October 2014

**October 1:** Roaster Orders Due

**October 2:** Clothing Advisory Board Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

**October 4:** Halloween Safety Event, 9am, McLane’s Children’s Hospital

**October 4-5:** Judging Contests-HOT Fair, 9am, Waco

**October 4:** Clover Kids Meeting, 2-4pm, CEO

**October 5-11:** National 4-H Week

**October 6:** Duds to Dazzle Project Meeting, CEO, 6pm

**October 7:** Leaders 4 Life 1st meeting, 6:30pm, Stone Family Home

**October 8-9:** Tractor Supply Fundraiser, Temple and Killeen

**October 9:** Recordbook Training, 6pm, CEO

**October 11:** Come Walk in our Shoes, Temple Library, 1-4pm

**October 13:** Office Closed, Holiday

**October 14:** Lamb, Goat, Breeding Lamb & Goat Validation, Bell County Expo, 5:00pm-8:00pm

**October 14:** Consumer Orientation Meeting, 6pm, CEO

**October 16:** Duds to Dazzle Project Meeting and Mock Contest, CEO, 6pm

**October 16:** Duds to Dazzle Contest Entries Due

**October 17:** County Fashion Show Contest Entries Due

**October 18:** One Day 4-H, Temple Mall, 12-4pm

**October 18:** Central Texas Master Naturalists Nature Fest, 9am, Bend of the River Park

**October 19:** County Fashion Show Contest Entries Due

**October 20:** County Food Show Entries Due, CEO

**October 20:** District Gold Star Banquet, Waco

**October 21:** Robotics Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

**October 24:** County Fashion Show Contest, 4:30pm, Temple CAC

**October 25:** Lamb, Goat, Breeding Lamb & Goat Validation, Bell County Expo, 5:00pm-8:00pm

**October 28:** MAB Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

**October 31:** Last day to enroll in 4-H!!!!!

November 2014

**November 1:** Quality Counts Deadline

**November 1:** Heifer Validation Ownership Deadline

**November 1:** County Food Show/Food Challenge, 2pm, CEO

**November 3:** 2015 County Broiler Orders Due

**November 7-9:** Junior Leadership Retreat, Brownwood

**November 8:** Hunter Safety Class, 9am, Location-TBA

**November 8-9:** Holiday Classic, EXPO

**November 10 & 17:** Major Show Livestock Sign Up Deadline, 4-7pm, CEO

**November 11:** Office Closed, Holiday

**November 12:** Roaster pick-up, 3:30pm-5:30pm, CEO

**November 13:** Shooting Sports Team Application Deadline, Connnect

**November 14:** Heifer Validation Registration Paper Upload Deadline

**November 18:** Robotics Meeting, 6:30pm, CEO

**November 18:** District Fashion Show and Duds to Dazzle Contest, Bell Co. Expo

**November 19:** County Council, 6:30pm, CEO

**November 19-20:** Virtual Volunteer Conference

**November 21:** Bell Ringing Begins

**November 24-25:** Swine Validation, 4pm-8pm, EXPO

**November 27-28:** Office Closed, Holiday

***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
Location-TBA
9 am - 3 pm  No break for lunch-- bring snacks and drinks
Minimum age 9
$15 per student
Will have outside field work
Instructor- Matthew Perrine
Need a minimum of 10 students to make the class.
Please RSVP to: lynn.fleming99@gmail.com
Oenaville 4-H Club is hosting this event, but it is open to all 4-H'ers who need Hunter Safety Certification.

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
Nature Fest- Volunteers Needed

Central Texas Master Naturalist Chapter is hosting Nature Fest 2014 on October 18, 2014. Nature Fest is a fun and educational event for the whole family focusing on the rich diversity of wildlife, habitat, history and heritage of Central Texas. We are looking for volunteers to help in many areas from helping in nature booths to helping collect trash. Nature Fest will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Bend of the River Park on IH-35 between McDonald's and Don Ringler Chevrolet. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Angela Cases by email at angela.s.cases@gmail.com or call 603-321-7365.

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!

Halloween Safety Event- Volunteers Needed

Safe Kids is partnering with the Children’s Hospital this year to be part of their 3rd birthday party. The overall theme will be pedestrian safety. Safe Kids will be responsible for three areas so we need volunteers:

- Pin the Tail on the Black Cat – just like it sounds with message about being seen (hand out the reflective slap bracelets to kids who play)
- Fishing for safety messages (we’ll have bags filled with safety info that we’ll place on the hook for the kids who are fishing)
- SKMT Safety bean bag game (kids who play will answer an easy question and get a prize)

The event will be Sat, Oct 4. Set up starts at 9. Event from 10 – noon. McLane’s Children’s Hospital Front Lawn. Take down after.

