**February 2015**

**February 1:** 4-H Day at the Capitol opens, 4-H Connect  
**February 2:** Jr/int Consumer Decision Making practice 3-5, CEO  
**February 5:** BCYF Ride Night, 6-9 pm, EXPO  
**February 5:** Sr Consumer Decision Making Practice 5, CEO  
**February 6:** BCYF Ride Night/ horse move-in, 3-9 PM, EXPO  
**February 7-14:** Bell County Youth Fair, EXPO  
**February 15:** TEEA Scholarship due to the CEO  
**February 16:** Nutrition Quiz Bowl practice, 6:30, CEO  
**February 16:** Jr/int Consumer Decision Making Practice 3-5, Belton Goodwill Education Center  
**February 17:** Bell County 4-H Robotics Meeting, 6:30-8 pm, CEO  
**February 19:** Sr Consumer Decision Making Practice 5, CEO  
**February 20-22:** Home and Garden Show, EXPO! Center  
**February 21:** Clover Kids Meeting, 2-4pm, CEO  
**February 23:** Jr/int Consumer Decision Making Practice 3-5, CEO  
**February 23:** Sr Consumer Decision Making Practice 5, CEO  
**February 24:** FCS Coalition Meeting, 6-7 pm, CEO  
**February 24:** Healthy Life Style Advisory Board 5:30, CEO  
**February 25:** State Fair of Texas Scholarship proof read deadline, CEO  
**February 28:** San Angelo Livestock Judging Contest  

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**March 2015**

**March 1:** San Antonio Livestock Judging Contest  
**March 2:** Jr/int Consumer Decision Making Practice 3-5, CEO  
**March 2:** Sr Consumer Decision Making Practice 5pm, CEO  
**March 2:** Texas & Southwest Cattle Raisers Youth Contest Registration Deadline  
**March 9:** County Round Up Registration Deadline  
**March 14:** TEEA Luncheon, 11 am, EXPO!  
**March 16:** Houston Livestock Judging Contest  
**March 17:** Bell County 4-H Robotics Meeting, 6:30-8pm, CEO  
**March 20:** Lone Star Ag Credit Scholarship Deadline  
**March 21:** Clover Kids Meeting 2-4, CEO  
**March 24:** Star of Texas Livestock Judging Contest  
**March 25:** 4-H Day at the Capitol, Austin  
**March 27-29:** Texas & Southwest Cattle Raisers Youth Contests, Ft. Worth Convention Center

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**February 7-14, 2015**

Bell County Youth Fair is here!!

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***What is the CEO???: County Extension Office 1605 N. Main Street, Room 102, Belton, TX 76513***
4-H Enrollment starts **August 15th**!!! All enrollment is done via 4-H Connect this year. You can access 4-H Connect by going to our 4-H website at [http://agrilife.org/bell4h/](http://agrilife.org/bell4h/) and clicking on the 4-H Connect icon.

An annual participant fee is implemented for each 4-H member (Clover Kids excluded). The participant fee is $20 for 4-H members and $5 for adult volunteers if enrolled from **August 15 to October 31st**. November 1st the participant fee will increase to $25.

**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.

**IF YOU ONLY HAVE A DISCOVER CARD!!! PLEASE READ BELOW!!!!**

We have ran into many problems with people who have had their bank (Extraco) switch their only card out to Discover. However Discover is not an accepted card on 4-H Connect.

If your family **ONLY** has Discover card, please do the following steps:

1. Finish your enrollment on 4-H Connect until you see payment method. Then go back to your family screen to see if your members are incomplete- THIS IS A MUST! If it says inactive the Office will NOT do the enrollment for you!

2. Then you will need to either mail or drop off CASH to our office to pay for your membership. Remember $20 for each youth and $5 for each adult. If you cannot make it during office hours, you can put it in our mailbox outside our office or building and put it in an envelope with your family last name on it AND “4-H Connect Enrollment.”

3. The Extension Office will go in and finish out your Enrollment with the payment. If you are planning on going to shows, as long as you do Steps 1-3 you will be OK to show!!!!

For instructions on how to enroll, please visit: [http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/](http://agrilife.org/bell4h/4-henrollment-guidelines/4-h-enrollment-information/)
# County/District Contests:

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Bell County Youth Fair Is Here!!!

