

August 2021 Focus

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Sheryl Long will be out on Maternity Leave starting on July 26th and she will be out for 12 weeks. Please direct your questions to Jackie McLaughlin, Whitney Ingram, or Tonya Elliott.

Hunter's Spectacular

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County VIRTUAL 4-H fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, October 23, 2021.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Monday, August 9, 2021** at the Bell County EXPO! Assembly Hall



The new 4-H Year starts on **on August 15th!** This means you can start re-enrolling your family on 4-H Connect.

More details inside **this newsletter on enrollment.**



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4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th**! All enrollment is done via the NEW 4HOnline 2.0. You can access 4HOnline 2.0 by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrilife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4HOnline icon. If you had a family profile in the old 4-H Connect System, that log in information will be the same in the new 4HOnline 2.0. The website link will not change either.

A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for correct fees to be charged.

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, 2021 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2021)

4-H Member Categories

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

Hunter Spectacular

VIRTUAL Event Details

- Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items will be held on October 23rd
- \$20 tickets
- Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on Saturday, October 23rd starting at TBD.
- Once a ticket is drawn, it will not be put back into the drawing.
- 4-H members are expected to sell at least **3** tickets per member.
- Bell County 4-H Ambassadors are expected to sell at least **5** tickets.
- Each club needs to recruit at least one \$200 sponsor for this event. Feel free to get more!

Silent Auction Baskets

We will still have Silent Auction Baskets. Each club is expected to donate either 1 basket valued at \$100 OR donate \$125.

* Deadline for \$125 Donation – September 30, 2021

* Deadline for \$100 Basket – September 30, 2021

Basket pictures will be posted at: <http://walleeauctioncompany.com/auction-detail/bell-county-4-h/0a7d35fd-549d-4809-bc88-ad3000388356/>

The live auction will begin on October 1st and will end on October 23rd.

Hunter Spectacular Info for CLUB MANAGERS ONLY

Pick Up Tickets (**club managers only**): Please come by the CEO to pick up your tickets!

Turn in tickets to your Club Managers: BEFORE October 20th (date set by your Club Manager)

Turn in tickets to CEO (**CLUB MANAGERS ONLY**): Tuesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd
8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm -4:00pm

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.

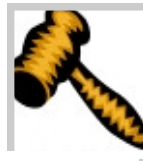
4-H Club Incentives

We want to continue to incentivize member participation. In that effort, each Club that meets the 3 requirements listed below will earn a 10% kickback.

- 100% ticket sales based on enrollment from last year based on each member selling 3 tickets.
- Recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor
- Donate \$100 Silent Auction Basket or \$125 Silent Auction Donation



County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting Dates

Dates and programs have been set for the 2021-2022 Bell County Council meetings. These meetings will take place at the Bell County Extension Office starting at 6:30 pm.

Date	Meeting Program	Community Service Projects
September 14	Club Officer Training	Blue Jeans Collection
November 18	Game Warden	Animal Shelter Collection
January 10	Fire Department	Stuffed Animal Collection
March 28	State Ambassadors	Women Shelter Donations
May 9	Council Officer Elections	Canned Food Drive

Blue Jean collection drive for “Blue Jeans Go Green.”

The program collects denim (made from cotton) so that it can be recycled back to its natural fiber state and transformed into something new such as insulating material for various applications like building insulation (for Habitat for Humanity), thermal packaging insulation, pet bed inserts and other applications. Any type of denim item – jeans, jackets, shirts, skirts, etc., can be donated. The items can be colored, embellished and/or printed. The denim can also be in any condition – ripped, stained and even scraps.

County Council/Ambassador Hunter’s Spectacular Basket

Every year, the Bell County Council Officers and the Bell County Ambassadors team up to contribute to a Hunter’s Spectacular Silent Auction Basket. This year’s themes is “Fishing”. Please contribute one item to this cause. Items must be turned in to Sheryl’s office no later than September 18th!

Contact the CEO if you have any questions.

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: August 23, 2021

Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

This meeting is open to all parents and leaders! We encourage all Club Managers to attend and give their opinions on the Bell County 4-H program.

Volunteer Opportunity!
Bell County 4-H Exchange Club

We are looking for an adult volunteer for the next term (2 years). If you like to travel and learn about agriculture, history, different cultures, and meet 4-H families throughout the United States please email ckide3@yahoo.com for more information! Kathy Ide has been volunteering with Bell County 4-H Exchange for 12 years and is ready to retire.

Upcoming Events

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm**
at the Bell County EXPO! Assembly Hall.

Please RSVP ASAP, if you have not already done so if you plan on attending.

Ag Product ID

The fall contest season will be here soon. With last year's cancellations we are looking forward to participating at in-person contests this coming year. Several contests have already been scheduled:

Heart of Texas Fair & Rodeo (Waco) – October 9, 2021

State Fair of Texas (Dallas) – October 11, 2021

District 8 (Bell County) – November 5, 2021

Bell County Youth Fair – February 11, 2022

An interest meeting and practice will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday, August 16th, at the CEO. Additional practice dates in August/September are: 8/25, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, and 9/29. All practices will be at the CEO at 6:00 pm.

Please contact Michael Canales at guajeman1@gmail.com or 254-541-6293.

