitney Grantham, whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu

Meat Judging—Nora Whitson, norawhitson@yahoo.com

Nutrition Quiz Bowl—Barbara Wood, woodbtwice@gmail.com

Vet Science—Casey Swanson, tswanson01@hotmail.com

Wildlife Challenge—De Castillo, joendecastillo@hotmail.com



Livestock Project News



Summer 2019 Validation Dates

Market Steer/Breeding Heifer Validations: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 @ Bell County Expo

7:00 am – 10:00 am & 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

We must scan and upload **ORIGINAL** heifer registration papers before validation as well. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival as well. Bring the registration papers with you to validation.

State Fair of Texas Lamb and Goat Validations: Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 8:30 am—5:30 pm @ the Bell County Extension Office

State Fair of Texas Swine Validations: Dates and times are to be decided

New for 2019 If you are validating purebred gilts in June, please remember to send a color pdf copy of the registration papers to whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu by June 30th.

Contact Whitney Grantham if you have any questions.



Texas 4-H Dog Show

Entry Deadline: May 10, 2019

Cost: *\$5 registration fee per exhibitor *\$10 per entry per dog per class

*\$3 per entry/per photo *\$5 Exhibition Classes

When & Where: July 12-14, 2019 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Find out more information at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/dogshow/>



District 8 4-H Horse Show

Date: June 17-18, 2019

Location: Bell County Expo

Entry Deadline: May 24, 2019 on 4-H Connect

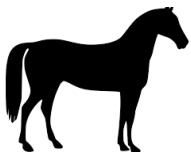
Cost: \$15 per class

Only properly validated horses can enter.

Waiver forms will not be mailed. The form will be signed, scanned as a pdf, and uploaded online. Coggins papers must be scanned and uploaded to 4-H Connect during the entry process.

Contact Sheryl or Whitney if you have any questions.

<http://agrillife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/horse-show/>



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

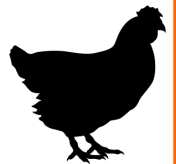
Cost: \$250.00 (includes food and lodging)

State Fair of Texas Broiler Orders

Order Deadline: June 14, 2019

Cost: \$37.50 per 25 chicks.

The minimum order per exhibitor/family is 25 birds, with a maximum of 75 birds, in increments of 25.



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.

May 1st and 15th

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

Vet Science Camp

Save the date! July 29-31 at the Bell County Expo. Registration information coming in June.

Important Dates

May 2019

June 2019

May 1: TX 4-H Equine Ambassador Apps Due
May 1: Last Day to Validate Horses
May 1: Vet Science Meeting
May 2: County Council Elections
May 3: Bell County Ambassador Applications Due
May 3: BC Adult Leader Nominations Due
May 3: Leaders 4 Life Practice
May 7: Food Challenge Practice
May 7: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice
May 7: CDM Practice
May 8: Bell County Safety Day
May 10: State Dog Show Entry Deadline
May 11: D8 Rifle Contest, Buffalo
May 13: TX 4-H Round Up Entry deadline
May 13: Food Challenge Practice
May 13: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice
May 13: CDM Practice
May 15: TX 4-H Livestock Ambassador Apps Due
May 15: TX 4-H Water Ambassador Apps Due
May 15: Vet Science Meeting
May 18: Clover Kids Meeting
May 19: Outdoor Challenge Deadline
May 21: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting
May 21: TCFF meeting
May 21: Food Challenge Practice
May 21: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice
May 21: CDM Practice
May 23: MAB Meeting
May 24: D8 Leadership Lab Deadline
May 24: D8 TAE4-HA Scholarship Deadline
May 24: D8 Council Officer deadline
May 24: D8 Horse Show Entry Deadline
May 28: Food Challenge Practice
May 28: Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice
May 28: CDM Practice

June 6: SF Lamb and Goat Validation
June 7: BC Record Books Due
June 8: Photography Community Service
June 11: TX 4-H Photography Judging Contest
June 13: Last day to register for County Camp
June 14: County Record Book Judging, Bell
June 14: SF Broiler Order Due
June 15: Clover Kid Meeting
June 17-18: District 8 Horse Show
June 19-21: District 8 Leadership Lab, Brownwood
June 25: Steer and Heifer Validation
June 26-28: Outdoor Challenge, Brownwood

TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION

BELL COUNTY
4-H NEWSLETTER

Bell County Extension
1605 N. Main Room 102
Belton, TX 76513
Phone: 254-933-5305
Fax: 254-933-5312

Shel Long



Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

Everything will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website

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