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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

Open House

SAVE THE DATE!

September 4, 2019

Bell County Expo!

5:00—8:00

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Thursday, August 8, 2019** at the Bell County Expo, Champions Club in the new Equine/Livestock Complex. 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

Congratulations to our State Record Book Participants!

Luke Reed—Goat

Connor Payne—STEM



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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://agrilife.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://agrilife.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



4-H Awards Banquet Set Up

ALL County Council Officers and Ambassadors are REQUIRED to help with decorating the Champions Club for the annual Awards Banquet at 10 am. We will also practice the script at this time. You must be back at the Champions Club NO LATER than 5:00 pm dressed and ready to go. Please come prepared!

County Council Community Service

NEW this Year!

The Bell County 4-H Council is wanting to increase county participation in their community service projects this year! From here forward, please look in the “County Council Community Service” section to see the upcoming community service activities. Each county council meeting will have a different activity in which you can donate items or participate. Please let me know if you have any questions.

4-H Club Managers

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.

Ambassador Training

When: August 2, 2019 **Where:** CEO **Time:** 9:00 am

This meeting will start at 9 am at the CEO. You were emailed the Handbook and Hours Sheet, please review both documents PRIOR to August 2nd. We will make changes to both of these! If you have any ideas or potential improvement to either of these documents, please bring these suggestions with you! We will discuss as a group and then make the decision.

If you already have a jacket and it doesn’t fit, please bring that with you to the meeting. For NEW ambassadors, you will get your green jacket at this meeting. The pick of the jackets will go by seniority. Please let Sheryl know if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend.

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 **Tuesday, August 27th for our 2nd planning meeting..** 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!

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

Tickets became available for pickup on (**club managers only**): August 1, 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



Cupcake Decorating Workshop

When: Tuesday, 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

WHEN: August 7, 2019 **WHERE:** 9:30 a.m. - Mexicano Bar & Grill #3, 5509 S General Bruce Dr., Temple

We will be touring their facility and **learning how to make tortillas**. From there we will go to Emporium Packaging & Spice Co., 23208 SW HK Dodgen Loop, Temple. We will be touring their facility and learning about spices and their production.

Please RSVP to Barbara Wood at 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com by August 4th. Please indicate if you will be staying with your child/children so that we can plan for transportation accordingly.

Bell County 4-H Exchange traveled to Bradford County, Pennsylvania. During their stay they visited Niagra Falls State Park, Discovery Center, Aquarium of Niagara, Robert Moses Niagara Hydroelectric Power Station and Vista Center, Kayaked 5 miles down Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, hiked Pine Creek Gorge and Mt. Pisgah State Park, toured Hershey Factory, Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park, Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum, Toured Good View Dairy Farm, E-Tech Industrial Corporation, Troy Fairgrounds, team-building at Prospector Pete's Miners Maze, and enjoyed Hersheypark. Last Bell County Exchange hosted Bradford County we traveled and toured Austin Capitol, Bullock Texas State History Museum, Capital Land & Livestock, Meadow Center-Glass Bottom Boat, Rivercenter and Alamo, Rio Cruise, Tower of the Americas "Skis over Texas", Market Square, 4th of July Parade, Where Texas Became Texas, Blue Bell, George Bush Library, PRCA Rodeo, Magnolia Market at the Silos, Pepper Museum, Denman Ranch, kayaked down the Brazos River and enjoyed a day at Six Flags.



FCH Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, August 20th at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm Please let us know if you would like to be added to the agenda. Project leaders, be prepared to report on your current and upcoming activities.

Food Challenge Practices

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Belton
Practices will start at 6:00 p.m

Barbara Wood @ 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com

Leaders 4 Life (Parliamentary Procedure)

August 17 at the County Extension Office, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Gage Bass @ 681-355-3653 or cchsgabass@gmail.com / Barbara Wood @ 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com

Photography Project

2 DAY MINI-WORKSHOP & PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP: San Antonio, Sat-Sun, Aug 3-4

Who: All 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers too!); Parent or guardian attendance mandatory-no drop offs.

What: Missions, McNay Museum of Art/Gardens, Private photo shoot with traditional dancers, Night photography on Riverwalk. Transportation/accommodations are on your own. Come for both days or just one – the choice is yours!

Where: San Antonio

RSVP: To Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com

PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP: West Fest @ West: Sat, Aug 31 (Labor Day Weekend), 10:00 a.m. - ?

Who: All 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers too!); Parent or guardian attendance mandatory-no drop offs.

What: Parade and Czech festival

Where: West. TX

RSVP: By August 26, 2019 to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT: Pink Fishing “Reeling in the Cure”: Sat, Sep 7, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Who: All 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers can attend but MUST have a parent or guardian with them!)

