

January 2023 Focus

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Good luck to our livestock judging team when they compete at Denver in January! Hope you bring home some hardware!



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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Meeting Dates

Dates and programs have been set for the 2022-2023 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
January 18	Mobile Veterinary	Animal Shelter Donations
March 27	State Ambassadors	Ronald McDonald House Donations
May 10	Council Officer Elections	Canned Food Drive

County Council Meeting

Date: January 18, 2023 **Where:** Bell CEO **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 representatives are encouraged to attend all council meetings. All 4-H members are welcome!

The program for the evening will be an educational session over the career and job responsibilities of a local Mobile Veterinarian! This should be really educational and a fun session!

Animal Shelter Donations

The Bell County Animal Shelter helps promote general animal welfare through the management of stray animals. Each year the shelter takes in and cares for hundreds of animals. The shelter depends on generous community donations of food and supplies to function. Items needed by the shelter are being collected through the month of January by the Bell County 4-H Council and can be dropped off at the CEO.

The shelter also maintains an Amazon wish list that allows you to order directly from Amazon and ship directly to the shelter. This wish list is available at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23F3L3B9XFC3F?ref=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR0GXNVUEPPmsonoH3evKR55vEl6du3IfCeRNq8Xefui4oTZi623SQeuZnY

Items needed include:

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| Clorox bleach | Paper Towels | Exam Gloves | Dawn Dish Detergent | Dog Leashes |
| Purina Dry Cat Chow | Purina Dry Puppy Chow | Purina Dry Kitten Chow | Purina Dry Dog Chow | Purina Dry Large Dog |
| Collars | Tidy Cats Litter | Old Towels | Old Blankets | |
| | Cat Toys | Dog Treats | Gain Liquid Laundry Soap | |

4-H Ambassadors at the Bell County Youth Fair

Make sure you check your emails and respond to Sheryl/Whitney on which BCYF events you can assist with. There may be more opportunities to volunteer but we don't have specifics yet. Be checking your emails!

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board Meeting

When: January 12, 2023 **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.

BCYF Container Pick Up

Attention Club Managers! You can start picking up your food containers starting on **January 4th** at the CEO for your club members that will be competing in the 2023 BCYF Food Division. Our business hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 am –12:00 & 1:00—5:00 pm. This is for Club Managers ONLY!
NEW FOR 2023! There will not be a 2nd chance table! Everything must be correct upon arrival!

Scholarships

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.

2023 Scholarships Available!

Houston Livestock Show Exhibitor & Go Texan Scholarship— **January 31**

State Fair of Texas Scholarship —**February 1st**

Texas 4-H Foundation FINAL Application due ONLINE— **February 15th**

Texas Extension Education Association—**TBD**

Bell County 4-H Scholarship—**TBD**

San Angelo Livestock Show Scholarship— **TBD**

Bell County Youth Fair—**TBD**

Capital Farm Credit Scholarship—**TBD**

District 8 TAE4-HA Scholarship—**TBD**

Heart O' Texas Fair & Rodeo Scholarship—**TBD**

Don't hesitate to ask for help if you have any questions regarding scholarships.



Upcoming Events



Clover Kids

2023

January 21

February 6-8—BCYF PeeWee Showmanship

February 8—Clover Kids Fair

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17—Summer Camp

July 7—Clover Kids Recordbook Deadline

Check out the Clover Kid page for more information on upcoming events!

<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/clover-kids/>

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

Clover Kids Fair

The Clover Kids Fair is an event for “budding” 4-H members in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. This fair is designed for Clover Kids to show what they can do and is a great opportunity for them to experience how to prepare for future fairs.

Wednesday, February 8, 2023—4pm - 8pm

Bell County EXPO Center - Assembly Hall

301 West Loop 121, Belton

More information and entry form is on the Bell County 4-H Clover Kids website.

<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/clover-kids/>

Interested in the 4-H Robotics Program?!

Breana Nutter with Salado 4-H is putting together a 4-H robotics team! Anyone interested can contact her directly at (385)445-3159 for further details and meeting dates

Meat Judging

For January, we will practice Monday, January 16 and Monday, January 23rd at the Bell County Extension Office from 5:30-6:30 pm. Ft Worth competition is Sunday Jan. 29.

Any questions please contact : Leslie Brown at 254-624-9062



Upcoming Events



Ag Product Id Practice

Ag Product ID practices are will take place at 6:00 pm at the CEO on the following dates:

January: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

February: 2nd, 23rd

March: 2nd, 30th

April: 5th, 13th

Upcoming Contests:

Bell County Youth Fair: Friday, February 10, 2023

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - registration closed

Leon County - Friday, April 14, 2023

Contest resources can be found at: <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/ag-product-id/>.

If you are interested in participating in the BCYF contest, or if you have any questions about Ag Product ID, please contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293 or guajeman1@gmail.com.

