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## **Hunter's Spectacular**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser will take place **Saturday, October 19, 2024!** More information inside the newsletter!



**The new 4-H Year starts**

**on August 15th! This means you**

**can start re-enrolling your**

**family on 4-H Connect. NEW**

**families need to wait until**

**September 1st.**

**More details inside**

**this newsletter on enrollment.**

## **Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet**

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Saturday, August 10, 2024** at the Cadence Bank Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the 4-H slideshow. Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to [Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu)



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# 4-H Enrollment

4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th**! All enrollments are done via 4HOnline. You can access 4HOnline by going to our 4-H website at <http://agrillife.org/bell4h/> and clicking on the 4HOnline icon. [V2.4honline.com](http://V2.4honline.com).

**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-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, 2023 and in the 3rd grade)

Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2024)

## 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 19th starting 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 15th through Friday, October 18th

8:00am – 11:00am or 1:00pm – 4:00pm

\*NEW This Year\* Sign up times available via a Google Sheet emailed out by Laila Romero

**Clubs MUST pay with their 4-H Club check**

## Handgun Bonus Draw

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.

\*Deadline for \$100 donation – September 27, 2024

\*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

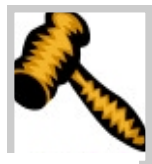
For example: if your club is given 100 tickets to sell based on last year's membership, you will receive the 10% kickback if you sell those 100 tickets, recruit at least one \$200 event sponsor, and donate \$100 to the Bonus Draw side raffle.

## 4-H Member Incentives

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 2024-2025 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 18	Club Officer Training	Animal Shelter Donations
November 13	Bell County Youth Fair	Children's Hospital Toy Drive
January 16	Photography	Hope Pregnancy Center Donations
March 27	Safe Place	Safe Place Donations
May 8	Council Officer Elections	Non-Perishable Food Drive

## 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:

- |                     |                       |                          |                     |                      |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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 |                     |                      |

## Bell County 4-H Ambassadors for Hunter's Spectacular

The Bell County 4-H Ambassadors will be selling the Bonus Draw tickets 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.** 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. You will pick up these tickets from the Bell County Extension Office AND turn in your ticket stubs with payment back into the Extension Office.

# 4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

## Membership Advisory Board FINANCE Meeting

**When:** August 21, 2024

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 5:15 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.

## Membership Advisory Board Meeting

**When:** August 21, 2024

**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.

## Club Manager Connection

We will once again host a series of workshops designed specifically for our outstanding club managers! These workshops are designed to provide you an opportunity to learn more about the in's and out's of being a club manager, but also allow you time to connect with others in the same role from across our district. These connection events will be held on the dates below. Each program will start at 7:00 and end around 8:15pm. They will all be held via Microsoft Teams.

The dates for these workshops are below:

September 12th—Keeping kids engaged + a little risk management

November 19th—Working with your officer team and your agent

Check out the Club Manager Connection Newsletter here: [LINK](#)



## FCH Project News



## FCH Coalition Meeting

**When:** Monday, September 9th

**Where:** Bell CEO

**Time:** 6:00 pm

We will be planning and prepping for the Bell County 4-H Food Show and Food Challenge contest!

# Upcoming Events

## Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

**When:** August 10, 2024

**Where:** Cadence Bank Center, Special Events Room

**Theme:** Growing Tomorrow's Leaders

**Time:** 11:00 am

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for **Saturday, August 10, 2024** at the Cadence Bank Center, Special Events Room. We will need pictures for the General 4-H slides show.

Please send any pictures from your club activities or 4-H contests to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu.



**Please RSVP to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu NO LATER THAN July 31st!**

## 4-H Open House

SAVE THE DATE! The Bell County 4-H Open House is set for **Wednesday, September 10th** at the Cadence Bank Event Center (formerly Bell County Expo Center), Assembly Hall from 5:00-7:00 pm. Want to have a 4-H Club or Project booth? Sign up for a booth here! <https://forms.gle/yKR01UqNvagUxNH19>

If you are wanting to serve on the planning committee, please join us after the August MAB meeting on Wednesday, August 21st. If you need a remote option, email Sheryl Long.

## Ag Product ID

Ag Product ID practices will be starting soon ahead of the fall contests. Fall contest dates:

State Fair (Dallas) - September 27th

Heart of Texas (Waco) - October 5th

District contest - November 7th

**The registration deadline for the State Fair and HOT contests is AUGUST 12TH.**

The Ag Product ID contest is a multiple choice test where 30 items produced in Texas are identified. Products include fruits/vegetables, beef, pork, seafood, sheep, dairy, and feed commodities. The second part of the contest involves answering a question related to things such as product storage, uses, when to harvest, meat cuts, cooking methods, and economic factors and geographic conditions.