What: Bass Fishing Tournament benefitting the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Organizers are requesting photography coverage of event and winners. www.pinkfishing.com

Where: Cedar Ridge Park, Sunset Pavillion, Belton Lake, Temple

Why: Support efforts to fight cancer.

RSVP: By September 4 to Sarah Wood, woodbtwice@gmail.com,

Bell Co Photography Meeting/Photography 101/Photography Christmas Gift Creation: Sat, Sep 14, 9-12

Cost: Free with donation of 2 cans of food for Love of Christ Food Pantry, or \$5.00 donation for food purchase.

Who: All Bell County 4-H age kids 8-18 years old (Clovers can attend but MUST have a parent or guardian with them!)

****4-Hers outside Bell County welcome on a space available basis. RSVP to reserve a spot.**

What: Learn the basics of photography (good refresher for those who are more advanced) and see what is in store for photography enthusiasts this year (field trips, contests, community service, workshops, and FUN!) We will also be creating photography gifts for Christmas presents you can take home.

Where: Bell County Extension Office, 1605 N. Main St #102, Belton, TX 76513

Why: To improve skills and have some fun

RSVP: By Sep 7th to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com

PRACTICE EVENT: STATE 4-H RABBIT SHOW, Sat, Sep 14 (begins at noon)

Bell County Expo Center, 301 W. Loop 121, Belton, TX 76513

Coordinator: Megan Logan, mmlogan@ag.tamu.edu

JUNIOR MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER TRAINING Workshop I: SUNDAY, Sep 29

When: Sunday, Sep 29, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Precision Camera Studios, Austin

Who: 4-Hers ages 12 and up. Must bring a DSLR camera

What: Focus of Workshop: Camera Basics & Lighting. To be a certified “Junior Master Photographer”, candidates must attend BOTH workshop I and workshop II, complete a competency test with a minimum score of 80%, submit four photos taken by applicant demonstrating understanding of instruction, participate in at least one practice event, complete a photography community service, and take part in at least two organized project experiences. All activities attended during the application year (June 2019-May 2020) may count towards JMP requirements.

Why: Although there is no yearly performance requirement, Junior Master Photographers are expected to return to counties and districts to help expand their photography programs. They receive the Junior Master Photographer pin and certificate. Certified JMPs in 9th grade are eligible to apply to the State 4-H Photography Ambassador Program.

Cost: \$30.00 to recoup mandatory 4-H Connect Registration costs and materials

RSVP: Registration will be through 4-H Connect. Space is limited to 50 participants.

Contact: Elizabeth for more information-254.718.1332, familycoffman@aol.com



Upcoming Events



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4-H Open House

4-H Open House will be held September 4th from 5:00—8:00 pm at the Bell County Expo Assembly Hall. Do you need more project experience for your recordbook? Do you want to gain more members for your club? Here is your opportunity! If you would like to be in charge of a project or club booth at the Open House, please fill out the Doodle link below that will soon be sent out and let us know which project you would like to demonstrate or which club you plan to have a booth. **Hands on activities are encouraged at each project booth!** Project booths are first come first serve. **Booths are to be reserved by August 24th!!**

(Those participating in project demonstrations and club booths need to be at the Expo Center by 4:30 p.m. to set up and be ready by 5:00pm)

<https://doodle.com/poll/q3krupds2sph87pn>

Ag Product ID

The fall Ag Product ID contests are on the horizon. The dates are:

HOT Fair & Rodeo (Waco) – Saturday, October 5, 2019

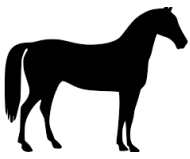
State Fair of Texas (Dallas) – Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The DEADLINE for registering is August 16, 2019. Teams will be formed as soon as names start coming in, so don't miss out on your chance to participate. The Bell County teams did very well last year, so please come be a part of our outstanding group. Practices will be starting up in September. Check next month's newsletter for more information.

Please contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293 or guajeman1@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Bell County 4-H Exchange

Have you ever thought about joining Bell County 4-H Exchange? If so, now is the time to join! Not sure what 4-H Exchange is? The 4-H Exchange Programs provide an opportunity for teens to visit various regions of the United States. While on an exchange, teens experience various cultures, participate in educational activities, learn about agriculture in different states, share leadership opportunities, develop initiative and independence, and gain a deeper insight into one's own values. It is a great opportunity to experience life in another part of the nation. Fundraising and planning create many opportunities for teens to sharpen their leadership, communications, and organizational skills. Exchanges provide fun and effective tools for developing strong life skills such as problem solving and teamwork. You will have two opportunities to find out more about Bell County 4-H Exchange. Please attend the first meeting on Sunday, August 4th at 3:00 p.m. located at Rogers High School (Carol A Bonds Building) or attend 4-H Open House on September 4th at the Bell County Expo from 5-8p.m. Any questions please email Kathy Ide at ckide3@yahoo.com.