Please come help if you can. We need lots of hands and it will be fun!!!!!
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:**
**LOCATION:**
**6:30 PM**
**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 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

Lamb, Goat, Breeding Sheep & Goats Validation

4-H members who plan to show market lambs or market goats in 2015 must validate these animals.

Lamb and goat validation for Bell County exhibitors will be held **October 14th and 27th** at the Bell County Expo Center. Exhibitors who plan to show in San Angelo in 2015 must have a Texas Bred Lamb. You must have your Texas Lamb Breeders Tag with you at validation, or the sheep will not be eligible for San Angelo.

**October 14th**—Academy FFA; Bartlett FFA; Belton FFA; Ellison FFA; Harker Heights FFA; Killeen Career Center; Killeen 4-H/FFA; Maxdale 4-H; Salado 4-H/FFA; Temple FFA; Shoemaker FFA; Tigertown 4-H; Trimmier 4-H; Stampede Creek 4-H

**October 27th**—Hares & Hounds 4-H; Bell 4-H Horse; 4His Glory 4-H; Holland 4-H/FFA; Oenaville 4-H; Rogers 4-H/FFA, Troy 4-H/FFA

Validation Time for the above dates is: **5:00 to 8:00 p.m. each night**

Cost: $12.00 for each State animal and $5.00 for each County animal,

(If you validate for State it covers BCYF also)

**All Breeding Sheep & Breeding Goats Must be Validated**
2014-2015 Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation UPDATE!

Texas is privileged to have the largest junior breeding heifer program in the nation. However, the sheer size of Texas, diversity in counties and beef breed associations has created some challenges for effectively and fairly managing the program. Because of numerous breed divisions offered, there are inconsistencies in how breed associations record purchase and transfer information. Heifer Validation is being initiated to ensure a level playing field for all junior breeding beef heifer exhibitors and to present a unified approach to verifying breeding beef heifer registration papers, ownership and physical possession. Further, history has proven collecting DNA hair samples during validation has added integrity to market animal divisions. Therefore, we are implementing a statewide electronic verification process in addition to requiring the physical validation of breeding beef heifers. An electronic verification process will ensure that ownership has been transferred by the respective ownership deadlines. The verification process along with the added physical validation component will allow for certifying exhibitor ownership, possession, heifer identification (tattoo/brand) far in advance of each respective major livestock show. Full and part-time personnel will be required to effectively review and validate all submitted heifer registration papers and to enforce rules during the participating major livestock shows.

2015 Spring Show Timeline

October 1, 2014 - Heifer Verification Database is open to ASTs/CEAs
November 1, 2014 - Ownership deadline for all spring shows
November 14, 2014 - Registration Paper upload deadline and physical validation paperwork and DNA must be postmarked and sent to Texas 4-H Headquarters
December 19, 2014 - Projected deadline for all papers to be reviewed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
January 7, 2015 - Projected deadline for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service to notify all ineligible exhibitors and major livestock show officials for spring shows

Registration Paper Upload

Agriculture Science Teachers and County Extension Agents will be required to upload electronic copies of original registration papers for all junior breeding beef heifers to be exhibited or substituted at any of the aforementioned shows. ASTs and CEAs must adhere to the aforementioned deadlines and requirements. **Substitute entries will not be accepted at any of the Texas major livestock shows unless they are validated through the Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation Program.**

On-site Registration Paper Confirmation and DNA Collection

Exhibitors for all of the aforementioned shows are required to bring the original registration paper to the show ring and to keep the original paper in their possession while exhibiting the heifer. The Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation Program representative will be present to verify that the identification on placing heifers matches that of the original papers. DNA hair samples will be collected on breed and reserve breed champions. The Texas 4-H/FFA Heifer Validation Program representative will also have access to the database and may reference any paper electronically at the request of each individual participating show. Further, major livestock shows may request additional DNA comparisons on any validated heifer shown at their respective livestock show.

Validation Fee

A $10 fee will be required for each heifer validated for 2015 spring and fall shows.

Heifer Validation for Bell County will be October 29, from 4pm-7pm at the Bell County Expo Center.
Deadline for ordering Broilers for the Bell County Youth Fair is **November 3, 2014**. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 50 birds and the cost is $43.00 per order of 25 birds. 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.

**BCYF COUNTY ROASTER ORDERS**

Deadline for ordering Roasters for the Bell County Youth Fair is **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**. The maximum order allowed per exhibitor is 25 birds and the cost is $43.00 per order of 25 birds. 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.