Clover Kids Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

September 18

October 16

November 20

January 15

February 19

March 19

May 21

Clover Kids Fair - June 18, 2022

Clover Kids Recordbooks Due - July 8, 2022

Clover Kids Summer Camp - July 16, 2022

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

Leaders 4 Life Practice Starting!

If you are unfamiliar with L4L, it is learning parliamentary procedure and being able to conduct a mock meeting combined with a service learning opportunity.

All 4-H members 3rd through 12th grade for the 21/22 school year are welcome.

Practices will be August 5 and 19th at 7:00 p.m at the County Extension Office Meeting Room.

For more questions, email or text Barbara at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507.



FCH Project News



Food Challenge Practice Starting!

If you are unfamiliar with Food Challenge, most compare it to the show "Chopped".

All 4-H members 3rd through 12th grade for the 21/22 school year are welcome.

Practices will be August 13, 20, and 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Belton.

For more questions, email or text Barbara at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507.

Quiz Bowl Practice Starting!

If you are unfamiliar with Quiz Bowls, they are conducted with lockout buzzers and teams of 4. Think game shows where the contestant has to be the first to buzz in and answer questions correctly.

FCH Quiz Bowl will cover a wide variety of topics such as MyPlate, Cooking Terms, Diseases, Foods, Physical Activity, Vitamins, Minerals, etc.

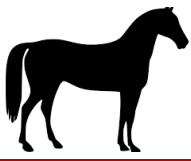
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FCH 4-H Coalition Meeting

Tuesday, September 7th at the County Extension Office. Meeting will start promptly at 6:00 pm



Livestock Project News



4-H Horse Club Events

August 7—end of Year Campout/Trail Ride

Please see Bell 4H Horse Club Facebook page for more information.

Bell County 4-H Livestock Page

Exhibitors and their families can always find the latest Livestock Project information at:

<https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

2021 State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair Entry Deadlines

State Fair Of Texas: Due to CEO by Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

Heart O' Texas Fair and Rodeo: Due to the CEO by Wednesday, September 1st, 2021

Entry forms for the above shows will be available at the CEO and posted on our livestock page starting August 1st. Please submit appropriate paperwork with payment for all entries on or before the respective deadlines.

Exact cash or checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition. If you would like to pay by Credit Card, Whitney can send you an invoice. Please note that all Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee.

When filling out your entry forms for statewide shows, please use **Bell County 4-H** rather than your specific club name. If you have any further questions please contact Whitney at Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu.

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Central Texas State Fair: September 3rd - 5th, 2021

On Saturday, we will host our lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows, but this year, a swine jackpot show has been added to Sunday! A flyer with more information is posted on our Bell County 4-H Livestock page.

Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 6th -7th, 2021

This will be the 30th annual Holiday Classic! Remember, this show is completely FREE for exhibitors and their families. There will be high quality educational clinics, great food, and awesome giveaways as always! If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of this event to help keep it FREE for attendees, please let us know!

Major Show Tag Order Deadlines

Major Show Sheep and Goats: August 27th

Major Show Swine and Heifers: September 15th

Tag fees will increase by \$5/tag if placed after the deadline, if tags are available.

Fall Validation Dates

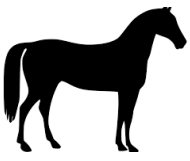
BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goats: October 19th and 26th

BCYF/Major Show Heifers: October 25th

BCYF/Major Show Swine: November 22nd and 29th

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 Ingram at (254) 933-5305.



Livestock Project News



2022 Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation Tag Orders:

Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Commercial Dams, Commercial Does

DEADLINE: August 27, 2021

COST: \$20/tag

There are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

To order online and pay by credit card, visit: <https://bell-livestock-coalition.square.site/>

To order in person and pay with exact cash or check, an order form will be available at the CEO. Checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition.

All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does will use the same RFID validation tag. We only have them separated on the order form to help our committees plan for physical validations and the shows.

Beginning June 1, 2021, registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial dams, and wether/commercial does will have 3 total years of eligibility unless a change in ownership takes place.

All sheep and goats are eligible for family validation. Registered sheep and goats can family validate if the registration papers have all exhibitors full names listed as owners. Registration paper ownership will determine the exhibitors eligible to show that project.

Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers **MUST** be in the animal's ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. Market lambs and wether does must have a TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show.

Major Show Heifer Barcode Orders

Due By: September 15, 2021

COST: \$15 per Heifer

It is time to order **MAJOR SHOW BREEDING HEIFER BARCODES** for the 2022 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 Ingram **PRIOR** to validation. Your heifers must be properly tattooed **BEFORE** arrival.

****Unregistered Heifer Exhibitors**** Please request BCYF forms from Cheri.OBraden@ag.tamu.edu 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.

Important Dates

August 2021

August 7: Horse Club End of Year Party
August 9: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet
August 15: 4-H Enrollment Begins
August 17: Club Officer Training
August 18: State Fair of Texas Entry Deadline
August 23: MAB Meeting

September 2021

September 1: HOT Fair Entry Deadline
September 3-5: Central Texas State Fair, Expo
September 7: FCH 4-H Coalition Meeting
September 14: County Council Meeting
September 18: Clover Kid Meetings
September 30: HS Silent Auction Basket Due to CEO
September 30: HS Silent Auction Donation Due to CEO

October 2021

October 23: Hunter's Spectacular Event

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BELL COUNTY
4-H NEWSLETTER

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

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