

October 2019 Focus

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Thank you to everyone who helped with Hunter's Spectacular! This event could not happen without the help of our volunteers!

Hunter's Spectacular Facts!

100% Club Participation in the Silent Auction!

**11 out of 13 Clubs sold tickets
Thank you!**

More than half of the 11 Clubs increased their sales from the previous year ... way to go!

Over 4,500 tickets were sold to support Bell County 4-H members!



Membership dues increase to \$30 per child starting on November 1st, 2019!



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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-h-enrollment-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

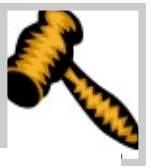
Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: November 20, 2019

WHERE: CEO

START TIME: 6:30 pm

The council delegate and the president of each club are the two representatives who will serve as voting delegates on the Bell County 4-H County Council. These two representative are encouraged to attend all council meetings. All 4-H members are welcome! Council meetings are a lot of fun, so come and learn about the county 4-H program and vote on exciting new 4-H opportunities.

The program for the evening will be a Mock Contests. Come get a preview of the different contests 4-H has to offer!

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting!

County Council Community Service

November Community Service

Please bring items to holiday decorate the doors of local nursing home residents. Items that will be needed are: Markers, tape, wrapping paper, bows, scissors, garland, tinsel and anything else that can be used to decorate these doors!

Upcoming County Council Community Service Activities

January Meeting—Can tab collection

March Meeting—Items for Ronald McDonald House

May Meeting—Canned Food Drive

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: October 17, 2019

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We will be having our second meeting of the year and will recap the 2019 Hunter's Spectacular.

Upcoming Events

NEW Bell County 4-H T-Shirt is here!

The NEW Bell County 4-H T-Shirts are in! Cost is \$10 per shirt.

We have the following sizes available:

*Youth Medium *Youth Large *Small *Medium *Large
*XL *2XL *3XL *4XL

Stop by the office to purchase your shirt! Checks or cash only. Checks can be made payable to Bell 4-H.
Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

Wildlife Challenge Practices

When: October 8 & 22

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 11/12, 11/26, 12/10

For more information contact De Castillo @ joendecastillo@hotmail.com.

Meat Judging Practices

When: October 7, 21

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 12/30

For more information contact Nora Whitson @ norawhitson@yahoo.com.

Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices are resuming this month. Practices will be held at the CEO on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Practices will be held on the following dates:

October 3rd, 17th, 24th

November 7th, 14th

Upcoming contest dates are:

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

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

Bell County Youth Fair – Friday, February 7, 2020

Registration for HOT and State Fair has closed. Additional contest dates will be added if/when they become available. Don't forget to enroll in 4-H Connect as soon as possible. You must be enrolled to participate in the contests.

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

Clover Kids Meeting Dates for 2019-2020

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Temple Public Library, 3rd floor McLane Room

October 19

November 16

January 18

February 15

March 21

April 18

May 16

Clover Kids Fair - June 20, 2020

Clover Kids Recordbooks Due - July 10, 2020

Clover Kids Summer Camp - July 18, 2020

For more information, contact Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com.



FCH Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, November 19th 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

When: October 4, 11, & 18 **Time:** 6:00 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Belton

For more information contact Barbara Wood Barbara Wood @ 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com

Consumer Decision Making Practices

When: October 22

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

For more information contact Barbara Wood @ 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com

Family Community Health Quiz Bowl practices (formerly known as Nutrition Quiz Bowl)

When: October 22

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 11/5, 11/12, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

For more information contact Barbara Wood Barbara Wood @ 254-624-6507 or woodbtwice@gmail.com

Bell County Food Show & Food Challenge Contest

The Bell County Food Show and Food Challenge is scheduled for **Thursday, October 24th!** at the First United Methodist Church Family Life & Worship Center, 102 N 2nd, in Temple.

Entry forms are due to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu no later than Tuesday, October 15th.

Submit one form per contestant.

Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website at <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/food-showfood-challenge/>

We may begin some contests for those available starting at 4 pm.

Food Challenge—Two senior teams, two intermediate, and two junior teams will advance to the District 8 contest which will be December 11th at the Bell County EXPO! Center.

Food Show—This year's theme for Food Show is "Food Around the World".

Only one 4-H member per Food Show category per age division will advance to the District 8 Contest which will be December 11th at the Bell County EXPO! Center.