Make sure and read all the rules and guidelines in your catalog thoroughly for your fair entries. “Don’t forget to wear your 4-H Hoodie or T-shirt during the fair to show your 4-H pride!” The Bell County Youth Fair Catalog is available at:

http://agrilife.org/bellctyyouthfair/

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!!!
We are collecting the following items to help support our local animal rescues:

- Large Towels
- Hand Towels
- Pillow Cases
- Blankets
- Metal Food Dishes
- Dog Beds
- T Posts
- Horse Panel Fencing
- Halters & Leads

Donations can be dropped off at the County Extension Office or if you wish to donate a larger item please contact the number given.

Look for the Tigertown Vet Science donation bin.

For any questions please contact Merah Winters @ 254-931-7175
Bell County 4-H
Clover Kids
2014-2015
Information

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Location: County Extension Office
1605 North Main, Belton

Youth Volunteers Needed

Clover Kids are looking for 4-Hers to help them with their meetings and events. This is a great opportunity to earn youth leadership experience. If you would like to help with a meeting or event, please email Dawn Brown at bc4hcloverkids@yahoo.com.
Bell County 4-H Council
2014-2015 Information

Council Meetings

Purpose of County Council - The purpose of County Council is for 4-H members from each club to come and share what they are doing in their club and get ideas from other clubs on activities and help plan county wide activities.

**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** CEO

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**Council Community Service Projects**
*(See 4-H Newsletter for more information about each project)*

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Lamb/Goat Showmanship Class

(starting August 17)

Sunday’s from 1pm-4pm

********FREE of Charge********

Learn all types of showmanship skills.

Experience for as many as 5 years with helping kids!

For more information please call:

Lacee Kight at: (254)-247-7911

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4-H Livestock Projects

Anyone needing assistance in livestock projects please contact Heidi Prude by calling the County Extension Office or through e-mail at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu

(254)-933-5305
2015 Bell County Youth Fair Schedule

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 2015**
7:45-8:15 a.m. .......... Check In Horses
8:00—9:00 a.m. .......... Check in for Showmanship at Fair Office
8:30 a.m. ................. Horse Show (Halter, Western, English)
9:00 a.m. ................. Check in, Appearance Judging & Rehearsal for Fashion Revue
8:00 – 10:00 a.m. .......... Move in Commercial Steers
1:00 p.m. ................. Grade Commercial Steers
1:00-5:00 p.m. .......... Move in all Heifers
4:00-5:30 p.m. .......... Check Heifer Papers
5:30 p.m. ................. Fashion Revue—Public Show—Special Events Room 6:30 p.m. Clem Mikeska Exhibitor Appreciation Supper and Dance.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 8, 2015**
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. .......... Move in all Swine. Must check in with Superintendents to get pen assignments on arrival. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. .......... Move in all Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep. They must be in place by 2:00 p.m.
1:00 –1:30 p.m. .......... Check In horses 1:30 p.m. .......... Timed Events Start
2:00-4:00 p.m. .......... Weigh and Classify Market Lambs
4:00 p.m. ................. All Breeding Swine Cards due into fair office.
4:00-5:00 p.m. .......... Pickup Swine Showmanship exhibitor numbers from Livestock Office.
5:00 p.m. ................. Weigh and Classify Hogs - In this order (Black OPBs, Hamp, White OPBs & Yorks, Durocs, Crosses).

**MONDAY, FEB. 9, 2015**
9:00 a.m. ................. Beef Heifer Show. Release all Heifer at 12:00 Noon Monday.
1:00-4:00 p.m. .......... Commercial Steers Interviews, release all Comm. Steers after interviews but, no sooner than 3:00 p.m.
........ Judge Breeding Sheep and release, followed by a ten minute break and then judge the Market Lambs.
1:00-5:30 p.m. .......... Check in Family & Consumer Sciences Division
5:00 p.m. ................. Judge Breeding Swine or upon conclusion of the Mkt. Lamb Show.
5:30 p.m. ................. Hamburger Supper
6:00—9:00 p.m. .......... Mkt. Steer Exhibitor Stall set-up & move in tack.
6:15 p.m. ................. FCS Judges Orientation—Special Events Rm
6:45 p.m. ................. Judge Family & Consumer Science
2015 Bell County Youth Fair Schedule

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TUESDAY, FEB. 10, 2015
8:00 a.m.------------------------Judge Market Swine. Release all non-placing/non-floored hogs from the barn until 10:00 p.m. Swine Carcass award presentation will be prior to the market show grand champion selection.

