**4-H Blast**

February 27, 2019

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* **March 2:** 4-H Fusion Retreat, 4-6pm, Belton
* **March 11:** Ronald McDonald House Delivery, 10:30am, Temple RMH
* **March 18:** Photography Contest Deadline, 4-H Connect
* **April 5:** District Plant ID Contest
* **April 6:** District Horse Judging Contest
* **April 6:** Rockdale Fair Commercial Heifer Tag In, 8am-10:30am, Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* **April 12:** Turkey Orders

***GOOD LUCK to all our 4-H members competing at Major Stock Shows!!!!!***

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** If you are showing in MCJLS, you MUST enroll ONLINE NOW!!!!! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! You cannot show until you are enrolled!

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***SENIORS:***  Please also visit the Milam County 4-H Website for other scholarships available: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

***Ag Product ID:*** Calling all 4-H kids looking for a useful and FUN project, WE WANT YOU to join AG Product ID! Are you interested in learning more about what you eat? We learn to identify and study facts about all the fruits, vegetables, crops, and meats grown and produced in the state of Texas. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 20th** at Bea’s Kitchen at 5:30. We hope to see you there!

For more information contact Cindy Widner at cdjw1978@gmail.com or Jocelyn Ramthun at ramthun61@centurylink.net

***Mardi Gras Bash Scholarship Fundraiser:*** The Chris Holcombe Scholarship Event is in just 4 days!!! If you have not purchased your tickets, stop by the 4-H office in Cameron, The Rockdale Reporter in Rockdale or Rodenbeck's in Thorndale. If you have an item to donate to the auction please drop it by the 4-H office or by Ideal Poultry. Let's keep raising money for Milam County Students for scholarships! The event will take place Saturday, **February 23** at 6pm at St. Monica’s in Cameron. Tickets are $10 and $5 for children under 18. It is a great way to help at a County wide scholarship fundraiser and someday you might benefit from this scholarship. Scholarship applications usually come out in April.

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 28-30, 2019***

ATTENTION: The website is now updated with the schedule and the entry form!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 25,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

Entry NIGHTS:

* Monday, **February 25th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 25, 2019. After February 25, late entries will be accepted until March 28th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

**ELIGIBILTY:** **If you show at MCJLS or ANY MAJOR SHOW, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO AN ELIGIBILITY FORM!!!!** **Forms need to be at the Extension Office NO LATER than March 18th for MCJLS**! **PLEASE do your eligibility forms before SPRING BREAK!** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/> Forms are also available at the office.

How to fill out a form:

1. USE DARK INK!!!
2. Information Only or Absence from school: please check if you are missing school or not.
3. Activity: this is the show or contest you are competing in- such as: Ft. Worth Stock Show, District Roundup, District 4-H Consumer Contest, San Antonio Livestock Show, etc.
4. Date: This is the date of the contest and the days you will be out, NOT today’s date that you are filling it out
5. Signature of Parent/Guardian: This is the person who takes care of you not the parent or person taking you to the contest.
6. I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (This is the 4-H member…fill in the name of the person who needs eligibility completed)
7. Date- Fill out the CURRENT date- that is today’s date that you are filling out the form.
8. Below- this is for the school not for you. Please do not fill it out!
9. This is one form per activity so make sure you fill out for each activity. NOTE: If the activity is on the same day and you are doing 2 activities within that contest then one is enough. Example: Showing Rabbits and Poultry at MCJLS.

***Ronald McDonald House Community Service:***

***Ronald McDonald House:***

We will be meeting at the Temple Ronald McDonald House on **Monday, March 11th at 10:30am**. We will be delivering coke tabs and wish list items. Items can be delivered any time before the 11th of March. Coke Tabs may also be donated. Community support over the last 28 years has helped this House serve over 9,000 families from all over the world. Donations, large and small, have helped the House feel like a home for people living through tremendously stressful times in their lives. Whether it’s a batch of homemade cookies, a home-cooked or purchased meal, handmade blankets, videotapes or DVD’s, or packaged snacks, each gift warms a heart. Items to donate:

Wish List Items for Ronald McDonald House:

\* = Items in crucial need

Individual boxes of cereal\*

Fresh Fruit/Vegetables (MUST DELIVER THAT DAY)

AA & AAA and D, C Batteries

Paper Towels\*

Individual bags of chips, snacks, pudding, crackers\*

Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, HEB, Target, Sam’s Club)\*

Glad plug-in refills (clean linen scent preferred)\*

Copy Paper

Pull Tabs to Recycle

Keurig K-Cups (any flavor)\*

Liquid Hand Soap

Laundry Detergent/softener\*

Ajax or Comet powder

Pine Sol/White Vinegar

Clorox Wipes/Lysol Spray\*

Swiffer dusters/Pledge\*

Scrub sponges/kitchen cloths and towels

All sizes pots and pans/plastic disposable utensils

Disposable microwave bowls and plates for soups and cereals\*

Garbage bags 13.33 and 50 gallon\*

Napkins/Kleenex

Good food storage containers

Light Bulbs (60watt/120v dimmable bulbs and 65w/120v indoor flood light)\*

***4-H Fusion:*** Join the District 8 Council Officers for a FREE interactive workshop to increase your leadership skills and improve your 4-H club! The event will be held **March 2nd** from 4-6pm, in Belton. Please click here to register and get more details: <http://agrilife.org/d84h/4hfusion/> This event for 3-12th grades.

