November 2014

November 1: Quality Counts Deadline
November 1: County Food Show/Food Challenge, 2pm, CEO
November 3: 2015 County Broiler Orders Due
November 5: Odessa/Ft. Worth Entries Due to CEO
November 5: Turkey Pickup, CEO
November 7-9: Junior Leadership Retreat, Brownwood
November 8: Hunter Safety Class, 8am, Troy Church of Christ
November 8-9: Holiday Classic, EXPO
November 10 & 17: Major Show Livestock Entry Night, 4-7pm, CEO
November 11: Office Closed, Holiday
November 12: Roaster pick-up, 3:30pm-5:30pm, CEO
November 12: Heifer Validation Registration Paper Upload Deadline
November 13: Shooting Sports Team Application Deadline, Connect
November 13: Bead Making Workshop, 6-8pm, CEO

December 2014

December 6: Clover Kid Meeting, 2pm, CEO
December 10: Club Managers MUST turn in BCYF entries, CEO
December 10: District Food Challenge/Food Show, Expo
December 10: Last day to enroll on 4-H Connect for BCYF participation
December 10: Preservation Board Photo Contest Deadline, Online
December 12: BCYF Food Container setup, 9am, CEO
December 12: Club Managers and FCCLA and FFA teachers pick up BCYF containers, 2pm, CEO
December 13: Cowboy Christmas Ball, 7pm, Expo
December 16: Robotics Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO
December 17: County Broilers Pick-up, 3:30-5:30pm, CEO
December 24: Bell Ringing Ends
December 25-26: Office Closed, Holiday

If you have not enrolled yet, please make sure you enroll on 4-H Connect by October 31st!!!!! This is required to participate in BCYF!

Remember that your enrollment in 4-H not your entry in BCYF! Books and entry forms are now available ONLY through your Club Manager!!!!

***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/)
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Hunter Safety Class

Saturday November 8, 2014
Date: November 8th
Cost: $15 at the door
Time: Start at 8 am till 3 pm
Food: bring snacks, lunch (no break, eat and work)
Location: Church of Christ on 305 Wendler Troy, Texas
Instructor: Matthew Perrine
Sponsored by Oenaville 4-H
Please RSVP to lynn.fleming99@gmail.com

Photography Contest

Website: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ffa4hphoto

The Texas State Preservation Board in partnership with the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program are pleased to present an annual photography contest for members of the Texas 4-H and FFA Programs. This photography contest allows 4-H and FFA members to showcase Texas Agriculture through photos.

A select number of the photographs will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol Agriculture Museum starting in January 2015 before the opening of the Legislative Session. Selected photographs will feature a place card with the photographer's name, city, and age. Photos will remain on display for one year in the Agriculture Museum.

Entry Period: September 19, 2014 to December 10, 2014
Salvation Army Bell Ringing Service Project

For various 4-H clubs are looking for service projects and the Salvation Army has a great one! Individual clubs can sign up for one Day, one location to ring. Bell ringing runs **Friday, November 21 through Wednesday, December 24.**

Bell Ringing hours are:
Monday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Call Tonya at the Corps Office 254 774-9996 or email Tonya_dickerson @uss.salvationarmy.org to sign up for this great opportunity!

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**Bead Making Workshop**

Do you need some new accessories? Do you have a long Christmas list?
Then come learn how to make beads out of paper. They are not only beautiful, but easy, fun, and inexpensive to make. The beads will make excellent Christmas gifts for your friends and family.

**When:** November 13th

**Where:** CEO

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm.

Participants will make beads to take home and beads that will be made into jewelry to be donated to charity.

Optional: Bring gently worn accessories to be donated to Churches Touching Lives for Christ.

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**Nutrition Quiz Bowl**

The first practice for Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl will be **November 22nd** at 3:30 p.m. at the CEO. Quiz Bowl contests utilize buzzers to facilitate knowledge of the competition topic. The Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition covers nutrition, regulations, diseases, basic food preparation, and much more. Come out and enhance your knowledge of the food & nutrition project and this competition. Any questions, please email Barbara Wood at wood-btwice@gmail.com.
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.

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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 Classes!!!

(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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FT WORTH/ODESSA STOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINE!!!