8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.----------Assembly Hall Closed
8:00 a.m.------------------------Judge Family & Consumer Sciences Divisions 8:00 a.m.
- 12:00 noon.---------Breeding Rabbits arrive and check-in.
12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.-------Move in all Breeding & Market Goats. They must be in place by 4:00 p.m.

12:00 noon—6:00 p.m.-------Move in Market Steers.
1:00 p.m.------------------------Judge Breeding Rabbits. Immediately following the show, release all Breeders. Rabbit Showmanship will immediately follow the breeding rabbit show.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11, 2015
8:00 a.m.------------------------Judge Breeding Goats followed by a ten-minute break and then judge the Meat Goats. After conclusion of show release all non-placing/non-floored meat goats until 11:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.------------------------Judge Fryer Rabbits, after conclusion of the show remove all non-placing Fryer Rabbit pens. 9:00 a.m.------------------------Assembly Hall Opens- FCS Exhibits
9:30 a.m.------------------------Mini Rodeo in the Dome
6:00 p.m.------------------------FCS Winners Circle, Presentation of Photography Awards, the “Polly-Esther” Clothing Awards, and the Outstanding Jr & Sr Highpoint FCS Awards Assembly Hall
7:00-8:00 p.m.----------------Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall immediately
8:00 p.m.------------------------Assembly Hall Closes – FCS Exhibits
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**THURSDAY, FEB. 12, 2015**

7:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.......Release remaining non-placing/non-floored hogs.

8:00 a.m.........................Judge Farm Shop. After conclusion of show release all Farm Shop items until 11:00 p.m. 8:00 -- 9:30 a.m.................Move in Commercial Broilers

9:30 --10:30 a.m...........Move in Turkeys

10:30 --11:00 a.m...........Move in Roasters

12:30 p.m...................Judge Poultry in this order (Broilers, Roasters, and Turkeys.) 9:00 a.m..........................Assembly Hall Opens – FCS Exhibits

9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.........Country Store—Food Division items for sale in the Assembly Hall. 3:00 p.m............................Assembly Hall Closes

5:00-6:30 p.m...............Check out/Release all Family & Consumer Sciences Divisions

6:00 p.m.......................Judge Market Steers, Release all non-placing/non-floored steers from the barn until 11:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m......................PRCA Rodeo

8:00 p.m.......................Farm Shop Awards Presentation in the Farm Shop area. After conclusion release all Farm Shop items until 11:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. or 30 minutes—....Sale slot designated  After the conclusion of the Grand Drive of the Market Steers. Any animal removed from the barn will not be eligible for the auction or floor price.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 13, 2015**

7:00 a.m.........................Livestock Judging Registration

8:00 a.m—12:00 noon.....Livestock Judging Contest & Rabbit Judging Contest

7:00 -10:00 a.m.............Release remaining Farm Shop Projects
2015 Bell County Youth Fair Schedule

*SATURDAY, FEB. 14, 2015*

9:00 a.m.............. Livestock exhibitor’s mandatory pre-auction meeting.
10:00 a.m............. FCS exhibitor’s mandatory pre-auction meeting.

11:00 a.m. .......... Auction Exhibitor BBQ, (free for Auction Exhibitors) Family members welcome for a fee.
11:00 a.m. .......... Buyers Luncheon

12:00 Noon.......... Awards, Bell County Youth Fair Plaza of Honor Dedication Ceremony, Commercial Steer Announcements & Awards Presentation & Auction Sale

30 minutes after the conclusion of the Auction Sale, release all remaining animals and exhibits. 7:30 p.m............. PRCA Rodeo
8:00 p.m............. All exhibits must be removed from barn.

ANY ANIMAL REMOVED FROM BARN WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR AUCTION SALE OR FLOOR PRICE.

ALL ANIMALS NOT REMOVED FROM THE BARN BY 7:00 P.M., FEB. 14, 2015 WILL BECOME PROPERTY OF BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND LIVESTOCK SHOW.
10th ANNUAL LUNCHEON WITH STYLE

“FASHION FANDANGLE”

NARRATED by: BETTY THRASHER

WITH Cochran, Blair & Potts
SINCE 1869

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

AT 11 A.M.