Livestock Project News



Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation Tag Orders:

Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Wether Dams, & Wether Does

DEADLINE: August 28, 2019

WHERE: CEO

COST: \$20/tag

Only EXACT CHANGE or CHECKS payable to the BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION will be accepted.

Exhibitors who plan to validate sheep or goats for 2019 spring major shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) must order and pay for their tags no later than 5:00 pm on August 28th. Late orders will incur an additional fee if accepted. The Breeding Boer Goat Validation program includes registered boer bucks and does, as well as wether does. The Breeding Sheep Validation program includes registered bucks and ewes, as well as wether dams.

**Please note that Lambs and Goats validated for the 2019 State Fair of Texas will have to be re-validated for the 2020 Spring Major Shows. SFT Lamb and Goat validation tags will not be accepted at Spring Major Shows.

***The **ownership and registration deadline** for breeding sheep and goats is October 1. The animal must be recorded in the association herdbook in the exhibitor's name only by October 1. A color copy of the original registration papers **MUST** be sent to whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu PRIOR to the physical validation date.

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tag numbers **MUST** be in the lamb's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. **NO** TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after physical validation. Market lambs must have a yellow TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show or receive TLBA recognition at other major shows. Wether dams must have a red TLBA ewe lamb tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Wether Dam Show.

The **Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA)** is new this year. TGBA tag numbers must be in the goat's ear and recorded on the validation form at the time of validation. Market goats and wether does are eligible for this program and will have the same green TGBA tag. The TGBA tag is not required for entry into any show this year, but premiums will be awarded to exhibitors with TGBA tags.

Physical validation for all sheep and goats is **October 22nd and 23rd** at the Bell County Expo!

If you have any questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Grantham@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305.

Major Show Heifer Barcode Orders

Due By: August 28, 2019

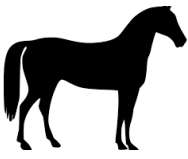
WHERE: CEO

COST: \$15 per Heifer

It is time to order **MAJOR SHOW BREEDING HEIFER BARCODES** for the 2019 Spring Major Shows (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston and Austin).

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 or Cheri O'Bradén prior to validation and return completed paperwork at validation. County only tags for unregistered heifers will be purchased on-site for \$5.00 the night of validation.



Livestock Project News



Fall 2019 Major Show Entry Deadlines and Stalling Requests

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.

Only EXACT CHANGE or CHECKS payable to the BELL LIVESTOCK COALITION will be accepted!

2019 Fall Livestock Validation Dates

Physical 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

Dates of Ownership

Market Lambs and Goats: October 22nd and 23rd

Breeding Sheep and Goats: October 1st

Market Barrows: November 18th and 19th

Breeding Gilts: TBA

****Please put these dates on your calendar now and plan accordingly!**

*****Livestock projects not on feed and in daily care of the exhibitor/family by the ownership deadline listed will NOT be validated.**

If you have any questions, please call Whitney Grantham at (254) 933-5305.

Central Texas State Fair

Saturday, August 31, 2019

The jackpot show is one of our annual fundraisers! The livestock committees will need assistance working the rings. Livestock experience is preferred. Please email whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu for an assignment.

Ambassador hours and a complimentary ticket will be available for those who work throughout the show.

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)

Important Dates

August 2019

September 2019

August 1: Health & Wellness Workshop
August 1: Major Show Tag Order Forms Available
August 2: Ambassador Meeting
August 2: West Texas Fair Entry Deadline
August 2: Food Challenge Practice
August 3-4: Photography Field Trip
August 4: RSVP for Chef Day Camp
August 6: Cupcake Decorating Workshop
August 7: Chef Day Camp
August 8: 4-H Awards Banquet
August 9: Food Challenge Practice
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 16: Food Challenge Practice
August 17: Leader 4 Life Practice
August 20: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting
August 22: MAB Meeting
August 23: Food Challenge Practice
August 27: Hunter's Spectacular Meeting
August 28: Validation Tag Orders Due
August 30: Food Challenge Practice
August 31: Central Texas State Fair
August 31: Photography Field Trip

September 1: Central Texas State Fair, Expo
September 1: Start enrolling 3rd grade members
September 4: 4-H Open House
September 6 : Turn in money for H.S. Silent Auction Baskets
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September 7: Photography Community Service
September 14: Photography Meeting
September 14: Photography Practice Event
September 25-27: Club Managers turn in raffle ticket money to Tonya Elliott
September 28: Hunter's Spectacular
September 29: JMP Training Workshop

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