

November 2019 Focus

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Bell County Food Show Results

Clover Kid

Avery Payne
Jake Czerwinski
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Juniors

Caroline Wood—1st Place
Sophie Anderson—1st Place
Colton Payne—2nd Place
Hailey Czerwinski—1st Place
Wyatt Young—2nd Place
Nayeli Juarez—3rd Place
Marcus Hampton—1st Place
Annabelle Haddad—2nd Place

Intermediates

Madelynn Hampton—1st Place
Amelia Castillo—1st Place
Veda Bennett—2nd Place
Emily Anderson—3rd Place

Seniors

Sarah Wood—1st Place
Jessalyn Payne—2nd Place
Anthony Haddad—1st Place
Anne-Marie Haddad—1st Place
Matthew Hampton—1st Place

Bell County Food Challenge Results

Juniors

1st Place—Oz Squad
2nd Place—Lunchables
3rd Place—Dinner Time

Intermediates

1st Place—Lunch Ladies
2nd Place—Dinner Drama Dampers
3rd Place—Nutri-Heroes
4th Place—Chisolm Trail Cooks
5th Place—Soup-A-Stars

Seniors

1st Place—Breakfast Club #1
2nd Place—Breakfast Club #2



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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



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!

Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

The County Council Officer and Ambassador Christmas party is scheduled for **Thursday, December 20th** at the CEO. \$10.00 and under unisex gift for Exchange Game. **NO CHINESE CHRISTMAS GAG GIFTS.** After the gift exchange, we will then travel to a local nursing home to decorate resident's doors.

Time is from 1:00 –3:00 pm.

Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball

This event will take place on **Saturday, December 14th** at the Bell County Expo Center. You will wear your official green jacket with black bottoms. You will need to arrive no later than 4:45 pm. You will assist with the live and silent auctions, serve dessert at the dessert bar, and escort attendees to their seat. You will have a set time to eat.

Please respond to me no later than **Friday, November 22nd** if you are able to assist.

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: January 16, 2020

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders!

BCYF Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up food containers on **January 2nd** at the CEO for your participants competing in the 2020 BCYF Food Division. Our business hours are Monday-Friday 8 am –12:00 & 1:00-5:00 pm. This is for Club Managers ONLY!

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

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: November 12 & 26

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: November 4 & 18

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 12/2, 12/16, 12/30

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

Texas 4-H Scholarship Training

On **Tuesday, November 26th** from 2:30—4:00 pm at the Bell CEO, there will be a Texas 4-H Scholarship Training. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members grades 10-12! Please RSVP no later than Friday, November 22nd if you would like to attend.

Contact Sheryl Long for any questions.

Upcoming Events

Ag Product ID

Congratulations to all who participated in the HOT and State Fair contest. We did very well at contests. Ag Product ID practices will be held at the CEO on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Practices will be held on the following dates:

November 7, 14

December 5, 12

Upcoming contest dates are:

Bell County Youth Fair – Friday, February 7, 2020

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

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.

Graduating Seniors

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. Sheryl will be e-mailing applications to family e-mails listed on 4-H Connect for 4-H members listed in Grade 12.

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"



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 for Teams Advancing to District 8 Contest

When: November 8, 15 & 22 **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: November 5, 12 & 26 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Where:** County Extension Office

Future Dates: 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: November 5, 12 & 26 **Time:** 7:00 pm **Where:** County Extension Office

Future Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

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

Leaders 4 Life Meeting

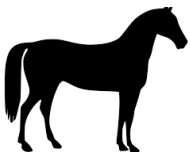
When: November 16 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Where:** County Extension Office

Future Dates: 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

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

District 8 Food Show & Food Challenge

Congratulations to those that will advance to the District 8 Food Show and Food Challenge contests!
The District contest takes place on Wednesday, December 11th at the Bell County Expo.
Good luck to all our contestants!



Livestock Project News



2019 Swine Validation Dates

Physical Validation Dates

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

4—7 pm at the Bell County Expo

Dates of Ownership for Major Shows

Market Barrows: November 18th and 19th

Breeding Gilts: December 1st

County only validated pigs will cost \$5 per head. If you have not pre-ordered your state tags, please contact Whitney Grantham at whitney.grantham@ag.tamu.edu ASAP to check availability of extras.

We need all parents to be present during validation to sign forms.

If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

****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 Herdbook 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!

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 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.

Poultry Exhibitors

BCYF Roaster: Birds will arrive on **December 6th** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 pm

BCYF Broilers: Birds will arrive in **December 20th** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 pm

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 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 am

IMPORTANT BCYF Photography Dates

- All photos must be taken after March 1, 2019
- Photos will be submitted online at <http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair> beginning December 30, 2019 to no later than 5 p.m. on January 10, 2020.

The 2020 schedule, online entry information, and more are now posted online at

[https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/schedule/.](https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/schedule/)

Important Dates

November 2019

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 8: Food Challenge 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 15: Food Challenge Practice
November 16: Clover Kid Meeting
November 16: Leaders 4 Life 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 22: Food Challenge Practice
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

December 2019

December 1: BCYF Entry Deadline (Ag & FCS)
December 5: Ag Product ID Practice
December 6: BCYF Roaster Pick Up
December 11: D8 Food Show & Food Challenge
December 12: Ag Product ID Practice
December 14: Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball
December 20: Council/Ambassador Christmas Party
December 20: BCYF Broiler Pick Up

January 2020

January 2: BCYF Container Pick Up (Managers Only)
January 5: Rabbit Validation
January 16: MAB Meeting
January 25: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh Out

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

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