BELL COUNTY EXPO! CENTER
BELTON, TX

Tickets: $10.00
Under age 5—FREE
Reserved Table-8- $100; Call 254-931-5657
Ticket Deadline is Monday, March 9
Tickets: through EEA Member

Name: _________________________ Phone: _________________

Tickets available at the Bell County Extension Office
1605 N. Main, Room 102, Belton, Tx 76513 Phone: 254-933-5305

BENEFITS BELL COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS & BEEA
BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR RIDE NIGHTS

Speed Events: February 5, 2015– DOME (6-9 pm)
Performance Events: February 6, 2015 - DOME (3-9 pm)
*Participants may move into stalls on February 6, 2015*
  Stall move in 3-6 pm
  Ride Night 6-9 pm

*PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE*

Ride night events are only for the Contestants registered for competition in the Bell County Youth Fair Horse Show. Only their horses that are the primary or alternate horses signed up for the events in 2015. We will be checking for Coggins so have copies of current negative Coggins test results on all the horses you bring. Contestants must register each night and present Coggins paperwork to ride in the arenas.

We do not allow alcohol or smoking at anytime in the barn and no alcohol can be consumed in parking lot. Because this is an equine event, absolutely no dogs will be allowed on the grounds.

- We need every one of you to focus on safety.
- We will have EMS on site at every ride night this year from 6:00 to 10:00.
- Security Staff will be present from 6:00 to 10:00.
- We will again have inside tie up area available along the West side of the C barn arena.
- Since we have many horses that are not familiar with each other and riders that may not be familiar with crowded type conditions, we would like to again have appointed safety monitors for each night. The idea would be that the safety monitor would be stationed in the congested areas and be responsible for helping the youth understand how to make safe decisions. We are looking for volunteers that will be safety monitors. Please report any unsafe conditions to them. If you would like to volunteer e-mail or call Heidi at the CEO.
- The goal is that the ride nights help beginners and newer entrants feel comfortable, help them have fun and give them confidence to compete in future events. At the same time we will strive to provide a safe place for the more experienced riders to get ride time and practice. The ride nights will only be as good as we collectively make them, so your help is needed.

If you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions, please call or send an e-mail. The Office number is (254) 933-5305, and e-mail is heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu.
Join Texas 4-H as we say “Thank You” to our state legislators for their continued support to Texas A&M AgriLife Service and Texas 4-H. Be part of the 300 youth and adults who will hear from our state officials, participate in the House of Representatives and Senate Chambers, and visit with your elected officials.

Registration for this event is limited to the first 300. It will fill up fast, so please do not delay in registering. A waiting list will not be available! Parents of youth registered for this event are encouraged to attend; however, we ask that you not register and, instead, make your own plans for the day at the capitol, so more youth can enjoy the capitol experience.

$30.00 PER PERSON
INCLUDES T-SHIRT, PRINTED MATERIALS, & LUNCH
(no transfer, cancellation, or refunds of event registration)
Graduating Seniors

It is that time again for graduating seniors to start applying for college and filling out scholarships! Seniors need to apply for their colleges/universities NOW!!! Acceptance for some schools will come as early as November. It is better on a scholarship to have been accepted already to a school. So apply NOW for school!!!

Scholarships are also starting to come open and ready for applications. Make sure and watch the newsletter and the Bell County 4-H Website for those scholarship application deadlines. It is always being updated with new scholarships and deadlines.

We will not be having a scholarship training this year, however please make sure that you keep updated on the Bell County 4-H Scholarship Website for updates and valuable information to help you!

Upcoming Scholarships:

2015 Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship; **Deadline February 10th**

2015 Lone Star Ag Credit Scholarship; **Deadline March 20th**

2015 State Fair of Texas Scholarship; **Deadline February 25th**

For more information or applications please contact Heidi Prude at Heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or call the Extension Office at 254-933-5305.

Scholarships also available on the Bell County 4-H website.
Support Ronald McDonald House!

The Bell County Leaders 4 Life group continues to collect items for Ronald McDonald House in Temple, TX. For the month of February they will be collecting Keurig K-Cups (any flavor) and solid vanilla scented air fresheners. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the County Extension Office and place in the box labeled "Ronald McDonald House" sitting outside the office door. If you would like your donation to be picked up or if you have questions, please contact Katherine Wood at kratchinw@gmail.com.

*Please note the change in event down below*

Due to conflicts with the major shows and available dates at Ronald McDonald House, the February 28th community service event has been canceled. Please bring any single serving food items (crackers, fruit snacks, pudding, etc.) to the County Council Meeting in March and the items will still be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of the county.
Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! Make sure and come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will hopefully be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project!