Bell County Photography Contest

The Bell County Photography Contest is right around the corner so start preparations now! The Bell County entry deadline will be **Friday, February 24th**. Entries must be **EMAILED to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu**. The winner of each category in each of the age divisions in the Bell County Contest will advance to the District 8 Contest. Senior aged 4-H members that win their category in the county contest, will also advance to State. Please make sure and follow the instruction on the 2022 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules & Guidelines AND the District 8 Contest rules. Both will be posted on the Bell County 4-H website once available.

Categories:

Animals—Domestic

Animal—Wildlife

Catch All

Details & Macro

Elements of Design

Enhanced

Food

Landscape & Nature (non-animal)

Leading Line

Long Exposure

Motion/Action

People

Plant/Flora

Shadow/Silhouette

Theme—"Reflections "



FCH Project News



Bell County Fashion Show Contest & Duds to Dazzle Contests

The Bell County 4-H contests for Fashion Show contest will take place on **Monday, February 27, 2023** at the Bell County Extension Office. Entry deadline will be **Monday, February 13, 2023**.

For the Duds to Dazzle contest, the entry deadline will be the Bell County 4-H Contest date! Extension Agents will make team assignments after the Bell County contest. You **will not** pre-determine your team. Entry forms can be found on the Bell County 4-H website. Start working on your projects now!

<u>Jr/Int Buying</u>	<u>Jr/Int Construction</u>	<u>Senior Buying</u>	<u>Senior Construction</u>
Everyday Living	Everyday Living	Business/Interview Attire	Everyday Living
Fashion Under \$25	ReFashion	Fashion Under \$25	ReFashion
Dressy	Dressy	Semi-Formal to Formal	Semi-Formal to Formal
Special Interest	Special Interest	Special Interest	Theater/Costume

Entry forms must be emailed to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu **AND** tonya.elliott@ag.tamu.edu.

Consumer Decision Making

A judging contest where you will learn about a variety of products, what to look for in them, and you will evaluate specific items for a given consumer. In this project you will learn money management skills, purchasing skills, decision making skills, and verbal presentation skills.

Practices will be as follows at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office:

January 6, 20, 27

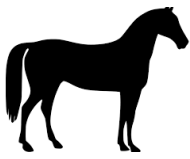
February 24

March 3, 17, 24, 31

April 4, 11

District 8 Contest is **April 17** in Cleburne.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Wood at woodbtwice@gmail.com or 254-624-6507. Please let Barbara know if you will need a virtual practice option.



Livestock Project News



Bell County 4-H Livestock Page

Exhibitors and their families can always find the latest Livestock Project information at:
<https://agrillife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

Texas 4-H Dog Project Validation

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 6-8, 2023 at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2023 in 4-H Online. There is one difference this year, dogs validated last year will show up in the previously registered animals. Please go through and update them. The 2023 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book posted <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/>

As 4-H members complete their validation, here are some things to keep in mind:
For purebred dogs (they do not have to be registered, just look purebred) you will select the correct Group and type in the breed of the dog in the box that says Breeder.

For mixed breed dogs you will select the Weight Group of the dog and list the dominant breed along with the word "Mix" or list the two breeds if known. (Example: Border Collie Mix or Mastiff/Great Dane.)

Photos of the left and right side of the dog should be a side view of the whole dog. Get on the dog's level so they do not turn into top views. They should also be clear and light enough we can see all markings and color of the dog. The dog should only be wearing a collar. No sweaters, costumes, rain gear or anything that covers the dog's color and markings.

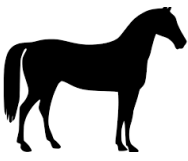
Dogs MUST be validated each year. If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2022-2023 4-H year. Please update the photos if the dog has changed significantly since last year.

Horse Judging Practices

Save the date for the following Horse Judging practices. These will take place at the Bell County Extension Office from 6:00—8:00 pm.

Jan 5, 2023 Thursday
Feb 2, 2023 Thursday
Mar 2, 2023 Thursday
Mar 30, 2023 Thursday
Apr 13, 2023 Thursday
May 4, 2023 Thursday
Jun 1, 2023 Thursday

If you have any questions, reach out to coach Lana Rondeau at lkrondeau02@parker.edu.



Livestock Project News



4-H Horse Club Events

January 10— Drill Team Practice—6:00pm at Temple Longhorn Riding Club

January 21—Club Meeting - 9:00 am at Expo

January 21—Open Ride—9:00 am at Expo Barn C

January 24—Drill Team Practice—6:00pm at 3C

February 4 & 5—BCYF Horse Show at Expo

February 7—Drill Team Practice—6:00pm at Temple Longhorn Riding Club

February 14—Drill Team Practice—6:00pm at 3C

February 21—Club Meeting—6:00 pm at TLRC

February 28—Drill Team Practice—6:00pm at 3C

San Antonio Livestock Show School Tour Guides

School Tours offers a fun and educational program designed for young people to learn about the rodeo, livestock and the important role agriculture plays in the economy. Kindergarten through third grade students are guided around the fairgrounds by local 4-H and FFA high school tour guides. Students get a taste of Texas heritage and witness first-hand the fun and excitement offered at the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo!