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



# Livestock Project News



## 2025 Major Show Lamb and Goat Validation Tag Orders

It is time to place state validation tag orders for lambs and goats going to **2025 Spring Major Shows!**

Bell County **REQUIRES** all FFA and 4-H members to pre-order and pay for Major Show tags prior to validation. Major Show tags are **\$20/each**. Livestock validated for Texas Major Shows are automatically validated for the Bell County Youth Fair at no additional cost during validation. Validation tags for only the county show will be purchased on-site during physical validation for \$5/each. Completing validation does NOT enter livestock in the shows. Major Show entries will be handled through your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher. Bell County Youth Fair entries will be completed online. For more information, please contact your County Extension Agent or Ag Teacher.

### 2025 MAJOR SHOW VALIDATION TAG ORDER DEADLINE

**Due Friday, August 30th**

**Market Lambs**

**Market Goats**

**\*Breeding Sheep\***

**Wether/Commercial Dams**

**\*Breeding Goats\***

**Wether/Commercial Does**

**\*Registration Papers Required\***

**For Registered Sheep & Goats**

The deadline for ownership, transfer, and registration is **October 1, 2024**. A color copy of the original registration papers **MUST** be sent to [Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu) prior to validation.

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, to the Extension Office with payment, payable to *Bell Livestock Coalition*.

Physical validation will be held at the **Bell County EXPO** on the dates listed below:

**Sheep and Goat Validation: October 15th and October 22nd from 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

Special Notes for Sheep and Goat Validations:

- All lambs and goats validated during the 2024 State Fair Validation period including market animals **WILL BE ELIGIBLE** for 2025 Spring Major Shows. Once validated, the project **MUST** stay in the care of the exhibitor that project is validated to; if the exhibitor chooses to sell the project to a new exhibitor, the new exhibitor **MUST REVALIDATE** the project within the next validation period.
- Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers **MUST** be in the animal's ear to be recorded on the validation form at validation. All lambs and goats planning to go to San Angelo **MUST** have TLBA/TGBA tags in their ear and the number recorded on their validation form.
- If a TLBA/TGBA tag is added to the animal's ear after the State Fair show season, then the animal must be re-validated during the Major Show Validation season in order for the TLBA/TGBA tag number to be properly recorded on the Validation Form and eligible for TLBA/TGBA premiums during the spring show season.
- In 2021, Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas announced the introduction of the Roll-over Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goat program. For example, any **BREEDING** animal validated during the State Fair 2021 validation period is eligible to be exhibited by that exhibitor through the State Fair 2024 show season. If ownership changes, then the animal must be re-validated.
- 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.
- All Market Lambs, Market Goats, Breeding Sheep, Wether Dams, Breeding Goats, and Wether Does will use the same RFID validation tag.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Long at [sheryl.long@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:sheryl.long@ag.tamu.edu) or (254) 933-5305.



# Livestock Project News



## 2025 Major Show Registered Heifer Validation Tag Orders:

**DEADLINE:** August 30, 2024

**COST:** \$30/tag

There are two options for exhibitors to submit tag orders:

- o To **order online** and pay by credit card, visit: <https://bell-livestock-coalition.square.site/>
- o To **order in person** and pay with exact cash or check, come by the Extension Office with payment, payable to *Bell Livestock Coalition*.

Physical validation will be held at the **Bell County EXPO** on the dates listed below:

**Heifer Validation: October 21st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

- Heifers already validated do NOT have to be revalidated or have a tag. Heifers ONLY need to be revalidated if they change breed or ownership.
  - If you have leftover tags from June validation, you may use them this fall.
- Heifers that have existing 840 tags (bangs/premise ID/etc.), tags will not have to be removed. However, these will NOT take the place of a validation 840 tag. In other words, a heifer can have more than one 840 tag in their ear or you can remove previous tags; but regardless, the animal has to have a validation 840 tag. We will have a specific form for you to complete at the time of validation for any previously existing 840 tags that are removed to remain in compliance with TAHC/USDA.
- Please send a PDF copy of the **ORIGINAL** registration papers for the registered heifers you plan to validate to [Floyd.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Floyd.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu) **PRIOR** to validation

## 2025 Major Show Broiler Order

Deadline for Bell County 4-H: **Friday, September 6, 2024.**

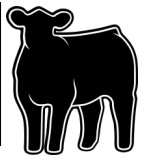
- Broiler chicks cost \$1.50 each and must be ordered in increments of 25 with a maximum of 75 chicks per exhibitor or family (if multiple exhibitors in a family wish to share an order).
  - San Antonio birds are ordered separately from Houston/Austin birds.
    - Estimated pick up for San Antonio birds is December.
    - Estimated pick up Houston/Austin birds is January.

Order form is available at the Bell County Extension Office or online.





