

July 2025 Focus

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SAVE THE DATE!

The Bell County 4-H fundraiser
will take place **Saturday, October
18, 2025!** More information
inside the newsletter!

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Banquet is set for
Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the
Cadence Bank Special Events
Room. We will need pictures for
the 4-H slideshow. Please send
any pictures from your club activi-
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County Council & Ambassadors



County Council Officer Training

The Mandatory County Council Officer Training will take place on **Monday, July 14, 2025!** This will be at the Bell CEO from 2:00—4:00 PM. Bring your calendar and community service ideas. If you are unable to attend, please email Sheryl directly.

Bell County Ambassador Training

NEW ambassadors! Be checking your email on dates for an ONLINE training date. Since there are only 3 new ambassadors, this is the most efficient this year.

4-H Club Managers & Volunteers

Membership Advisory Board FINANCE Meeting

When: TBD in August

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.

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Where: CEO

Time: 6:00 pm

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Upcoming Events

Bell County 4-H Awards Banquet

When: August 9, 2025

Where: Cadence Bank Center, Special Events Room

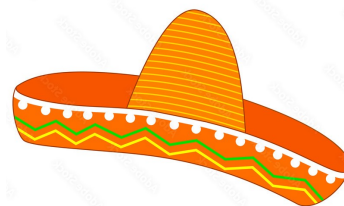
Theme: TACO'bout 4-H!

Time: 10:00 am

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Please RSVP to Jennifer.Thompson@ag.tamu.edu or 254-933-5305 NO LATER THAN August 1st!



Clover Kids

2025

July 11

Deadline to turn in Clover Kid

Record Book to CEO

June 21

Clover Kids Cupcake Decorating
Workshop

Check out the Clover Kids website for more information on upcoming events:

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

For questions, contact Dawn Brown at
bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com

4-H Robotics Interest Meeting

When: Thursday, August 7th

Where: CEO

Time: 6:30 pm

Interested in the 4-H Robotic program? Join us on August 7th to learn more!
Must be in grades 3-12 for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Texas 4-H Robotics project engages youth in the dynamic world of robotics, fostering innovation and critical thinking as they design, build, and program machines to tackle real-world challenges.

In the 4-H Robotics project, members will learn a variety of skills related to robotics, coding, and engineering. Overall, the 4-H Robotics project offers a comprehensive learning experience that prepares youth for future careers in STEM fields, while also teaching them valuable life skills.

Reach out to Sheryl.Long@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.





Livestock Project News



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/>

West Texas Fair & Rodeo Entry Deadline

If you are attending the **West Texas Fair & Rodeo**, please see the entry information below. Entry forms and payment are due to the CEO by **August 1st, 2025**. No late entries will be accepted.

Youth livestock entries must include a current Quality Counts number. For exhibitors entering 3rd, 6th, or 9th grade this year, you must take the course. To begin a new course enrollment, visit <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>.

Market steer entries are limited to the first **720** entered. **State validation is required, and entries must be submitted through the CEO.** Exhibitors may complete their own entries for all other species. More information can be found here:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=WesternTXFair&f=Premium Book\(8\).pdf&cb=b7869f98](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=WesternTXFair&f=Premium Book(8).pdf&cb=b7869f98)

For questions, contact Meagan Cline at 254-933-5305 or Meagan.Cline@ag.tamu.edu.

2025 Fall Livestock Show Entry Deadlines

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 11th, 2025**. No late entries will be accepted.

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- **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 11th, 2025**. 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 1st) 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 11th, 2025**. The schedule, premium book, and additional entry forms can be found at <https://www.hotfair.com/p/livestock-show--contests>.

Entry forms for the above shows will be available at the CEO and posted online when available. Please submit appropriate paperwork with payment for all entries. Exact cash or checks can be made payable to the Bell Livestock Coalition. If you would like to pay by Credit Card, Meagan can send you an invoice. Please note that all Credit Card payments will incur a 3% fee. Entry forms can be found on <https://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/>

For questions, contact Meagan Cline at 254-933-5305 or Meagan.Cline@ag.tamu.edu.