Tour Guides assist in educating students about agriculture and its valued importance, while sharpening their leadership and responsibility skills. Students must commit to volunteer from 7:45 am to 2:30 pm on their tour day. Do not schedule on the day you sift, classify, or show an animal

Email Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu if you want to participate! Deadline is January 6!

Livestock Project Visits

Need help with livestock selection, feeding, daily care, fitting, or showmanship? Whitney Ingram is available to help you prepare for the Bell County Youth Fair and the Major Stock Shows. Call the Bell County Extension Office at (254) 933-5305 or e-mail whitney.ingram@ag.tamu.edu to schedule a project visit at your barn.

Bell County Youth Fair

February 3-11, 2023

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, 2022 to December 31, 2022** 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, 2022** to participate in the BCYF.

Other Important Information

The 2023 Fair Book will be posted soon. Visit the BCYF website at <https://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/> for more information on entries, rules, judges, and more.

Make sure you are giving your Club Manager a good phone number and email to reach you. You will miss important information and deadlines if you don't check your emails!

Important Dates

Pick Up Broilers	January 6, 2023	3:30 - 5:30 PM
Rabbits Validation	January 8, 2023	3:00 - 5:00 PM
Weigh Out Commercial Steers	January 28, 2023	8:00 AM
Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due	February 3, 2023	5:00 PM

BCYF Home School Eligibility

The Homeschool Eligibility deadline is **January 13, 2023 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 UNTILL AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023.

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

Bell County Youth Fair

February 3-11, 2023

Bell County Youth Fair – PeeWee Showmanship

Rules:

1. PeeWees may only show Lambs, Goats and Swine
2. A parent / legal guardian must be ring side the entire time during PeeWee Showmanship.
3. Only animals previously entered and exhibited in the BCYF will be used for PeeWee Showmanship.
4. Ages - 2nd grade and below / younger will be allowed to show in PeeWee Showmanship.
5. Only a BCYF exhibitor is to assist PeeWee exhibitors in the ring.

Dates:

MONDAY, FEB. 6, 2023

- o 8:00am Judge Market Swine
- o Peewee showmanship is at the conclusion of the market swine showmanship.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 2023

- o 1:00pm Judge Breeding Goats /Market Goats.
- o Peewee goat showmanship will be at the conclusion of the market goat showmanship.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 2023

- o 1:00pm Judge Breeding Sheep and Market Lambs.
- o Peewee lamb showmanship will be at the conclusion of the market lamb showmanship.

BCYF Horse Exhibitor Ride Nights

Speed Events: January 23 & 30, 2023 and February 2, 2023 (6-9 pm)

Performance Events: January 24, 2023 and January 31, 2023 (6-9 pm)
February 3, 2023 (3-6 pm)

Cattle Practice: February 3, 2023 (6-9 pm)

Make sure you read and follow the rules for this event! Rules can be found here: <https://agrilife.org/bellctyouthfair/files/2022/10/2023-BCYF-Ride-Night-Rules.pdf>

BCYF Photography Upload

READ THE YOUTH FAIR INFORMATION starting on page 107. For those that entered pictures in the Bell County Youth Fair, you may start uploading pictures on **January 2, 2023, until 5:00 pm on January 13, 2023**. The website to upload pictures is <http://agrilife.org/bellctyouthfair>

There is a photography upload tutorial on the Bell County Youth Fair website. Feel free to contact the superintendent if you have any questions.

Important Dates

January 2023

February 2023

January 2: BCYF Photography Upload Starts
January 4: BCYF Container Pick Up– Club Managers ONLY
January 5: Horse Judging Practice
January 5: Ag Product Id Practice
January 6: BCYF Roaster Pick Up
January 6: CDM Practice
January 8: BCYF Rabbit Validation
January 10: Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline
January 12: MAB Meeting
January 12: Ag Product Id Practice
January 13: BCYF Photography Upload Ends
January 14: BCYF Home School Eligibility Deadline
January 16: Meat Judging Practice
January 18: County Council Meeting
January 19: Ag Product Id Practice
January 20: CDM Practice
January 21: Clover Kids Meeting
January 23: BCYF Ride Night—Speed
January 23: Meat Judging Practice
January 24: BCYF Ride Night—Performance
January 26: Ag Product Id Practice
January 27: CDM Practice
January 28: BCYF Commercial Steer Weight Out
January 30: BCYF Ride Night—Speed
January 31: BCYF Ride Night—Performance
January 31: HLSR Exhibitor, Go Texan, Hildrebrand Scholarship Deadline

February 1: State Fair of Texas Scholarship Deadline
February 2: Horse Judging Practice
February 2: Ag Product Id Practice
February 2: BCYF Ride Night—Speed
February 3: BCYF Ride Night—Performance & Cattle
February 3: BCYF Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due
February 8: Clover Kid Fair during BCYF
February 13: BC 4-H Fashion Show Contest Deadline
February 15: 2023 Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Deadline
February 18: Clover Kid Meeting
February 23: Ag Product Id Practice
February 24: CDM Practice
February 24: Bell County Photography Contest Deadline
February 27: Bell County 4-H Fashion Show Contest

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

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