

4-H Blast

April 13, 2017

- **April 14:** Office Closed, Holiday
- **April 16:** National 4-H Congress Application Deadline
- **April 17:** State Fair and Major Tag orders Due! See below for information
- **April 18:** County Council Meeting, 6pm, Rockdale New Salem Building
- **April 18:** Notify Office if interested in competing in District Roundup
- **April 21:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Orders Due
- **April 21:** District Plant ID Contest/Ag Product ID Contest
- **April 22:** Livestock Judging District Contest
- **April 27-May 7:** Tractor Supply Spring Clover Fundraiser

Congratulations to all of those who competed at the Milam Junior Livestock Show!!! We are so proud! You represented us well! Also great job to those who competed this spring at Contests/Major shows and good luck to those competing this spring! Congrats to Julia, Hannah, Kendall and Cameron on receiving a scholarship interview!

TAG ORDER INFO:

2017 State Fair- Lamb, Goat, & Hog tag orders

Tag orders due by **April 17th** (Payment Due By Deadline, Cash or Check)

Cost of Tags - \$20.00 per tag of each species. Late Tags will cost - \$30.00

Validation date: TBA

2017-2018 Major Steer tag orders

Tag orders due by **April 17th** (Payment Due By Deadline, Cash or Check)

Cost of Tags - \$20.00 per steer. Late Tags will cost - \$30.00

Validation date: TBA

To Order: Contact - Milam County Extension Office

Phone - (254) 697-7045

Or stop by - Agrilife Extension Milam County

100 E. 1st Street. Cameron, TX 76520

County Council Meeting: We will be having our April County Council Meeting in Rockdale on **Tuesday, April 18th at 6pm** at the New Salem Building! We have an awesome speaker talking about drones!!! Should be a lot of fun so come and learn about this great technology! We will also be discussing summer activities and County Council officer elections coming up!

CLUB NEWS:

Shooting Sports News Meeting Dates

- April 23, 2017
- May 14, 2017

County and District Roundup: Mark your calendar for **May 6th** for the District Roundup in Riesel! These are really fun contests for many to participate in. Here is the link to our website with more information. It is a great way to take your 4-H and School presentations/band performances and put them to use. Great public speaking skills too!

<http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/roundup-contest/> You can integrate your band, dance, or a presentation into the Roundup Contests. Please call or email if you plan to have a presentation or skit at District Roundup, we must know by Tuesday, April 18th if you plan to compete! Thank you!

Recordbooks: The Recordbook training was recording and the link is on the website as well as all the new materials for this year! Remember Recordbooks are due **June 19th**! Judging will be **June 22nd**. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/>

Awards: The awards applications are updated on the website. Please go in and apply! Applications are due **June 19th**! It will be here before you know it! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/> (THIS INCLUDES STATE WINNER JACKETS!!!)

Rockdale Fair Upcoming Important Dates:

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

Turkey Orders Due: **April 21, 2017**, \$5.50/each

Steers: **May 18, 2017**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

For more dates and times, please see the rules on our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

State 4-H Opportunities: Here are a few opportunities going on in the State 4-H Program! For more opportunities and information, see the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>

Raise Your Hand Campaign:

We're supporting 4-H in this effort because we believe every child deserves the chance to succeed. If you're a 4-H alumni or know someone who is, we're asking for your help in spreading the word. Together we can help 4-H provide the hands-on learning that empowers kids across America with the skills to handle what life throws at them.

It's easy:

1. Raise Your Hand: Go to <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/raiseyourhand> to show your pride as a 4-H alumni.
2. Compete for Your State: Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay It Forward: Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/raiseyourhand>.

NEW: National 4-H Congress: National 4-H Congress is held annually in Atlanta, Georgia over the Thanksgiving holidays. The program combines a variety of fun and exciting educational, recreational and networking opportunities. The program combines sessions, seminars, discussion groups, and a service learning experience. The nation's most outstanding community leaders, speakers, and educators present the most current and timely information available.

Eligibility:

- Youth in grades 9-12 at time of event, November 23-28, 2017.
- Youth must still be in high school during the time of the trip.
- Must have approval of county Extension Office

IMPORTANT DATES:

Online Application Closes: **April 16, 2017**

Interviews Announced: April 28, 2017

Interviews during Roundup: TBD

Delegation Announced: June 8, 2017

Deposit (1st Payment) due (\$750.00): June 30, 2017

Final (2nd Payment) due (balance of \$1,000-1,500*): July 31, 2017 (donor/sponsor search underway; final registration amount to be announced by May 1, but will not exceed \$1,500)

Farm Bureau Youth Leadership Conference:

- DATES: June 12-16 – Register BY MAY 1
- COST: FREE – Most students are sponsored by the County Farm Bureau.
- WHO: HS Juniors and Seniors (in Fall 2017 enrollment)
- WHERE: Tarleton University – Transportation to the event is provided.
- WHAT: During this week-long conference, students will meet over 250 students from across the state, develop leadership skills in the following areas (public speaking, time management, team dynamics, work ethic, etc.), and learn about agriculture, the free market system, and the US Constitution. The interactive team challenges and competitions make the event the highlight of the summer for most attendees.

TSC "Great Neighbor" Essay Contest: Beginning Friday, March 24, Tractor Supply is asking 4-H and FFA members living in or near one of its 19 fair stops to submit essays in response to the following question: What does 4-H/FFA mean to you, and how has your organization allowed you to be the best neighbor you can be in your community? Eligible 4-H and FFA members have until Monday, April 24, at 5 p.m. CST to submit an essay. To submit an essay, review contest rules and regulations and view a list of fair stops, visit www.tractorsupply.com/fairtour

Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge: This year's contest will be held **June 16-18, 2017** at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. Registration will close on 4-H Connect **May 29**. No late team registrations. Please call the office for more information.

Texas 4-H Horse Show: If you would like to compete in the Horse Show, please email or call our office for the information!

4-H Fundraiser: The Spring Paper Clover Campaign with Tractor Supply Co is approaching fast! The dates will be **April 27 to May 7** and will once again provide an opportunity for local 4-H programs to partner with their TSC stores to promote the 4-H program across our state.

Milam County 4-H Information!

For information about any 4-H related activity, please go to the website or facebook page! www.Join4-h.com or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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