# Livestock Project News



## 2024 State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair Entry Deadline

If you are attending the **State Fair of Texas & Heart O' Texas Fair**, please see the entry information below.

Entry forms and payment are due to the CEO by **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.

Youth livestock entries must include a current Quality Counts number. For exhibitors entering 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade this year, you must take the course. The Quality Counts system is down for maintenance now, but is expected to reopen on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. To begin a new course enrollment, visit [https://](https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx)

[www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx](https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx).

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.

- **State Fair of Texas Entry Process:** Fill out paper entry form, enter information into online parent portal and bring form to the Extension Office with payment by **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The schedule, premium book, and additional entry forms can be found at <https://bigtex.com/get-involved/livestock-shows/livestockexhibitors/>.

Visit <https://livestock.bigtex.com/login/> (after August 1<sup>st</sup>) to login or create your SFT Parent Portal account. Upon completion of submitting your entries they are directed to your ag teacher or county agent's queue. All exhibitors must electronically complete and sign: 1. Release of liability and indemnity agreement AND 2. W9 that includes a social security number.

- **Heart O' Texas Entry Process:** Fill out paper form and bring form to the Extension Office with payment by **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The schedule, premium book, and additional entry forms can be found at <https://www.hotfair.com/p/livestock-show--contests>.

## Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

Save the date! The Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza will be held at the Bell County Expo on **Saturday, September 14, 2024**. Events include: rabbit show, skill contest, arts and crafts, best dressed bunny and a skill building workshop. **All entries must be submitted through 4HOnline.**

## Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

### Central Texas State Fair: August 31-September 1

On Saturday, we will host our lamb, goat, steer, and heifer jackpot shows.

A flyer with more information is coming soon!

### Holiday Classic Clinic and Jackpot Show: November 2-3

This will be the 33rd 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!



# Livestock Project News



## Texas 4-H Horse Show RESULTS

The Bell 4-H Horse Club kiddos have been hard at work representing Bell County at the Texas State 4-H Horse Show! Please help us in honoring these kiddos and congratulations to everyone that competed at the show! We are SOOOOOO very proud of all of you!

**Briley Tyler**—Reserve Grand Champion-Senior Division for Timed Horseman Events, 4th place overall for Barrels, 3rd place overall for Stakes, & 6th overall for Poles

**Issabelle Sneed**—made it to the Finals for the Barrel competition

**Camryn Cowan** - Reserve Grand Champion-Stakes Race-Junior Division

**Audra Peters**—Champion for the Homes for Horses with her horse that she trained, Dorito.

**"The Bells" Drill Team**—CHAMPION Freestyle Drill Team & 3rd Place in Precision Drill Team

**"The Stars" Drill Team** - 2nd Place Precision Drill Team & 4th Place in Freestyle Drill Team

We are so very proud of all of these hard working kids!

## 2024-2025 Bell 4-H Horse Show Information

It's almost that time again to re-enroll in a club for the 24-25 4-H year! If you are a HORSE loving KIDDO, then we are the perfect club for you! Be sure to select the Bell 4-H Horse Club when you sign up. Sign ups are going to be open on 4 H Connect on AUGUST 15th. Must be at least 8 years old AND in the 3rd grade to participate.

Riding lesson at monthly meetings.

Monthly service projects to give back to our community.

2 to 3 major clinics throughout the year to focus on the horse and rider.

Equestrian drill team.

For more information visit: [www.bell4-hhorseclubm.com](http://www.bell4-hhorseclubm.com) and like us on Facebook, BellHorseClub

## Bell 4-H Horse Club ~ Drill Team Try Outs ~

Try out dates:

September 17th at TLRC Arena, Temple

September 24th at 3C Cowboy Church, Salado

Requirements:

- Must be a member of Bell County 4-H AND the Bell 4-H Horse Club
    - Must provide your own horse
    - Must attend try out dates
    - Must be able to attend weekly practices
  - Must have transportation for rider AND horse to event and practices
    - Must be able to travel to drill team competitions around Texas
- Be sure to follow our FaceBook page and website for additional information.



# Summer Fun Activities



## ~Summer Workshop Guidelines~

- Registration open to 4-H members
- 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
- Cell phones will be prohibited, participants will be able to check their phones on breaks and at the conclusion of the program.

## Decoupage Box Workshop

**When:** August 3

**Where:** Bell CEO

**Time:** 10:00 am—4:00 pm

**What to Bring:** Appropriate themed items (wrapping paper, decorated napkins, newspaper, tissue paper, and lightweight paper)

Open to SENIORS ONLY. Lunch will be provided.

## Cupcake Storytelling Workshop

**When:** August 12

**Where:** Bell CEO

**Time:** 1:00—3:00 pm

Using cupcake decorating, the students will learn about elements of writing!