All entry forms for FT. Worth Stock Show and Sandhills stock show (Odessa) are now available to be picked up at the CEO, if interested in participating. These entry forms must be picked up, completely filled out and turned back in to either Heidi or Pam at the extension office no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday November 5, 2014. If you have any questions about these shows email Heidi at heidi.prude@ag.tamu.edu or you can always visit their websites, which are listed below.

Ft Worth Stock Show and Rodeo : www.fwssr.com

Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo (Odessa): www.sandhillstockshow.com
23\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Holiday Classic “North”
Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine Clinic and Prospect Show

November 8-9, 2014
Bell County Expo, Belton, TX

- No Entry Fees -

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\textbf{Saturday, November 8\textsuperscript{th}} & \textbf{Sunday, November 9\textsuperscript{th}} \\
12:00 p.m. - All livestock in place & 7:30 a.m. - Nondenominational Church Service \\
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Individual Specie Clinics & 8:00 a.m. - Beef prospect show \\
One (1) set of clippers will be given away at & (heifers followed by steers) \\
\textit{conclusion of each session. Must be present to} & \textit{8:00 a.m. – Lambs (*)} \\
\textit{win!} & \textit{8:00 a.m. – Swine (*)} \\
4:30 p.m. - Beef Cattle and Goat Showmanship & \textit{8:00 a.m. – Goat Show} \\
6:00 p.m. - Dinner provided by Holiday Classic & (\textit{*})Prospect and Showmanship \\
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Open to all interested youth in 4-H and FFA.
Concession stands available. Free Saturday evening meal.
Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows.
Contact your local Extension Office for more information.

About the Holiday Classic

The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families (4-H & FFA) participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation.

“Quality Counts” programs are discussed to ensure the safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock.
The birds will arrive on **December 17, 2014** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

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**Turkey Pick-Up**

Turkey’s will be available for pick up on **November 5, 2014**. Please call Pam at the County Extension Office (254)-933-5305 for pick up time.

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**BCYF COUNTY ROASTER Pick-up**

The birds will arrive on **November 12, 2014** and can be picked up between 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office.

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**Major Livestock Show Entry Night**

The 2015 Major Show (San Antonio; San Angelo; Star of Texas; Houston) season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 2 days for sign-up; **Tuesday, November 10th & Wednesday, November 17, 2014 at the Extension Office in Belton.**

Both nights sign-up time will be from **4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** These are the only two nights and times we will accept entries. Forms may be picked up in late October from the Extension Office, but can only be turned in on one of the nights listed above.

Questions? Call Heidi or Pam @ 254-933-5305. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!
4-H Livestock Link

We have a new 4-H Livestock page on the Bell County 4-H Website:

http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/4-h-livestock/

We will be posting jackpots on the website for your information!

4-H Livestock Projects

Anyone needing assistance in livestock projects please contact Heidi Prude by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-933-5305

ATTENTION: Carcass Swine Weigh in

Carcass Swine Weigh in will be **January 31st** from 9am-10am at the Bell County Expo *(It is a correction from the BCYF Fair Book)*

Swine Validation

All Breeding Gilts Must Be Validated

All pigs for the Bell County Youth Fair and major livestock shows must be validated on one of the nights below. We need all parents to be there to sign forms and to draw a map where animals are being kept. If a parent cannot be there, a parental waiver form must be signed before validation.

**Validation: 4-8pm at the Expo**

**NOV. 24th**— ACADEMY FFA, BARTLETT FFA, BELTON FFA, OENAVILLE 4-H, SALADO 4-H/FFA, STAMPEDE CREEK 4-H, TIGERTOWN 4H, TEMPLE FFA, TROY 4-H/FFA

**NOV. 25th**— KILLEEN CAREER CENTER FFA, 4-HIS GLORY, HOLLAND 4-H/FFA, ROGERS 4-H/FFA, KILLEEN 4H/FFA, MAXDALE 4H, TRIMMIER 4-H, ELLISON FFA, HARKER HEIGHTS FFA, SHOEMAKER FFA, MAXDALE 4-H, HARES AND HOUNDS 4-H

Cost: $12.00 for State and $5.00 for County; Questions: Call Pam Reavis—933-5309 or email: pcreavis@ag.tamu.edu
TEXAS BEST SHOW SERIES

LAMB SHOW

WHERE: BELL COUNTY EXPO CENTER, BELTON, TEXAS
WHEN: NOVEMBER 22-23, 2014
JUDGES: KALEN POE AND MARK HOGE
THIS WILL BE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR LAMBS OUT IN FRONT OF JUDGES AND INTO THE SHOW ATMOSPHERE BEFORE BELL COUNTY YOUTH FAIR
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.TEXASBESTSHOWSERIES.COM!

