

August 2022 Focus

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place **Saturday, October 22, 2022!** More information inside the newsletter!

Lyle Zoeller is Retiring!

Join us in Celebrating 29 Years of Service with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension!

When: August 24, 2022

Where: Bell County Extension Office

Come & Go Celebration

11:00 am—2:00 pm



4-H is for YOU!
4-H is for FUN!

**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://agrillife.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://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, 2022 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2022)

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

Event Details

Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items

*Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on **Saturday, October 22nd at 11:00 am**

-Once a ticket is drawn, it will not be put back into the drawing.

*4-H members are expected to sell at least **5** tickets per member.

-\$20 tickets

*Ticket turn-in will be by Club appointment only on:

Tuesday, October 18th through Friday, October 21st

8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm -4:00pm

Clubs MUST pay with their 4-H Club check

NO MORE Silent Auction Baskets! IN PLACE OF the silent auction, we will now be having a Bonus Draw for a very nice handgun. These tickets will be \$50 per ticket and this drawing is limited to 100 tickets. The Bonus Draw will be sold only by Bell County 4-H Ambassadors.

*Each club is expected to donate \$100 to purchase the handgun for the Bonus Draw. This takes place of the \$100 basket donation or purchasing the items for your club's silent auction basket(s).

*Deadline for \$100 donation – September 30, 2022

*Bell County 4-H Ambassadors are expected to sell at least **5** tickets to the Bonus Draw before selling tickets for the main Hunter Spectacular drawing.

Each club needs to recruit at least one \$200 sponsor for this event. Feel free to get more!

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.

1. 100% ticket sales based on enrollment from last year based on each member selling 3 tickets.
2. Donate \$100 to the Bonus Draw side raffle.
3. Recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor

For example: if your club is given 100 tickets to sell based on last year's membership, you will receive the 10% kickback if you sell those 100 tickets, recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor, and donate \$100 to the Bonus Draw side raffle.

4-H Member Incentives

NEW this year! The 4-H member with the highest number of ticket sales, will get \$100 cash! This does not include tickets sales from the Bonus Draw (Ambassadors only). Make sure to complete the "sold by" portion on your tickets to get credit! Club Managers will have to keep track of this and share with the Extension Office on their club's highest seller and the number of tickets they sold.



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 21	Club Officer Training	VA Blankets
November 14	Mock Contests	Toy Drive
January 18	Mobile Veterinary	Animal Shelter Donations
March 27	State Ambassadors	Ronald McDonald House Donations
May 10	Council Officer Elections	Canned Food Drive

Blanket Collection Drive for the VA Hospital

Bring any NEW and unused blanket to the next County Council Meeting. These blankets will stay local and will be donated to the local VA Hospital in Temple for their patients to utilize.

Bell County 4-H Ambassadors for Hunter's Spectacular

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4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: August 23, 2022

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.

Upcoming Events

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Tuesday, August 2, 2022** at the Bell County Expo Special Events Room.

Hope to see you there!

4-H Open House

SAVE THE DATE! The Bell County 4-H Open House is set for **Tuesday, September 13th** at the Bell County Expo Center, Assembly Hall.

I will establish a planning meeting to get the ball rolling on this event. Please send me your ideas if you have any!

Ag Product Id

In preparation for another successful contest year, in-person Ag Product ID practices will be held on the following dates:

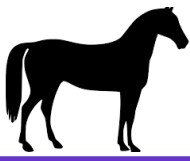
August 25th
September 15th, 22nd, 29th
October 6th, 13th, 27th
November 10th, 17th
December 1st

Practices will be held at 6:00 pm at the CEO.

Registration for the following contests will be provided when available:

10/1 - State Fair, Dallas
10/8 - HOT, Waco
10/10 - Milam County, Cameron
December - District Contest

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



Livestock Project News



2022-2023 Stock Show Updates from all major shows have been posted on the Bell County 4-H Livestock page!

If you are ready to mark your calendars, book hotels, and take note of important rule changes, please review the 2022-2023 Major Stock Show updates. Exhibitors and their families can always find the latest livestock project information at: <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

2022 State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair Entry Deadline

Entry forms for both shows are due to the CEO by **Monday, August 15th, 2022!**

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 August 15th. No late entries will be accepted. Exact cash or checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition. Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee. Entry forms will not be accepted without payment.

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 Ingram at Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu.

Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Central Texas State Fair: September 2nd-4th, 2022

Lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows will take place on Saturday and the swine jackpot show will take place on Sunday. A flyer with more information is posted on our Bell County 4-H Livestock page and Bell County 4-H Facebook page. Please share this information with your friends!

Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 5th-6th, 2022

This will be the 31st annual Holiday Classic! 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 contact Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu for a sponsorship form!