The rules and guidelines are located at <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/food-showfood-challenge/>
Contact Jackie McLaughlin if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events



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. The last meeting accepting applications is Sunday, October 6th at 6:00. Any questions please email Kathy Ide at ckide3@yahoo.com.

TSC Clover Sales

TSC Clover Sales start October 9 and continue through October 20. Volunteer hours are available at the Belton, Temple and Killeen stores during their business hours. We want to try and have 4-H members man as many hours as possible. Remember that this counts as National, State, and County leadership/promote 4-H/fundraising

Please let Barbara Wood know if your family, club, or project group would like to sign up for any time slots. Her email is woodbtwice@gmail.com or you can call or text her at 254-624-6507.

Photography Project

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Saturday-Sunday, Nov 23-24:

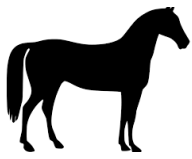
Make plans **NOW** to join us at Davis Mountains, Texas to learn ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY! Guest instructor, Earl Nottingham (Chief Photographer of Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine), will show us how to shoot star trails and paint landscapes with light. We will be touring the McDonald Observatory and attending their Star Party at night.

NO 4-H cost for the field trip, but you are responsible for your own travel, hotel, food, and entrance fees.

Tentative agenda available.

RSVP: By Nov 1 to Elizabeth Coffman, 254-718-1332, familycoffman@aol.com

IMPORTANT! Make hotel and Observatory reservations **NOW** to avoid sell-out situation. Observatory: <https://mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors/book> Register for the "Twilight Program" and the "Star Party"



Livestock Project News



Horse Show Boxing Clinic

When: October 5th, 9 am-Noon

Where: Flying BS Quarter Horses, Academy

Here's another opportunity to learn about boxing, the newest class in the stock horse division at the 2020 BCYF Horse Show. All 4-H and FFA members who are interested are welcome.

Please call/text Stacie Higgins at (940) 727-8765 by October 2nd if you plan to attend.

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 for Major Shows

Market Lambs and Goats: October 22nd and 23rd

Breeding Sheep and Goats: October 1st

Market Barrows: November 18th and 19th

Breeding Gilts: December 1st

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.

Reminders for 2020 Major Show Sheep and Goat Exhibitors

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

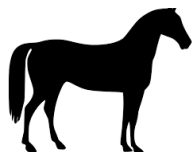
Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) tag numbers **MUST** be in the lamb's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after physical validation. Market lambs must have a yellow TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo 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.

****NEW** for 2020 San Antonio Gilt Exhibitors**

The ownership and registration deadline for all purebred gilts going to San Antonio is December 1st. This year, gilts are required to be registered in the Herd book of their Association in only the name of the junior owner on or before December 1, 2019. The show will not accept a family-validated or family-registered gilt of any kind as a valid entry. Uploads must be the original registration certificate. No other forms will be accepted.

If you are planning to validate a Purebred gilt for San Antonio, please send a **COLOR SCAN** of the original registration papers to whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu **PRIOR** to validation so that she can upload all papers to the online system. You may come by the office at any time to have those scans made. Also, please bring your original registration papers with you to validation for verification!



Livestock Project News



Major Show Heifer Validation

WHEN: October 28, 2019

WHERE: Bell County Expo

TIME: 4:00—7:00 pm

A **COLOR SCAN** of the original registration papers must be sent to Whitney **PRIOR** to validation so that she can upload all papers to the online system. You may come by the office at any time to have those scans made. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival. Also, please bring your original registration papers with you to validation for verification!

All **BCYF only Unregistered Heifers** must fill out an Unregistered Heifer Validation form prior to arrival in addition to being physically validated with a tag and county number tattoo on October 28th. County only tags will be purchased on-site the night of validation for \$5 per head.

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

The 27th Annual District 8 Holiday Classic

Beef, Lamb, Goat, & Swine Clinic and Prospect Show, November 2-3, 2019 at Bell County Expo Center

This is a completely FREE EVENT!

Open to all interested youth in 4-H and FFA. Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows. The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation.

Call (254) 933-5305 for more information.

Spring Major Show Entry Forms Due November 6th, 2019

WHEN: November 6, 2019 at the CEO

TIME: We will stay open through the lunch hour and will accept entries until 6:00 pm.

