

# December 2022 Focus

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

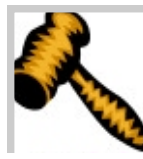


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# County Council & Ambassadors



## 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
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 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](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 |                      |

## Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

The County Council Officer and Ambassador Christmas party is scheduled for **Monday, December 19th** at the CEO. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, Please bring a \$10.00 and under unisex gift. NO CHINESE CHRISTMAS GAG GIFTS. Time is from 1:00 –3:00 pm.

# 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!



## Upcoming Events



### Ag Product ID

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

#### December 1st

This is the last in-person practice before District and for the year. Practices will resume in January to prepare for the BCYF contest.

#### Upcoming Contests:

District: December 15, 2022 - registration closed 12/1/22

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

Please contact Michael Canales at 254-541-6293 or [guajeman1@gmail.com](mailto:guajeman1@gmail.com) for more information.

### 4-H Recordbook Workshop

In an effort to help our youth be more successful and start a little earlier on their recordbooks, we will host a record book learning series, once a month, beginning at the end of this month through December. Record books will be broken into 4 parts and each session will cover a different topic. Sessions will be recorded and posted to our website. Families can sign up at the link below. In this registration form, they also have the option to sign up for helpful tips to be sent to them through the spring. These will go only to those who are registered. I have included the graphic for you to use in your newsletters and on your social media.

Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/b3GY8dVwfm5oRDQp8>

**Session 4:** Let's write your story & put on the finishing touches, **December 8th, 6:30**



# 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://agrilife.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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-h-activities/clover-kids/>

### **Entry form deadline is Thursday, December 1, 2022**

- All Clover Kids must be enrolled in Bell County 4-H on 4-H Connect to participate.
- This is not a competitive event.
- Each Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon.
- There is no entry fee.

## STEM Project

**Workshop #1**—Thursday, December 15th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the CEO.

We will use experiments such as marshmallow launchers and Alka-Seltzer rockets to explore science concepts.

**Workshop #2**—Thursday, December 29th from 6:30-7:30 pm at the CEO.

We will use experiments such as marshmallow launchers and Alka-Seltzer rockets to explore science concepts.

**Workshop #3**—Saturday, December 10th from 10:00 am –12:00 noon at the CEO, where we will explore what STEM has to do with various projects such as food and nutrition, agriculture, and clothing and textile.



# Upcoming Events



## Meat Judging

Special Thank You to A&M for allowing us to visit and practice in their lab on Sat, Oct 29, 2022. For November and December, we will practice Monday nights at the Bell County Extension Office from 5:30-6:30 pm. The practice schedule is below:

**December 5, 12, 19**

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

## Texas 4-H Scholarship Workshops

Let's Fiesta! Its time for our Scholarship Workshops. This year, we will fiesta through the application process, three different times! I've included the sign up link below, dates & locations, and a graphic for you to share.

### Dates & Locations:

December 6<sup>th</sup>-online via Microsoft Teams

Sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDWe\\_uOR8XsgZqjxv64IszFPHFA7AFnMw6YIz27hgZueZc4A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDWe_uOR8XsgZqjxv64IszFPHFA7AFnMw6YIz27hgZueZc4A/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## District 8 4-H Dog Project Workshop

District 8 4-H will host a Dog Project Workshop on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Hillsboro. This workshop will go over how to get this project started in your county and how to make it work for your students and for your county. Michelle Mihalek, Dog Project Coordinator, will join us to share all of her knowledge about this project. I have included all details below. Please feel free to share with others (other agents & volunteers)

Date: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Location: Hill County Fair Grounds (205 Stadium Dr., Hillsboro, TX)

Who: County Agents & 4-H Volunteers

Link to RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/etDTTqqLZb>



# FCH Project News



## Food Challenge Practices

This year Food Challenge Practices will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays, approximately every other week. Pick the day that works best for you, and then that is the day you will continue to come for the remainder of this year. These practices are geared for the teams registered for the District contests on December 14. Anyone not signed up for a team is welcome to come and still cook with us. Practices will usually be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Belton. Enter through the north side of the church.

Practices will be approximately 6:00-7:30 p.m. and are scheduled as follows:

**December 5, 6, 12** (inventory/skit practice),  
**13** (inventory/skit practice).

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at [woodbtwice@gmail.com](mailto:woodbtwice@gmail.com) or text 254-624-6507.

## FCH Quiz Bowl

FCH Quiz Bowl is a 4-person team event that uses lock-out buzzers. Questions and strategy is practiced. Questions include a wide variety of material such as Food Terms, Food Preparation, Vitamins & Minerals, Diseases, MyPlate, E-Cigarettes, Dietary Guidelines, etc. This is for 3rd-12th grade 4-H members. Practices last about one hour at 6:00 p.m. at the County Extension Office. **December 2** is our last practice.

District 8 Contest on **December 15** at Lakeview Baptist Church in Belton.

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at [woodbtwice@gmail.com](mailto:woodbtwice@gmail.com) or text 254-624-6507.