Changes to 2022-2023 Texas 4-H & FFA Livestock Project Ethics Policy

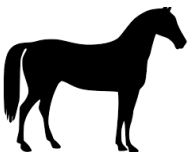
Please read the **updated 2022-2023 Texas 4-H and FFA Livestock Program Ethics Policy**. This policy has new and enhanced verbiage throughout the document, but most specifically, in Rule #3. It is **very important** that you read and understand this document in its entirety. Please pay special attention to the NEW section of Rule #3 with changes in regards to housing and care for livestock projects. If you have any questions regarding this document, please ask. The exhibitor, parent, County Agent, and County Validation Chairman is required to review and sign this document during each validation.

BCYF Unregistered Heifer Paperwork Available

COST: \$5 per Heifer due at time of validation

VALIDATION: Monday, October 24th, 4:00-7:00 PM, Bell County EXPO

To validate heifers for the BCYF Unregistered division, please request 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.



Livestock Project News



Summary of 2023 Major Show Tag Order Deadlines & Fall Validation Dates

Major Show Sheep and Goats Tag Orders Due: Monday, August 29th
Major Show Swine and Heifers: Tag Orders Due Monday, September 26th

BCYF/Major Show Sheep and Goats: October 18th and 25th

BCYF/Major Show Heifers: October 24th

BCYF/Major Show Swine: November 21st and 22nd

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.

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

2023 Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation Tag Orders:

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

DEADLINE: August 29, 2022

COST: \$20/tag

- 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 show.
- 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.
- Registered Sheep and Goat Exhibitors: Please send a PDF copy of the **ORIGINAL** registration papers for the sheep and goats you plan to validate to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu **PRIOR** to validation.

Major Show Registered Heifer Barcode Orders

DEADLINE: September 26, 2022

COST: \$15 per Heifer

Registered heifer exhibitors, please send a PDF copy of the **ORIGINAL** registration papers for the heifers you plan to validate to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu **PRIOR** to validation. Your heifers must be properly tattooed.

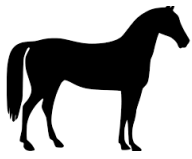
2023 Major Show Swine Validation Tag Orders:

Market Barrows, Registered Breeding Gilts, Crossbred Gilts

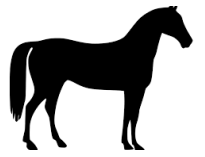
DEADLINE: September 26, 2022

COST: \$20/tag

- Registered Gilt Exhibitors: Please send a PDF copy of the **ORIGINAL** registration papers for the registered gilts you plan to validate to Whitney.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu **PRIOR** to validation.
- Any pig (barrow or gilt) entering the holding/sift pen without a state validation tag will be disqualified and sent to the floor truck.



Horse Club News



Horse Club Events

August

12-14: End of Year Trail Ride



Summer Fun Activities



~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Please make sure the participants arrive on time
- Participants must be picked up promptly at the conclusion of the workshop
 - Please adhere to RSVP deadlines

Photography Workshop “Off the Auto”

When: Saturday, August 6

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Basic composition class then dive into the different modes! Participants should bring their camera, battery, and SD or media card. You must bring your own sack lunch, no lunch will be provided. Open to Junior, Intermediate and Senior aged 4-H members.

Must RSVP to tonya.elliott@ag.tamu.edu by Monday, August 1st.

Cupcake Decorating Workshop

When: Tuesday, August 9

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Cost: \$10

Must RSVP to tonya.elliott@ag.tamu.edu by Friday, August 5th.

Important Dates

August 2022

August 2: Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet
August 6: Photography Workshop
August 9: Cupcake Decorating Workshop
August 12-14: Horse Club Trail Ride
August 15: Enrollment Begins
August 15: State Fair of Texas & HOT Fair Entry Deadline
August 23: MAB Meeting
August 24: Lyle's Retirement Reception
August 25: Ag Product Id Practice
August 29: Major Show Sheep & Goat Tag Order Deadline

September 2022

September 2-4: Central Texas State Fair
September 13: Open House
September 14: Club Officer Training
September 15: Ag Product Id Practice
September 21: County Council Meeting
September 22: Ag Product Id Practice
September 26: Major Show Swine Tag Order Deadline
September 26: Major Show Heifer Tag Order Deadline
September 29: Ag Product Id Practice
September 30: HS Bonus Draw Donation Deadline

October 2022

October 6: Ag Product Id Practice
October 13: Ag Product Id Practice
October 18: BCYF & Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation
October 18-21: HS Ticket Turn -In: Club Managers Only
October 22: Hunter's Spectacular
October 24: BCYF & State Heifer Validation
October 25: BCYF & Major Show Heifer Validation
October 27: Ag Product Id Practice

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

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