Beginning in October, entry forms for all **2020 Spring Major shows** (Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin) will be available online at <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/> so that you may pre-fill and print forms at home or you can pick-up copies from the CEO. All completed forms and payment must be turned into the CEO no later than 6:00 PM on November 6, 2019. Checks or exact change will be accepted; NO CREDIT CARDS! Checks need to be made out to: **Bell Livestock Coalition.**

Please know your child's birthdate, social security number, and Quality Counts number when attending Major Show Entry night or turning in entry forms. Those items are a necessity!

Spring Judging Contests

Sign ups for all Spring Major Show Judging Contests will take place in conjunction with Major Show Entries. If you are planning to participate in these contests, please sign up with Whitney Grantham by November 6th.

Bell County Youth Fair

February 1 - 8, 2020

Bell County Youth Fair Eligibility

Club Managers, please make sure you have a sign in sheet at each meeting and announce to all members to sign in before, during, and after the meeting.

- BCYF has a website in which everything will be posted including the new fair book, entry forms, superintendent's names and phone numbers, score sheets, and other information: <http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/>
- You **MUST** attend 2 meetings to participate in the BCYF. Your name MUST be on the sign in sheets for it to count.
- 2 meetings will be allowed from **August 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019** this year. No meetings will be allowed in January to use for the 2 meeting rule.
- All 4-H members **MUST** be enrolled by **December 10, 2019** to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.

CHANGES this Year!

- All entries will be made online. Exhibitors will be required to complete an online entry process. Club Managers will then review and approve their club entries. The online entries will shut down promptly on December 1st at 5:00 pm. We will send out more information with instructions and website soon.
- No swine carcass contest for 2020.
- **All entry fees have increased.** FCS entries are now \$7 per entry. All livestock entries have increased by \$5. Alternate horses went up to \$5 per entry. Livestock showmanship has stayed at \$10.

Important Dates

Validate Lambs	October 22 & 23, 2019	4 pm -7 pm
Validate Meat Goats	October 22 & 23, 2019	4 pm -7 pm
Validate Heifers	October 28, 2019	4 pm -7 pm
Validate Swine	November 18 & 19, 2019	4 pm -7 pm
Entry Deadline (AG & FCS)	December 1, 2019	8 am -5 pm
Rabbits Validation	January 5, 2020	3 pm -5 pm
Weigh Out Comm. Steers	January 25, 2020	8:00 am

Important Dates

October 2019

November 2019

October 3: Ag Product ID Practice
October 4: Food Challenge Practice
October 5: Horse Show Boxing Clinic
October 7-13: National 4-H Week
October 7: Meat Judging Practice
October 8: Wildlife Challenge Practice
October 10: Ag Product ID Practice
October 11: Food Challenge Practice
October 14: County Holiday, Closed
October 15: BC Food Show & Food Challenge Entry
Deadline
October 17: Ag Product ID Practice
October 17: MAB Meeting
October 17: Ag Product ID Practice
October 18: Food Challenge Practice
October 19: Clover Kid Meeting
October 21: Meat Judging Practice
October 22: CDM Practice
October 22: FCH Quiz bowl Practice
October 22: Wildlife Challenge Practice
October 22: BCYF & Major Show Sheep and Goat
Validation
October 23: BCYF & Major Show Sheep and Goat
Validation
October 24: Ag Product ID Practice
October 24: BC Food Show and Food Challenge
October 28: BCYF & Major Show Heifer Validation
October 31: Last day to enroll for \$25

November 1: Enrollment goes up to \$30
November 2-3: D8 Holiday Classic, Expo
November 4: Meat Judging Practice
November 5: CDM Practice
November 5: FCH Quiz bowl Practice
November 6: Major Show Entries Due
November 7: Ag Product ID Practice
November 11: County Holiday, Closed
November 12: Wildlife Challenge Practice
November 12: CDM Practice
November 12: FCH Quiz bowl Practice
November 14: Ag Product ID Practice
November 16: Clover Kid Meeting
November 18: Meat Judging Practice
November 18: BCYF & Major Show Swine
Validation
November 19: BCYF & Major Show Swine
Validation
November 19: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting
November 20: County Council Meeting
November 23-24: Photography Field Trip
November 26: Wildlife Challenge Practice
November 26: CDM Practice
November 26: FCH Quiz bowl Practice
November 28: County Holiday, CLOSED
November 29: County Holiday, CLOSED

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