The 2015 Major Show (Ft. Worth; 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 selecting or securing livestock projects please contact Heidi Prude by calling the County Extension Office.

(254)-933-5305

Turkey Pick-Up

Turkey’s will be available for pick up on the first week in November. Please call Pam at the County Extension Office (254)-933-5305 for the date and pick up time.

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
23rd Annual Holiday Classic “North”  
Beef, Lamb, Goat & Swine Clinic and Prospect Show  
November 8-9, 2014  
Bell County Expo, Belton, TX

- No Entry Fees -

**Saturday, November 8th**  
12:00 p.m. - All livestock in place  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Individual Specie Clinics  
One (1) set of clippers will be given away at conclusion of each session. Must be present to win!  
4:30 p.m. - Beef Cattle and Goat Showmanship  
6:00 p.m. - Dinner provided by Holiday Classic

**Sunday, November 9th**  
7:30 a.m. - Nondenominational Church Service  
8:00 a.m. - Beef prospect show  
(heifers followed by steers)  
8:00 a.m. - Lambs (*)  
8:00 a.m. - Swine (*)  
8:00 a.m. - Goat Show  
(*)Prospect and Showmanship

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.

October MAB Meeting

The Membership Advisory Board is for all Club Managers and Leaders who help plan and make decisions for the Bell County 4-H Program. ALL leaders are welcome to come! 3 voting delegates are chosen from each club to vote. **The next meeting will be October 28, 2014 at 6:30pm, at the CEO.**
**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 14**, at 6pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! 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!

Dates for consumer are as follows:

- **October 14**: 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 and help with determining dates! CLOVER KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE!

- **January 5**: County Consumer Contest

- **February 21**: Consumer—San Antonio

- **March 7**: District Consumer—Waco

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**Clothing and Textiles Project:**

- Clothing Advisory Board Meetings (OPEN TO ALL): **October 2, November 20, March 31, April 30th (6:30pm, CEO)**
- County Fashion Show Entry Forms Due—**October 17**
- County Fashion Show and Paperwork Due—**October 24th**-Temple CAC
- District Fashion Show- Either **November 18th**

**4-H County Fashion Show**

- **October 24th**, Starting at 4:30pm, CAC-Temple (3011 N 3rd St, Temple, TX 76501)
- Interviews and awards will be on Friday afternoon/evening. Entry forms and paperwork are due by **October 17th**.
- Please see all dates, entry forms, and other information about the Fashion Show/Contest on the Bell County Website: [http://agnlife.org/bell4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/](http://agnlife.org/bell4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/) ***Entry forms will be ready October 6, 2014*** CLOVER KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE!

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**Duds to Dazzle Contest/Project Meetings**

Duds to Dazzle is brand new contest in the fall! The contest is much like food challenge if you are aware of that contest. If not, you are given a piece of fabric or item (ie tshirt, jeans, etc) and you have to repurpose it with the kit you are provided along with a FUN sewing closet provided. We will be having 3 meetings to prepare for contest. If you are interested in competing/participating in the contest, please come to our project meetings which will be held on:

- **October 6**: CEO Meeting Room, 6pm
- **October 16**: CEO Meeting Room, 6pm (MOCK/COUNTY CONTEST—MUST COME TO ENTER FOR DISTRICT)
- October 16—Entries due at Meeting to participate in District Contest
- **November 18**: District Contest, Bell County Expo
Thank you to our Hunter's Spectacular Sponsors!!!

Bell County 4-H
Hunter's Spectacular Sponsors

Event Sponsor: Academy Sports + Outdoors

GOLD LEVEL: $500+
- Academy Sports+Outdoors
- Hogs for a Cause
- K.E.M. Armors
- Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram

SILVER LEVEL: $250-$499
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- Belltec
- Belton/Temple Feed and Supply
- Bugs Unlimited
- Center Pharmacies, Inc.
- Fairway Independent Mortgage
- Hilliard Ranch
- Jupe Feeds
- Lone Star Ag Credit
- Mitchell Equipment
- Pack n Mail
- Temple Lions Club and Club
- Members/Marine Outlet
- Temple Iron and Metal

BRONZE LEVEL: $100-$249
- 4-His Glory 4-H Club
- ASCO
- Bourland Landscape
- Bryan Daniel
- Jack Folsom
- Lock’s Taxidermy
- Mr. Mike’s Pizza & Wing Works LLC
- Shipley’s
- Sit Means Sit
- Spears Auto Group/Tiger
- Autoplex
- Specialty Cleaning Service, Inc.
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- Tigertown 4-H Club
- Tyler Construction
- Wilson Construction
- Women in the Outdoors

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- Chris Coffey
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- Eagle Inflatables
- Fish Bowl
- Giving Tree
- Healthy Lifestyles Advisory Board
- HEB- Harker Heights Bakery
- Kyle Helsch
- Leaders 4 Life
- LR Meat Market & Sausage
- Mary Ruth Briggs Library
- MPR
- One Old Cowboy Emporium
- Woods Flowers

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and came out to support the youth of Bell County!

