

June 2019 Focus

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Congratulations Newly Elected 2019 -2020

Bell County Council Officers!

President— Bryce Fisher

1st Vice— Luke Read

2nd Vice— Catarina Canales

Secretary—Emma Canales

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Parliamentarian— Sarah Wood

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Amelia Castillo

Congratulations to the Bell County 4-H Scholarship Recipients!

Christian Coffman

Kolby Dague

Braylee Mackie

Delanie McClannahan

Adrianna Schlafer

Clara Steglich

Margaret Wood

Texas 4-H Council

The Texas 4-H Council is a team of 4-H members elected by their peers from across the state of Texas representing the twelve AgriLife Extension districts. Serving as ambassadors for the Texas 4-H program, members represent the organization statewide while collaborating with Extension faculty to plan, coordinate, and facilitate activities and events.

Selection of the 2019-2020 Texas 4-H Council has a new process. At-Large Elections. Through a statewide process, 6 At-Large members will be elected to the Texas 4-H Council.

4-H members not able to attend 4-H Round Up on June 10th can watch the each candidate presentations via live stream! 4-H members will have the opportunity to vote on 4-H CONNECT for 6 Candidates!

Bell County 4-H's Lexy Ide is one of the top 15 candidates. Go vote for Lexy! Please visit Texas 4-H on Facebook and Instagram to view each candidate.

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County Council & Ambassadors



Ambassador Applications for 2019-2020

We are going to do something new this year. Listed below is the criteria for the essay explaining why you want to be an Ambassador:

- List some suggestions/ideas on recruitment and community service projects
 - No longer than 1500 words
 - Double spaced
 - 12 point font.

Essays are due to Sheryl Long no later than **Friday, July 12th by 5:00 pm**. They can be emailed.

4-H Awards Banquet Planning Meeting

For Ambassadors and Council Officers ONLY. Join us on **Monday, July 22, 2019** to plan the 2019 4-H Awards Banquet. This meeting will start at 3:00 pm Come with your ideas on how to make the banquet better! We will be making changes.

County Council Officer Training

Save the Date! The Mandatory County Council Officer Training will take place on **Tuesday, July 23rd!**

4-H Club Managers

4-H Club Chartering

Deadline: July 1, 2019

There are a few new forms this year! 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.

MAB Finance Committee Meeting

When: Thursday, July 25th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: CEO

We will be reviewing the finances and determining how the funds raised will be distributed for the 2019-2020 4-H year.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: August 22, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

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

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.



Summer Camps



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, 2018.
- 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/>

District 8 Leadership Lab

Date: June 19-21

Location: Texas 4-H Center, Brownwood

For those members that have registered for this camp, we will be traveling to Brownwood in a rental SUV!

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.

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/>

We are needing male and female chaperones to attend the Brownwood summer camps! If your child registered for one of these camps, please consider serving as a chaperone! Contact Sheryl Long for more information.



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 with Tips Workshop

June 18th will be Cake Decorating with tips. Learn to decorate a cake with flowers, borders, balloons, writing. Workshops will be from 1pm to 3pm and another from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **RSVP by June 17th**. Everyone will take home an 8 inch cake. Workshop at CEO.

Cupcake Decorating Workshop

When: Monday, August 6th **Where:** County Extension Office

Come and have fun decorating your own cupcakes with lady bugs, pigs, beach scene and more new designs.



1st Workshop: 1:00 pm—3:00 pm

2nd Workshop: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

RSVP to the CEO by **August 5th** so we can adequately prepare.

Food Garnishing Workshop

Make plans to attend a Food Garnishing workshop on **July 30th** at the CEO. The time for the workshop is still in the planning stages, but hold the date. The workshop will include how to garnish with edible flowers and herbs, culinary techniques and a mini 'Dinner Tonight!' Program.

Health & Wellness Workshop

Gear up for a day filled with fun and cool ways to stay healthy! The second annual Health and Wellness Day will be **Aug 1st**, 9am to 4pm at the CEO. Check out the July Newsletter for all the activities planned for the day.



Summer Clothing Blast

Save the Date! The annual Summer Clothing Blast will take place on **June 24 & 25** at the Bell County Extension Office. Time will be 1:00 pm—4:00 pm. On **June 26**, we will do a field trip from 9 am—Noon. Please RSVP by Friday, June 21 to the CEO.



Upcoming Events



Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Thursday, August 8, 2019** 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.



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. Please notify Sheryl Long if you are able to help judge.

District 8 Record Books will be judged on **July 11th** in McLennan County. We will need 3 volunteers to help us judge this event as well. Please notify Sheryl Long if you are able to help judge.

Clover Kids Schedule

Clover Kid Fair—Information and forms are found on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website. Entry forms are due Friday, June 7, 2019 to the CEO.

Event date is Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at 10am at the First United Methodist Church in Belton.

Clover Kids Recordbooks—Guidelines and journal pages are found on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website. Recordbooks are due Friday, July 5, 2019 to the CEO.