Intermediate Sewing PJ Bag Pillowcase Workshop


- Payne Farm
- March 12, 2015
- 6:30-8:30
- Cost to attend: 3/8 yard fabric for band; 1 yard for body and drawstring, matching thread
- Supplies: needles (if sewing by hand), sharp scissors, pins, marking pen
- Limited enrollment: 10 students  RSVP to a2payne@gmail.com by March 8, 2015
The 6th Annual Cowboy Christmas Ball featuring Michael Martin Murphey will be held on **Saturday, December 13th, 2014, at the Bell County Expo Center**. Our guest of honor, Michael Martin Murphey, the “Singing Cowboy Poet”, will be performing on stage starting at 8pm and doors open at 7:00pm. Murphey is famous for his single “Wildfire” and many more.

All proceeds from the Ball will benefit the Bell County Youth Fair & Livestock Show and PRCA Rodeo Scholarship Fund. This is given out every year to high achieving Bell County youth as they attend and maintain the high standards of education at their college/university of choice.

Heavy appetizers will be served and guests are encouraged to dress in formal western wear to keep in tradition and keep with the atmosphere. A live auction will also be held during the evening.

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**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!

**If you are applying for the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship, please make sure to do your FAFSA by December 2014 with old tax information and then update it in January. This is a MUST!!!**

**ATTENTION: THE APPLICATION FOR TEXAS 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AND THE BIG SCHOLARSHIP ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE BELL COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE!**
Consumer Decision Making

Consumer Decision Making is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project’s first meeting will be held **October 28, 2014** at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! Make sure and come and learn 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!

Dates for consumer are as follows:

**October 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, CEO – This meeting will be an Overview of the project as well as time to select dates for all the project meetings. Please make plans to come to help with determining dates! If you cannot make this meeting, please email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu and let her know about your interest to participate so you are notified of the meetings. Please also bring your calendars so we can sign up for meetings and sign up for contests that night!

**CLOVER KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE!**

**January 5:** County Consumer Contest  
**February 21:** Consumer – San Antonio  
**March 7:** District Consumer – Waco

Clothing and Textiles Project:

- Clothing Advisory Board Meetings (OPEN TO ALL): **November 20, March 31, April 30th (6:30pm, CEO)**  
- District Fashion Show - Either **November 18th**

Intro to Sewing Pillowcase workshop


- Payne Farm  
- **November 21, 2014**  
- 6:30-8:30 pm  
- Cost to attend: bring 3/8 yard fabric of one color, 7/8 yard of contrast, matching sewing thread  
- Supplies: needles (if hand sewing), sharp scissors, pins, marking pen  
- Limited enrollment: 15 students RSVP to a2payne@gmail.com by **November 17, 2014**
Texas 4-H has an app to help you keep up to date on 4-H events in your county, district and across Texas. Best of all it’s FREE!

**For iPhones/iPads:**
1. Go to the App Store.
2. Search for “4-H News and Events”
3. Select the app “4-H News and Events”
4. Tap on “Install”. Enter your Apple ID if requested
5. Once installed select Texas and your county

**For Androids:**
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**Instagram**

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

@bellcounty4h
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program

Online applications are due by Friday, November 21, 2014 on 4-H Connect (http://texas.4honline.com)

Current 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors must participate in this application process so that current information is obtained by the State Office. Current Ambassadors are guaranteed their position with this application.

4-H Robotics Group

Meeting Dates (3rd Tuesday of the month):

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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
Below are the new changes regarding BCYF. 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.

- The BCYF has a NEW 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. You MUST sign in on the sign in sheets for it to count.

- 2 meetings will be allowed from August 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 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, 2014 to participate in the BCYF. However, the fee will go up after October 31st so do it quickly.

- Homeschool Eligibility deadline: January 16, 2015. All Homeschool students must fill out an eligibility form and turn it in by the above deadline. Forms are not available until January 1st.