Email your RSVP by August 5th to [Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu)

# *Bell County 4-H Exchange*

Five youth and three adult leaders arrived in Bell County on Sunday, June 30th, and departed Saturday, July 6. While in Texas, Pennsylvania 4-H members and adult leaders stayed with Bell County 4-H families, engaging in the Bell County 4-H program, experiencing Texas culture, exploring Texas agriculture, and discovering the state's numerous attractions.

The Pennsylvania delegation received a warm Texas welcome with a handmade HOWDY sign by Bell County 4-H members, followed by lunch at Cooper's Old Time Pit Bar-B-Que in Fort Worth. They enjoyed a guided tour of the Fort Worth Stockyards, witnessing the Cattle Drive and the Herd Experience. Afterward, they traveled to Buc-ee's in Hillsboro and Temple. Bell County 4-H members also highlighted local attractions, including tours of the Dr. Pepper Museum, Homestead Heritage Farm and Craft Village, Waco Mammoth National Monument, and Magnolia Market in Waco.

During their time in Central Texas, the participants visited 44 Farms in Cameron, Capital Land & Livestock in Schwertner, Green's Sausage House in Zabcikville, and explored the historic Cochran, Blair, and Potts Department Store in Belton. They enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the Beltonian Theater, met with Bell County 4-H Extension Agents and staff, and joined the Bell County 4-H End of Year Summer Bash at Summer Fun Water Park.

While visiting Milam County, the 4-H Council Chairman warmly greeted the group and shared the inspiring history of his distant relative, Mrs. Edna Westbrook Trigg, the pioneering leader of Texas women in rural club work and founder of the first Girls' Tomato Club. Mrs. Trigg, while serving as principal near Milano, was selected by the United States Department of Agriculture in 1911 to oversee Texas' inaugural Girls' Tomato Club, where she organized, taught, and conducted pioneering agricultural experiments. Later, the group traveled to Rockdale, participating in an equine class and enjoying an evening of horseback riding at Bella Peregrina Ranch.

During the 4th of July, 4-H hosting families and guests gathered in downtown Belton for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and watched the unforgettable 100 Years of Rodeo at Cadence Bank Center.

The participants explored Texas' rich agricultural heritage by visiting the oldest operating cotton gin and touring the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton. They indulged in homemade ice cream during a tour of Blue Bell Creameries. Along their journey, the 4-H members observed the diverse crops cultivated across Texas. In addition, the Pennsylvania 4-H group gained insights into government and history with a visit to the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum, followed by a tour of Texas A&M University in College Station.

The week's activities concluded in San Antonio, where participants visited the historic Alamo, immersed themselves in Hispanic culture (and cuisine) at downtown El Mercado Market Square, and took a scenic Rio Cruise along the San Antonio River. They also explored the Tower of the Americas and enjoyed the panoramic views from Skies over Texas. To top it off, the 4-H'ers and adult leaders spent a thrilling day at Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio.

Bell County 4-H'ers who served as hosts for the week of the exchange included:

Camryn Lesikar, Rogers 4-H; daughter of David and Wendy Lesikar

Creed Pierce, Rogers 4-H; son of Cory and Chelsey Pierce

Eli Fuchs, Rogers; 4-H; son of Jason and Sara Fuchs

Jaidyn Chervenka, Rogers 4-H; daughter of JP and Jennifer Chervenka

Jennifer Hoelscher, Rogers 4-H; daughter of Jason and Shirley Hoelscher

Kathy Ide and Chelsey Pierce, 4-H Adult Leaders

Special thanks to all the 4-H t-shirts sponsors, Belton Chamber of Commerce for generously donating rodeo tickets, Rogers ISD, Bell & Milam County Extension Office, area businesses, farms, and volunteers. The Bell County 4-H Exchange group is already preparing and fundraising for their upcoming trip to York County, Pennsylvania next summer to explore the state and experience the York County 4-H Program firsthand

# Important Dates

August 2024

September 2024

**August 3:** Decoupage Box Workshop

**August 10:** Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

**August 12:** Fall Major Show Entry Deadline

**August 12:** Cupcake Storytelling Workshop

**August 15:** 4-H Enrollment Opens

**August 21:** MAB Finance Meeting

**August 21:** MAB Meeting

**August 21:** 4-H Open House Planning Meeting

**August 30:** Major Show Tag Order Deadline (lambs, goats,  
and heifers)

**August 31:** Central Texas State Fair

**September 6:** Major Show Broiler Order Deadline

**September 9:** 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting

**September 10:** 4-H Open House

**September 12:** Club Manager Connection

**September 14:** Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza

**September 17:** Drill Team Try Outs

**September 18:** County Council Meeting

**September 27:** HS Handgun \$100 Club Donation Deadline

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

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