

December 2019 Focus

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May your
Head, Heart, Hands & Health
be filled with the holiday spirit!

Merry Christmas



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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting

WHEN: January 8, 2020

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 Leadership beyond the County Level, such as District 8 Council Officer or a State Livestock Ambassador.

The Community service is the collection of can tabs.

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting!

Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

The County Council Officer and Ambassador Christmas party is scheduled for **Friday, December 20th** at the CEO. \$10.00 and under unisex gift for Exchange Game. **NO CHINESE CHRISTMAS GAG GIFTS.** Please bring a snack or drink item for the group to share. Time is from 1:00 –3:00 pm.

County Council Community Service

January Community Service

Please bring with you to the County Council meeting any soda can tabs. We will take any tabs donated to the Ronald McDonald house.

Upcoming County Council Community Service Activities

March Meeting—Items for Ronald McDonald House

May Meeting—Canned Food Drive

4-H Club Managers

Membership Advisory Board Finance Meeting

If you are interested in serving on the Membership Advisory Board Finance Committee, then please come to the CEO on **Monday, January 6th**. We will be reviewing the finances starting at 6:00 pm.

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: January 16, 2020

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

BCYF Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up food containers on **January 3rd** 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

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.

Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices will be held at the CEO on Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm. Practice dates:

December 5th, 12th and 19th

The next contest will be a the Bell County Youth Fair on Friday, February 7, 2020. If you are interested in participating in this contest please contact Michael Canales. Registration will open at a later date and will be handled by the CEO through Judging Card.

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

Wildlife Challenge Practices

When: December 10th

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

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

Meat Judging Practices

When: December 2, 16, and 30

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

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



FCS Project News



4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

Thank you for all your hard work this year! We had more workshops this year than in years past and I am so pleased with the attendance and the survey results.

Our meetings last year were February, June and September. Please note those months in your calendar. Jackie will follow up with the exact dates.

Start thinking about next year and we will fill in the 2020 calendar at our first coalition meeting in February.

Food Challenge Practices for Teams Advancing to District 8 Contest

When: December 7th

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Belton

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

The District contest takes place on Wednesday, December 11th at the Bell County Expo.

Good luck to all our contestants!

Consumer Decision Making Practices

When: December 3, 10, & 17

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 1/7, 1/14, 1/28

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: December 3, 10, & 17

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 1/7, 1/14, 1/28

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

Leaders 4 Life Meeting

When: December 21

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Where: County Extension Office

Future Dates: 1/11, 1/25

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

Clover Kids Meeting Dates for 2019-2020

Time: 2-4pm

Location: Temple Public Library, 3rd floor McLane Room

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.



FCS Project News



BCYF Container Work Day

Mark your calendars to help with the Bell County Youth Fair Food Container Assembly on **January 2nd** starting at 10 am at the CEO. Contact Barbara Wood or Dawn Brown if you have any questions.



Photography Project



NATIONAL 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMIT - WASHINGTON DC

When: February 26 - March 1, 2020

What: Learn technical skills, hands-on activities, workshops, and engage with nationally-recognized leaders. 4-Hers will also enjoy guided day and night time photography tours.

Who: 4-Hers, 9-12 grade

Where: National 4-H Conference Center

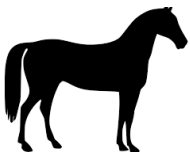
Why: Learn and have fun! Meet 4-H photographers from across the country.

Cost: \$725 - \$875 (Varies with room selection)

Registration Currently Open: <http://www.cvent.com/events/nys-on-photography/event-summary-2f382b3e798646c698b34b3edf005e6b.aspx>

Contact Elizabeth Schlak for assistance in registering, as the site will currently only allow chaperones to register youth. Liz.schlak@gmail.com, 254-718-1332





Livestock Project News



San Antonio Livestock Show School Tours

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition is looking for enthusiastic, responsible students in grades 9—12 to participate in this leadership opportunity. Tour Guides assist in educating the students about agriculture and its valued importance, while sharpening their leadership and responsibility skills. Tours last 2 to 2-1/2 hours.

During the tour, students will visit a number of areas where they can view exhibits and demonstrations. Animal Adventures and the horse center are just a couple of the areas students will visit to learn more about agriculture through interactive hand-ons displays and view live farm animals that include: cattle, swine, sheep, goat, poultry and horses. The tour also visit the Family Fair area of the grounds. This area has additional exhibits, live entertainment and petting zoos.

All participants will have to agree on the same date

Contact Sheryl Long no later than **December 13, 2019** if you want to participate.

Rodeo Austin School Tour Guide Opportunity

Rodeo Austin is looking for youth tour guides to lead school age children to educational exhibits around the rodeo grounds.

These volunteers should be age 13 and up. The tour guides will be assigned classes and tour routes. The helpers will assist School Tour Committee members with other duties to make this event enjoyable and successful for everyone.

Contact Sheryl Long no later than **December 13, 2019** if you want to participate.

Texas 4-H Dog Validation

To participate in the Texas 4-H Dog Show, you must validate your dogs on 4-H Connect by **January 10, 2020**. This process is done through 4-H Connect and there is no charge at this time. Detailed instructions can be found at the site <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/>

The 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held July 10-11, 2020 in Huntsville, Texas at the Walker County Fairgrounds.

We are glad to inform you that the 2020 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rules are posted to the State 4-H web page along with a number of support materials. There have been some significant changes, so you will want to review it carefully.

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

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

<https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/schedule/>.

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

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 pm on January 10, 2020.
- **READ** the photography section in the catalog!

Bell County Youth Fair

February 1 - 8, 2020

BCYF Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights

Speed Events: January 20, January 27, January 30—6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Performance Events: January 21, January 28, - 6:00 -9:00 p.m. & January 31—3:00 pm—9:00 pm

BCYF Home School Eligibility

The Homeschool Eligibility deadline is January 10, 2020 by 5:00 pm. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the deadline.

NO FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE OR ACCEPTED TILL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020.

Go to <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/eligibility> to fill out your form.



Important Dates

December 2019

January 2020

December 1: BCYF Entry Deadline (Ag & FCS)

December 2: Meat Judging Practice

December 3: CDM Practice

December 3: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice

December 5: Ag Product ID Practice

December 6: BCYF Roaster Pick Up

December 7: Food Challenge Practice

December 10: Wildlife Challenge Practice

December 10: CDM Practice

December 10: FCH Quiz Bowl Practice

December 11: D8 Food Show & Food Challenge

December 12: Ag Product ID Practice

December 13: San Antonio School Tours Deadline

December 13: Austin School Tours Deadline

December 14: Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball

December 16: Meat Judging Practice

December 17: CDM Practice

December 17: FCH Quizbowl Practice

December 19: Ag Product ID Practice

December 20: Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

December 20: BCYF Broiler Pick Up

December 21: Leader 4 Life Practice
December 30: Meat Judging Practice

January 2: BCYF Container Work Day

January 3: BCYF Container Pick Up (Managers Only)

January 5: Rabbit Validation

January 6: MAB Finance Meeting

January 8: County Council Meeting

January 10: BCYF Home School Eligibility Deadline

January 10: Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline

January 10: Deadline to upload BCYF Photos

January 16: MAB Meeting

January 18: Clover Kids Meeting

January 20: BCYF Ride Night—Speed

January 21: BCYF Ride Night—Performance

January 25: BCYF Commercial Steer Weigh Out

January 27: BCYF Ride Night—Speed

January 21: BCYF Ride Night—Performance

January 30: BCYF Ride Night—Speed

January 31: BCYF Ride Night—Performance

February 2020

February 1-8: Bell County Youth Fair

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