Livestock Project News



Save the Date for Local Show Opportunities!

Central Texas State Fair: August 30, 2025

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 1-2, 2025

This will be the 34th 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!

Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour

Save the date Wednesday, July 9th for the 2025 Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour! This will be the 8th year of our annual tour sponsored by Capital Farm Credit! Stops include:

- Texas Quality Lambs
- Livestock Nutrition Center
- Milam County Livestock Auction
 - Lunch at Blackland
 - Lonestar Grain
 - Belton Feed & Supply
- Brazos Valley Equine Hospital

To sign up for the tour, participants must be a member of Bell or Milam County 4-H and in 6th - 12th grade. The first ten applicants from each county will be accepted. Youth must have an interest in agriculture. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/GeLLj6VZvUip2eYv5>

Email Floyd.Ingram@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.

Bell County Show Cattle Clinic

Date: July 8, 2025

Location: Cadence Bank Center

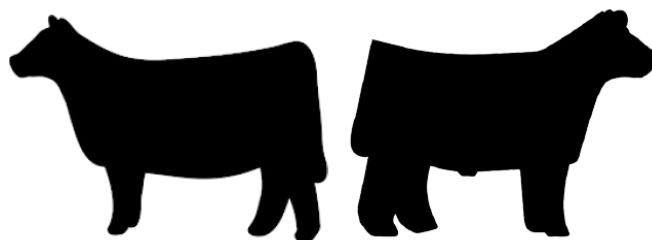
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Join us for the Bell County Show Cattle Clinic on **July 8, 2025** at the Cadence Bank Center! We have a great guest speaker lined up, as well as door prizes and dinner! This program is **FREE** to attend for all 4-H and FFA families.

Speaker—David Groschke

Topics: Selection, Health, Nutrition, Daily Care, and Showmanship

Email meagan.cline@ag.tamu.edu





Summer Fun Activities



Southeast District 8 County Camp

For those members that have registered for this camp, we will be traveling to camp in a rental car!

Tentative Travel Schedule:

Friday, July 11th – Arrive at the CEO no later than 10:00am. Eat lunch on the way, arrive at camp by 1:00 pm (ish). Please send lunch money with your kiddo.

Sunday, July 13th - Depart from camp around 10:00 am. Return to CEO no later than 12:30 pm. Meagan will have everyone text their parent when we leave.

Parents! Check your email for all the details!

Reach out to Meagan.Cline@ag.tamu.edu if you have any questions.

~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.

Food Workshops

Cookie Decorating Workshop

When: July 15

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

RSVP by July 10th at 254-933-5305.

Creative Desserts Workshop

When: July 31

Where: Bell CEO

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

RSVP by July 28th at 254-933-5305.

Other Fun Workshops!

Floral Design Workshop

When: July 2, 2025

Location: Bell CEO

Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Must be grades 9-12 to participate

Workshop presented by national award-winning floral designer, Norman Northern.

RSVP by June 27th at 254-933-5305.

Hunter Spectacular

Event Details

Drawing for 20 Guns and other large ticket items

*Winners will be drawn on Facebook Live on **Saturday, October 18th 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 14th through Friday, October 17th

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 26, 2025

*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—Deadline September 22, 2025

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.

Important Dates

July 2025

August 2025

July 1: Quilting Workshop

July 2: Floral Design Workshop

July 8: Bell County Show Cattle Clinic

July 9: Bell Milam Youth Ag Tour

July 11: Clover Kid Record Book Deadline

July 11-13: SE D8 County Camp, Palestine

July 14: County Council Officer Training

July 15: Cookie Decorating Workshop

July 31: Creative Desserts Workshop

August 1: West Texas Fair & Rodeo Deadline

August 1: 4-H Awards Banquet RSVP Deadline

August 7: 4-H Robotics Interest Meeting

August 9: 4-H Awards Banquet

August 11: State Fair & HOT Fair Entry Deadline

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