

# July 2019 Focus

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## Hunter's Spectacular

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place **Saturday, September 28, 2019** at the Bell County Expo Center! If you are interested in serving on a committee, please let Sheryl know ASAP

## Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

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## District 8 Council

Congratulations to Lexy Ide on being elected to serve on the District 8 4-H Council for the 2019-2020 year!



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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://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 **\$25** if enrolled from **August 15th to October 31st**, November 1st the participant fee will increase to **\$30**.

**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 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, 2019 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2019)

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



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the Hunter's Spectacular.

Contact Sheryl Long if you have any questions.

# Hunter 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**.

## Silent Auction Baskets

NEW deadlines this year! We need baskets/money earlier to advertise on Facebook!

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 6, 2019**. If your club selected to donate \$100 to the committee to make your basket, that money is due to the CEO by **Friday, September 6, 2019**.

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!

## Hunter Spectacular Info for CLUB MANAGERS ONLY

Pick Up Tickets (**club managers only**): July 29, 2019

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: BEFORE September 25 (date set by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Wednesday, September 25—Friday, September 27

**(8—11 am then 1-4 pm, Friday before noon)**

**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**

Early ticket turn-ins are always welcome! Please adhere to the turn-in instructions that were given to you with your tickets. Please call the CEO to set up your appointment for ticket turn-in.



# 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

## Fashion and Interior Design Workshop

Join us on **July 12th** for a *Dream It, Design It* Fashion and Interior Design Workshop. Make your own lamp and visit local furniture store Dubois.

10:00 am at the Bell County CEO

1:00—3:00 pm at Dubois Furniture.

See the flyer on the Bell County 4-H Website

For more information, contact Lynda Pohl at 254-624-9041 or at [pohl.party@gmail.com](mailto:pohl.party@gmail.com)

## Food Garnishing Workshop

Make plans to attend a Food Garnishing workshop on **July 30<sup>th</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 9am to 3pm at the CEO. Activities include: Zumba, Comb Me Beautiful, Get Under Your Skin, Sop the Bleed, Don't Be A Stinker, Butter Me Up, and Chill Out with Milk. All those who attend will receive a Heroes 4-Health bag of prizes to encourage wellness sponsored by the Walmart Foundation.

Check out the event flyer on the Bell County 4-H website.

RSVP by July 27th to the 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.



## Chef Day Camp

We will be hosting a Chef Day Camp sometime in August.

More details to come in the August 4-H Newsletter!



# Upcoming Events



## Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

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## Clover Kids Schedule

**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](mailto:bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com) for more information.

## 4-H Exchange

Bell County 4-H Exchange will be traveling to Bradford County, PA for Agriculture-Education Trip June 30th - July 7th.

**4-H Members:** Kyler Caldwell, Olivia Crow, Maya Denman, Lexy Ide, Caitlen Lesikar, Elisa Ranly, Emma Ranly, Koby Stone, Jencie Tomesak and Wyatt Young.

If interested joining Bell County 4-H Exchange please read August newsletter for next meeting or email Kathy Ide [ckide3@yahoo.com](mailto:ckide3@yahoo.com) for questions. 4-H members must be 13-18 years old and commit to two years for the 4-H project!



# FCH Project News



## 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 Jackie or Sheryl Long know your plans.

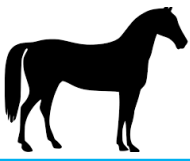
Here are the club meeting dates, times and locations:

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

Leedale: Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am at Ocker Brethren Church, Zabcikville

Tejas: Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am at the Bell County CEO

Please let me know which club or clubs you would like to attend and present by June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



# Livestock Project News



## Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour

Applications are now open for the 2019 Bell-Milam Youth Ag Tour on Wednesday, July 24th!

Bell and Milam County Extension are excited to partner again with Capital Farm Credit to offer this tour for our 4-H members. Eight 4-H members from each county, in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, will be selected to attend a one-day tour of local production agriculture in Bell and Milam counties.

Each stop will outline a facet of agricultural production in Central Texas and feature hands on learning experiences for the youth. 2019 stops will include Capitol Land & Livestock, Central Texas Olive Ranch, Thorndale Co-op, Thorndale Meat Market, Evans Ranch, Inc., and Capital Farm Credit.

To apply, interested students will need to fill out a short application online by July 5th.

<https://forms.gle/MQwTQ4q9K48TZ45i8>

## Bell County 4-H Vet Science Camp

Join us July 29th-31st in the Bell County Expo Special Events Room!