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

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

Ag Product ID Practices

Registration for the Invitational Ag Product ID Contest at the 4-H State Roundup is complete and teams have been set. Good luck to all those participating!

Congratulations to all the members that competed this year. Our county did very well at all the contests we participated in. The Bell County team numbers have increased to nearly 40 members from 7 different 4-H Clubs. Please contact Michael Canales at 541-6293, or email at guajeman1@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in participating next year.



FCH Project News



Bell County EEA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following students on receiving a \$850 Bell County EEA Scholarship:

Christian Coffman

Braylee Mackie

Clara Steglich

Margaret Wood

Christian Coffman went on to receive a District 8 TEEA Scholarship of \$500.

4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, June 4th at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm

CDM Practice for State Round Up

June 4, 6:00 pm., First United Methodist Church Gym

Nutrition Quiz Bowl Practice for State Round Up

June 4, 7:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym

Leaders 4 Life Practice for State Round Up

June 4 at 7:00 pm and **June 7** at 6:00 pm First United Methodist Church Gym

Bell County EEA Meetings

The Bell County 4-H provides the program for the Bell County EEA Club meetings in July.

There are three (3) EEA clubs in the county, Tanglefoot, Leedale and Tejas.

The program can be simple, just tell them what your projects are, what you are doing with your projects, what your future plans are. They just want to hear from you and what you are doing in 4-H. if you want to develop a particular program or present an educational presentation, please let me or Sheryl Long know your plans.

Here are the club meeting dates, times and locations:

Tanglefoot: Monday, July 8th, 9:30am at St Luke's Catholic Church in Temple

Leedale: Monday, July 8th, 10am at Ocker Brethren Church, Zabcikville

Tejas: Tuesday, July 9th, 9:30am at the Bell County CEO

Please let me know which club or clubs you would like to attend and present by June 28th. If we don't have any volunteers, you may likely be asked to volunteer by the CEAs, so sign up! This is an excellent leadership and public speaking opportunity for your record book and 4-H career.



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).

Congratulations to Sarah Wood for completing the Texas 4-H Junior Master Photographer certification requirements. She will receive her pin at State 4-H Roundup!

The following have been selected to be 2019-2020 Texas 4-H Photography Ambassadors. They will be inducted and receive their polo and name badge at State 4-H Roundup:

Sarah Wood & MacKenzie Nowell

Hunter ‘s Spectacular

4-H Hunter’s Spectacular Planning Meetings

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place **Saturday, September 28, 2019** at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in assisting in planning the annual 4-H fundraiser Hunter’s Spectacular, please join us at the CEO on **Thursday, July 18th**. This meeting will start at 6:00 pm We want all Committee Chairpersons in attendance! If your committee has met, please be prepared to give us an update!

The 2nd Hunter’s Spectacular meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 27th**.

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

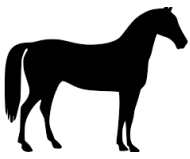
Livestock Judging—Whitney Grantham, whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu

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

from 7:00 am – 10:00 am & 5:00 pm—7:00 pm @ the Bell County Expo

Registered Heifer Exhibitors Please send a pdf copy of the **ORIGINAL** registration papers to Whitney Grantham **PRIOR** to validation. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival, and you must have the registration papers with you at validation.

Unregistered Heifer Exhibitors Please request BCYF forms from Whitney Grantham prior to validation and return completed paperwork at 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: Thursday, June 20th, 2019 by appointment only

New for 2019 If you are validating purebred gilts, please remember to send a color pdf copy of the registration papers to Whitney Grantham **PRIOR** to validation.

Contact: Whitney Grantham <whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu>

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.

Contact: Whitney Grantham <whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu>



Bell County Youth Fair & Major Livestock Show Turkeys

Order Deadline: June 28, 2019

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.

Vet Science Meeting

The next Vet Science Meeting will take place at the County Extension Office on **June 12th**.

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm.

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 soon!

Important Dates

June 2019

June 4: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting
June 4: CDM Practice
June 4: NQB Practice
June 4: L4L 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 12: Vet Science Meeting
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 Fair
June 17-18: District 8 Horse Show
June 18: Cake Decorating Workshop
June 19-21: District 8 Leadership Lab, Brownwood
June 24-26: Summer Clothing Blast
June 25: Steer and Heifer Validation
June 26-28: Outdoor Challenge, Brownwood
June 28: BCYF & Major Show Turkey Orders Due

July 2019

July 1: 4-H Club Chartering Deadline
July 4: County Holiday
July 5: Clover Kid Recordbooks Due
July 11: D8 Recordbook Judging
July 12: Ambassador Essays due
July 12-14: Texas 4-H Dog Show
July 18: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting
July 20: Clover Kid Summer Camp
July 22: 4-H Awards Banquet Meeting
July 23: County Council Officer Training
July 25: MAB Finance Meeting
July 29-31: Vet Science Camp
July 30: 4-H Garnishing Workshop

August 2019

August 1: Health & Wellness Workshop
August 8: 4-H Awards Banquet
August 22: MAB Meeting
August 27: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting

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