Junior/Intermediate Practice Times: (all practices are at the CEO unless otherwise indicated)

**February 2, 3-5**

**February 16, 3-5 at the Belton Good Will Education Center on Sparta Road**

**February 23, 3-5**

**March 2, 3-5**

Senior Practice Times: (all practices are at the CEO)

**February 5, 5:00**

**February 19, 5:00**

**February 23, 5:00**

**March 2, 5:00**

District Contest: March 7th, 2015, Waco

San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Consumer Decision Making: February 21, 2015, San Antonio
Bell County 4-H
County Community Service Project
“Mini Hygiene Products”

Each club needs its members to collect travel size hygiene products to donate for a needed cause:

*The Children/Women of Honduras*

The collection deadline is May 6, 2015

The donation needs to be turned in at the Bell County 4-H Council Meetings.

Remember to label the bags with the club’s name to receive credit for your club.

https://hondurasgoodworks.org

Any questions about Honduras Good Works contact: Kathy Ide
Victoria Buckner Wins at National Competition

Victoria Buckner with the Hares and Hounds 4-H Club of Bell County represented not only Bell County, but also Texas at the Western National Roundup in Denver, Colorado, January 8th through the 11th.

Western National Roundup is a national contest open to youth ages 14-19 who participate in 4-H and FFA who have qualified at the state level. Eighteen different contests occur at the roundup which takes place each year in Denver, Colorado. This year’s contest was attended by over 900 youth members, as well as coaches, chaperones, judges and agents from 4-H and FFA.

The contests are divided into several main areas including Livestock and Meats, Horse Classic, Family and Consumer Science, Public Speaking, and Parliamentary Procedure. Each of these areas contain multiple contests, such as livestock judging, horse judging, quiz bowls, consumer decision making, and fashion revue.

Victoria Buckner traveled to Denver along with five other youth from Texas for the Fashion Revue competition. Victoria placed 5th overall with her constructed Civil War era dress. The Fashion Revue contest includes a 90 second presentation to the audience by each contestant regarding her unique outfit. The contestant must include information such as her or his name and state, how this outfit fits in their wardrobe, and why they chose it following up with any other significant information they would like to include within the time limit. Following the verbal presentation, the contestant models the outfit on the runway. After modeling, each contestant answers questions from a panel of judges.

The outfits in this year’s contest ranged from Civil War and Victorian era dresses, to prom and formal, everyday wear, and altered clothing that included a steam punk style. Western National Roundup is just one of several national competitions that allow members of 4-H and FFA to compete with students from states across the country and display the knowledge they have gained through these youth organizations.

Congratulations to Victoria for her representation of Bell County and Texas as this National Competition. This is quite an honor for Bell County to be so well represented.
Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Youth Contests

Fort Worth, Texas March 27-29, 2015 – Young cattle raisers can showcase their creative talents by entering up to four youth contests. Deadline for all entries is March 2.

Youth ages 5-18 can enter the photography, art and essay contests. Youth ages 13 to 17 are eligible to enter the beef promotion video contest, the newest contest added to the lineup. Each contest is specifically designed to allow young cattle raisers to showcase how ranching life has positively affected their family.

The contests are sponsored by Farm Credit. A total of $5,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to winners. Entries will be judged and winners selected at the Cattle Raisers Convention.

All contestants must be a member of TSCRA, either a student member, child or grandchild of a member, or a child of parents who are employed by a TSCRA member. Non-members can become members prior to the contest by contacting TSCRA at 817-332-7064. There is a membership fee of $25 for young members.

For more information call 817-332-7064 or email contest@tscra.org

The 137th annual Cattle Raisers Convention is March 27-29 at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. Highlights include the popular School for Successful Ranching, the Cattle Raisers Expo, and general sessions and committee breakout session covering a wide range of economic, ranching and wildlife topics.

A complete schedule and entry form can be found on the TSCRA convention website at

www.tscra.org/convention/youth.

TSCRA will continue to update the schedule with additional events.
Bell County 4-H Members Succeed in Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo
Junior Beef Heifer Show

Bell County 4-H members Braylee and Jarrett Mackie, Stuart Lastovica, and Raley Downing traveled to Fort Worth this past weekend to compete in the Junior Beef Heifer Show at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. All participated in different breed categories and represented the county extremely well.