Thank you for donating cakes, baskets, and selling tickets!!!! Way to go!!!
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:
1. Go to Play Store.
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3. Select the app “4-H News and Events”
4. Tap on “Install”
5. Once installed select Texas and your county

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

@bellcounty4h
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.

The Fall 2014 TSC Paper Clover Campaign is scheduled **October 8-19, 2014.** The clovers are only $1 and we received over $2,000 this year from the last clover campaign. We really need clubs to help participate and pick a day to stand outside and sell the paper clovers. If your club is interested, please email Barbara Wood woodbtwice@gmail.com and sign up for a day to help! We have 2 stores in Bell County, Killeen and Temple. Please sign up and help! Funds help the county pay for workshops, camps & many other great opportunities for you as a member!

**One Day 4-H**

One Day 4-H will be **October 18th**! We will be hosting another teen safe driving event at the Temple Mall and all youth are welcome to come and help with the event! It will be in the Courtyard next to Casa Ole and the Halloween Shop. It will be a NEW time of 12pm-4pm. If you are interested in helping, please email Micah at mholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
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!!!!

Food Challenge Contest

The 4-H Food Challenge is a unique opportunity to participate in an innovative food and nutrition competition. The 4-H Food Challenge, similar to the popular television show Iron Chef, brings fun, learning, application of knowledge and skills, and group competition together at one event. At your table, they will have all the ingredients and amounts on the table and no directions! You are to come up with a dish with what ingredients you have on the table! In preparation for the Food Challenge, participants should not limit themselves to studying only the resources provided at the contest. All resources are available on the website below.

If you are interested in having a team, or as a senior, compete in the food show, the information about the project, manual and entry forms will be available on the Bell County 4-H Website at: http://agrilife.org/bell4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/ on October 6, 2014.

County Food Show is November 1, 2014 at the CEO from 2pm-5pm. An email will be sent out with details once you register. Entry forms are due October 20, 2014 by 5pm in the CEO.

CLOVER KIDS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!- This is the November meeting for Clover Kids
**RECORDBOOKS**

Have you ever thought about doing a recordbook? A recordbook is good for those who want to keep records of their 4-H career, win awards for resumes, or help you with filling out your scholarship applications. All seniors who complete a recordbook say that it helped them with filling out their scholarship applications a lot. We have even helped create a format that ties directly to the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Form. How easy is that!!!

Recordbooks are getting easier to fill out and complete these days! If you would like to learn about how to complete a recordbook, the Bell County 4-H will be hosting 2 workshops this year to help you do a recordbook. The first workshop will help with how to start a recordbook and how to record effective information for recordbooks and will be in October and the second workshop will be in April and will be the second part which is how to fill out the forms and do tables and what to actually do to fill out the recordbook.

If you are interested, please attend the first recordbook training on: **October 9, 2014 at 6-8pm in the CEO.**

**We had a great year for recordbooks this year!**

**Congratulations on the following STATE recordbook winners!**

**Nathaniel Fasolino - Consumer, Emma Coffman-Photography, Billy Wood-Safety, Kyle Heisch-Recreation**

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**CELEBRATE!!!**

**National 4-H Week is October 5-11!**

**Shooting Sports Team Application**

The application information and instructions for 2014-2015 4-H Shooting Sports Texas Teams is attached and available on the shooting sports website: [http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/09/nat_res_ss_texas_team_application_2015.pdf](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/files/2014/09/nat_res_ss_texas_team_application_2015.pdf)

The application itself is available on 4-H Connect. Application deadline is **Thursday, November 13, 2014.**
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

2014 Junior Leadership Retreat
November 7-9
Texas 4-H Conference Center, Brownwood

- 4-H State Council Members lead hands on educational workshops
- 4-H members age 9-14
- Dancing, games & lots of FUN!

To register visit the 4-H Center website:
texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
Click on the “Register Now” link.
$115 for youth & $80 for adults

Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones.
LEADERS 4 LIFE PROJECT

Bell County 4-H Leaders 4 Life will have their 1st meeting of the year next **Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 6:30pm** at Leader, Jan Stone’s house. If interested in attending please call Jan for directions, 254-654-2549

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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 October 31, 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.