## Leaders 4 Life

Leaders 4 Life is a 4-6 person team event that teaches parliamentary procedure and demonstrates mock meetings. Practices will be on Fridays from 7-8 p.m. normally at the County Extension Office. **December 2nd** is our last practice .

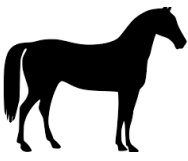
District 8 Contest is **December 7th**. This is an online contest we will be participating in at the Bell CEO.

For more information, please contact Barbara Wood at [woodbtwice@gmail.com](mailto:woodbtwice@gmail.com) or text 254-624-6507.

## FCH Coalition Meeting

Please join us for the 4-H FCH Coalition on Monday, December 5, 2022. We will start planning the Bell County 4-H Fashion Show for the Spring.

If you have any questions, reach out to Bev Hodges.



# 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.

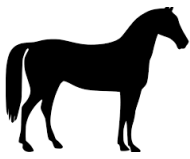
Dogs MUST be validated each year. If you validated a dog last year, the information and photos will be in the system, but you must still review and SUBMIT to validate for the 2022-2023 4-H year. Please update the photos if the dog has changed significantly since last year.

## 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.

Dec 6, 2022 Thursday  
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](mailto:lkrondeau02@parker.edu).



# Livestock Project News



## December Meeting

Date: 12/3/22

Time: 9am

Location: CWCC



- **Service project:**
  - Animal Shelter donations - bleach, blankets, dog food, cat food, and etc.  
*(Remember: service projects get you 2 tickets in year end visa drawing)*
- **Meeting** (Please plan for this event to be longer)
  - Meeting is first - please sign in first w/ officers.
  - Meet in youth room
  - Club Christmas party - lunch provided & make stall signs for horse stalls!!
  - Gift exchange game - bring a gift of \$25 value to play the game.  
*(reminder: must attend 2 meeting before December to enter BCYF)*
- **Ride time:**
  - Trail obstacles - with Erin & Karla
- **Christmas Parade** - Meet at Liberty Park in Belton.
  - Estimated meet up time is 4pm. More information to come after parade meeting.

### December Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Club Meeting	12/3/22	9am	Country Worship Cowboy Church (Lott, Tx.)
Christmas Parade	12/3/22	4pm	Liberty Park (Belton, Tx)
Drill Team practice	12/6/22	6pm	Temple Longhorn Riding Club (TLRC)
Drill Team practice	12/20/22	6pm	3C Cowboy Church Arena (Salado)



# 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

<b>Online Entry Deadline</b>	December 1, 2022	5:00 PM
<b>Pick Up Roasters</b>	December 9, 2022	3:30 - 5:30 PM
<b>Pick Up Broilers</b>	January 6, 2023	3:30 - 5:30 PM
<b>Rabbits Validation</b>	January 9, 2023	3:00 - 5:00 PM
<b>Weigh Out Commercial Steers</b>	January 28, 2023	8:00 AM
<b>Commercial Steer Recordbooks Due</b>	February 3, 2023	5:00 PM

### BCYF Home School Eligibility

The Homeschool Eligibility deadline is **January 14, 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

December 2022

January 2023

## **December 1: BCYF Entry Deadline**

**December 1:** Ag Product Id Practice

**December 1:** Clover Kids Fair Entry Deadline

**December 1:** Dog Project workshop for 4-H Volunteers

**December 2:** FCH Quiz Bowl Practice

**December 2:** L4L Practice

**December 3:** Chisolm Trail Christmas Ball, Expo

**December 5:** Meat Judging Practice

**December 5:** Food Challenge Practices

**December 5:** 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

**December 6:** TX 4-H Scholarship Workshop, Online

**December 6:** Food Challenge Practices

**December 6:** Horse Judging Practice

**December 7:** District 8 Leaders 4 Life Contest

**December 8:** 4-H Recordbook Workshop

**December 9:** BCYF Roaster Pick Up

**December 10:** 4-H enrolment deadline to participate in BCYF

**December 10:** STEM Project Workshop

**December 12:** Meat Judging Practice

**December 12:** Food Challenge Practices

**December 13:** Food Challenge Practices

**December 15:** D8 Ag Product Id Contest, Belton

**December 15:** STEM Project Workshop

**December 19:** County Council/Ambassador Christmas Party

**December 19:** Meat Judging Practice

**December 29:** STEM Project Workshop

**December 31:** 2 Meeting deadline for BCYF

**January 2:** BCYF Photography Upload Starts

**January 4:** BCYF Container Pick Up- Club Managers ONLY

**January 5:** Horse Judging Practice

**January 6:** BCYF Roaster Pick Up

**January 9:** BCYF Rabbit Validation

**January 10:** Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline

**January 12:** MAB Meeting

**January 13:** BCYF Photography Upload Ends

**January 14:** BCYF Home School Eligibility Deadline

**January 18:** County Council Meeting

**January 21:** Clover Kids Meeting

**January 23:** BCYF Ride Night—Speed

**January 24:** BCYF Ride Night—Performance

**January 28:** BCYF Commercial Steer Weight Out

**January 30:** BCYF Ride Night—Speed

**January 31:** BCYF Ride Night—Performance

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