On Saturday in the Beefmaster division, both Braylee and Jarrett Mackie did an outstanding job. Braylee and Jarrett are members of the Oenaville 4-H club and are the son and daughter of Tricia and Russell Mackie. Jarrett earned a second place with his heifer, and Braylee brought home a seventh place with her cow/calf pair.

The Angus show on Sunday proved to be a successful day for Bell County 4-H member Stuart Lastovica (pictured above) who was awarded with the Junior Heifer Calf Division Champion with his Angus Heifer, LAF Miss Princess 489, bred and owned by Stuart Lastovica. Stuart is in the 7th grade at Salado Junior High School and is the son of Steven and Sandra Lastovica of Salado. Stuart was also the recipient of a $2500.00 Scholarship awarded to the second highest-placing Texas Junior Angus member. Stuart is a member of the Holland 4-H club.

Monday Bell County wrapped up its participation in the show with Raley Downing and her Charolais heifer. Raley is a member of the Oenaville 4-H club and is the daughter of Carla and John Downing of Troy, TX.

Raley received an eighth place with her heifer and ended the show on a great note for Bell County 4-H.

All of these individuals set an outstanding example and represent the county well by exhibiting good sportsmanship, excellent showmanship skills, and displaying the amount of hard work and determination that is put into each one of their individual heifer projects. Congratulations to all these exhibitors and this is only the beginning of the great things these youth are going to accomplish at stock shows over the next few months.

Pictured above: Stuart Lastovica
Junior Heifer Calf Champion, 2015 FWSSR Junior Angus Heifer Show,
LAF Miss Princess 489
Bred and Owned by Stuart Lastovica, Salado, TX
Texas

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Do you have instagram and take photos of 4-H events? Now, you can tag your 4-H photos in instagram!

@bellcounty4h
Save the DATES

Are you going to be a 4-H Strong Volunteer during the 2014-2015 4-H Year?
If so, join Texas 4-H for three Virtual Volunteer Conferences addressing a variety of 4-H topics including club management, leadership, project trainings, and youth/adult opportunities.

November 19 & 20
April 21 & 22
August 4 & 5

All conference sessions will be conducted on-line.
For more information and to keep up with updates visit:
http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/volunteer_conference

4-H Robotics Group

Meeting Dates (3rd Tuesday of the month):

2014           2015
16 September   20 January
21 October     17 February
18 November    17 March
16 December    21 April
19 May         16 June
July – NO MEETING
18 August

Meeting Time/Place:
6:30 – 8:00 pm @ the CEO

Dues (paid at the first attended meeting):
$10.00 per child, or
$25.00 per family

Purpose:
To grow in knowledge and understanding through the study of science related to robotics while having fun

Goals:
To explore the world of robotics
To examine the basics needed for robotics
To emphasize the fun and potential of robotics
To enhance the knowledge of the basics to the level needed for building a robot
To employ different aspects of science in the study of robots

Contact Information:
Marshall Latham – jmlatham@yahoo.com
The next 4-H FCS coalition meeting will be held on February 24 from 6-7 pm at the CEO. For more information please contact Jackie McLaughlin at Jackie.mclaughlin@ag.tamu.edu or stop by the CEO.

The next Healthy Life Style Advisory Board Meeting will be February 24 at 5:30 p.m.

In the meeting room at the CEO.

For more information please contact Jackie McLaughlin at Jackie.mclaughlin@ag.tamu.edu or stop by the CEO.
DISTRICT 8 RIFLE & LIGHT RIFLE MATCH

District Contest Information

Date: Saturday, May 2, 2015

Location: Leon County Gun Club
15295 County Road 224
Oakwood, TX 75855

Time: The Competitive Rifle Match Shooting will begin at 8:00am.
(Shooting times will be staggered)
The Provisional Light Rifle Match will begin following the completion of the
Competitive Rifle Match.

A more detailed shoot schedule will be distributed after receiving entries.

Registration: Contact Heidi Prude at the Extension Office or at Heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu
http://counties.agrilife.org/

Community Service Opportunity!!!

If needing Community service Bell County Leadership Advisory Board will have a booth at the Home
and Garden Show February 20-22,2015. located at the Bell County EXPO! Center

Needing 4-H members to work booth all three days along side Bell County Master Gardeners and Bell
County Fire Department Officials.

If interested contact either Jackie McLaughlin or Heidi Prude at the Extension Office or at Jack-
ie.mclaughlin@ag.tamu.edu and Heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu.
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