Stop by the Bell County Extension Office before July 12th to sign up. Registration is open to the first 50 participants, and no registrations will be accepted at the door. Participants must be a member of Bell County 4-H for the 2018-2019 school/4-H year. Camp fees for current members are \$15.

Friends who are not yet members can join 4-H for \$25 and then pay the \$15 registration fee.



## BELL 4-H HORSE CLUB & CAPITOL AREA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION BEAT THE HEAT ALL BREED HORSE SHOW

Two carded judges, two sets of awesome class awards, High point and Reserve high point awards in Western and English plus Circuit Awards and best of all chance to win new Huber Training Saddle!

August 10-11 • Equine/Livestock Complex, Bell County Expo

### 4-H'ers:

This is a great opportunity to get those community service hours! If you are interested in volunteering, contact:

Stacie Higgins [\(940\) 727-8765](tel:9407278765)

### Show details:

All Breeds. Halter, English, Western, plus Leadline!

Two combined shows / Two judges

Class Entries \$20 per class • Stalls \$25 /Night

Showbills at <http://www.caqha.com/showbill-rules--awards.html>

For additional show information and sponsorship opportunities contact:

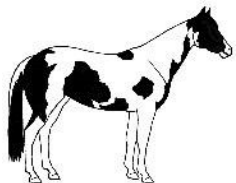
Jeanette Abbe [\(254\) 718-4938](tel:2547184938) or Shawn Campbell [\(254\) 718-4334](tel:2547184334)

## 57th Annual Texas 4-H Horse Show

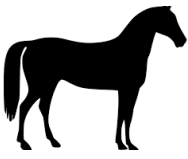
July 21-27, 2019

**\*New Location\*** Brazos County Expo Center—Bryan, Texas

Good luck to all the Bell County 4-H participants!







# Livestock Project News



## District 8 4-H Dog Show

July 12-14, 2019

**\*New Location\***

Montgomery County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

Good luck to our exhibitors that are participating!

## Fall 2019 Major Show Entry Deadlines and Stalling Requests

**West Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 2, 2019

**State Fair Of Texas:** Due to CEO by Friday, August 16, 2019

**Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo:** Due to the CEO by Friday, August 16, 2019

Entry forms for the above shows will be available at the CEO and posted online starting August 1st. Please submit appropriate paperwork and payment for all entries. Be sure to pay attention to the date for each show and when those forms are due to the CEO. **EXACT CHANGE OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO "BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION" WILL BE ACCEPTED!** If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at [Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu) or call 254-933-5305.

## 2019 Fall Livestock Validations

### Dates of Ownership

Major Show Breeding Sheep and Goats: October 1st

Major Show Market Lambs and Goats: October 22nd

Major Show Heifers: October 28th

Major Show Breeding Gilts: TBA

Major Show Market Barrows: November 18th

### Tag Order Deadlines

Major Show Sheep, Goats, and Heifers: August 28th

Major Show Swine: September 20th

Tag orders will increase by \$5/tag after the deadline, if accepted.

### Fall Validation Dates

BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goats: October 22nd and 23rd

BCYF/Major Show Heifers: October 28th

BCYF/Major Show Swine: November 18th and 19th

Projects not on feed and in daily care of the exhibitor or family by the dates listed above will not be validated. If you have any questions, please call Whitney Grantham at (254) 933-5305.



# Important Dates

July 2019

August 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 to Sheryl**  
**July 12: Dream It, Design It Workshop**  
**July 12-14: Texas 4-H Dog Show**  
**July 18: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting**  
**July 20: Clover Kid Summer Camp**  
**July 21-27: TX 4-H Horse Show**  
**July 22: 4-H Awards Banquet Meeting**  
**July 23: County Council Officer Training**  
**July 24: Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour**  
**July 25: MAB Finance Meeting**  
**July 29-31: Vet Science Camp**  
**July 30: 4-H Garnishing Workshop**

**August 1: Health & Wellness Workshop**  
**August 1: Major Show Tag Order Forms Available**  
**August 2: West Texas Fair Entry Deadline**  
**August 6: Cupcake Decorating Workshop**  
**August 8: 4-H Awards Banquet**  
**August 10-11: Bell 4-H Horse Show**  
**August 15: 19-20 Enrollment Starts**  
**August 16: State Fair Entry Deadline**  
**August 16: HOT Fair Entry Deadline**  
**August 22: MAB Meeting**  
**August 27: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting**

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