***County/District Photography Contest:*** If you are interested in participating in the County and District Photography Contest, please see the website for more information: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/> Deadline to enter on 4-H Connect is **March 18th**. Entry fee per photo is $5. Sorry, no clover kid entries.

***2019 Salute to Excellence Awards:*** Deadline: **April 1, 2019**

The 2019 Volunteer Recognition Packet has been released and nominations are now being accepted for the Salute to Excellence recognition scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 during the 2019 Texas 4-H Roundup. You can download the recognition packet at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form_login.html>

Nominations are now open to recognize volunteers, donors and AgriLife personnel for their continued commitment to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. The six recognition categories are:

• Leader Legacy

• Citation for Outstanding Service

• 4-H Alumni

• Commendable Service

• Meritorious Service

• Salute to Excellence

Descriptions of each category can be found in the recognition packet.

Please take a few minutes and nominate individuals or groups for their efforts. We all know the value of our volunteers and donors, don’t miss the opportunity to publicly recognize them.

Online nominations accepted: January 18, 2019 – April 1, 2019

Salute to Excellence luncheon: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in College Station

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2019 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Here are the following ownership and tag in dates:

* Commercial Heifers: April 6, 2019, 8:00 am to 10:30, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: Oct. 5, 2019, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* Steers: May 16, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
* Lambs, Swine & Goats: July 6, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
* Rabbits: September 4, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* Broilers: Order through RFA, by May 24, pick-up September 6, Home Demonstration Bldg.,
* Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74
* Turkey: Order through RFA, by April 12, pick-up June 19, Home Demonstration Bldg.,
* Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Cost per turkey: $5.25
* Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due July 6, 2019

***District Roundup:***

Roundup is not a roundup of cows but rather a Roundup of all sorts of 4-H talent and speaking opportunities! There is public speaking, educational presentations, and Share the Fun Talent. If you are interested in any of these and want to participate in the 4-H Roundup on **May 4th** at District, please mark your calendar to attend the **April 15th**, Roundup Orientation Night at the Thorndale Chamber Building at 6:30pm after the County Council Meeting. We will go over each of the opportunities and then have a few kids give speeches to get the idea on how to do it. It will be fun and a great life skill to obtain! Last day to enter the District Roundup is **April 17th**

***Rockdale Fair Turkeys:*** The Rockdale Fair will be having Turkeys at the Fair this year. They will be straight runs and the cost per bird is $5.25. It will be a Hen and Tom show. Exhibitors must order in multiples of 5. Family rules will apply. There will only be 2 entries per exhibitor. They will also have numbered wing bands. Orders must be postmarked or brought to Monica by **April 12**. Pick up date is **June 19** at the Home

Demonstration Building in Rockdale. Checks will be made out to the Rockdale Fair Association. I need

name of exhibitors, address and phone numbers for each one. If you have any questions, please feel free

to email or call me at 254-697-4392 or 254-482-0294. Thanks, Monica Garrison, Livestock Vice President

***County Council/Club Manager Meeting Dates:***

County Council will kick back in gear in January! The following are the dates for County Council:

**Monday, April 15th**, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce (Teen Issues/Driving- Healthy Ambassadors give presentation)

**Monday, May 20th**, 5:30pm Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Officer Election)

**Tuesday, June 25th**, 5:30pm, Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Club Manager Training, Recordbook Judging)

Please mark your calendars to join us for these meetings!!!! ***Government/Debate Contest- Milam***

***County MOOT Court Competition:***

The competition will consist of juniors and senior high school students and each team of two persons who will compete against other two person team(s) from the County. All the teams will be given the same written civil case appellate case and each team will argue their respective side of the case before a panel that will include Judge Youngblood and County Judge Young among others. Milam County will furnish the written problem and help with student preparation. Milam County Judge Young will also help tutor the students and will have lawyers who will assist with this as well. If you are interested, contact our office and we will send your name to your respective school. The schools will be coaching and preparing the students for this competition. The two-day competition is now set for **April 23 and 24.**

***Upcoming Spring and Summer Dates:***

April 15: County Council, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber

April 15: Roundup Orientation Night, 6:30pm, Thorndale Chamber

April 16: District Fashion Show

April 17: Deadline for District Roundup Entries

April 23-24: Moot Court Competition

April 27: District Livestock Judging Contest

May 4: District Roundup

May 13: State Roundup Entries Due, 4-H Connect

May 15: State Livestock Ambassador Application Due

May 16: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park

May 20: County Council, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron

May 21: Ag in the Classroom, Cameron

May 24: District Officer Entries Due

June 10-14: Texas 4-H Roundup

June 17-18: District Horse Show

June 19: Rockdale Fair Turkey Pick Up

June 19-21: D8 Leadership Surge

June 24: Recordbooks Due

June 25: Club Manager Training, 5pm, Bea’s Kitchen- Cameron

June 28-30: D8 County Camp

July 6: Rockdale Fair Lambs, Swine & Goats: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park

***Other dates available soon!!!!***

***State Livestock and Equine Ambassador Program:***

Please see your Texas 4-H email for the 2019 details and application link.

2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

• Texas A&M University – Kingsville June 17-20, 2019

• Texas A&M University – College Station July 8-11, 2019

• Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University

– Lubbock/Canyon July 22-25, 2019

Cost: $250.00 (includes food and lodging)

Selection Criteria:

• Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects

• Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy

• Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others

• Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applicant goes to: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C2PxJ597FTPIFL>

2. A two-minute YouTube video will be required (instructions can be found within the application)

3. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent

4. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

5. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university

6. Applications are due **May 15, 2019**

7. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2019 regarding application result

***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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