**4-H Blast**

April 15, 2019

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* **April 15:** County Council and Roundup Orientation Night, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber **NEW!!!**
* **April 16:** District Fashion Show
* **April 17:** Deadline for District Roundup Entries
* **April 17:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice, 6pm, County Extension Office
* **April 19:** Holiday, Office Closed
* **April 23-24:** Moot Court Competition
* **April 24:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **April 27:** District Livestock Judging Contest
* **April 26-28:** Longhorn Show
* **May 1:** Healthy Lifestyles Practice, 6pm, County Extension Office

***GOOD LUCK to all our 4-H members competing at District Contest these next couple of months!!!!***

***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!

***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:

* Steers: **May 16, 2019**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at 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

* Rockdale Fair Turkeys: Pick Up date is June 19th, New Salem Clubhouse
* Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **July 6, 2019**
* 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
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

***District Roundup:***

***PLEASE SEE TIME CHANGE FOR ORIENTATION NIGHT!!!!!!***

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 5:30pm DURING 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 **NOON on April 17th.** If you would like to enter and receive more information, please go to enter: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/roundup-contest/> email Micah with the entry form by Thursday at NOON.

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

The following are the dates for County Council:

**Monday, April 15th**, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce (District Roundup Orientation)

**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!!!!

***State Fair Sheep & Goat Tag Order and 2019-2020 Steer Tag Order:*** It’s that time of year again! Tag Order Season. Starting today, March 20, 2019. Milam County Extension Office will begin taking orders for State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tags as well as Major Show Steer Tags for the 2019-2020 show season. Below are ordering instructions, pricing, and more.

State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tags

* $20.00 per head ordered **March 20 – April 17**
* $30.00 per head ordered LATE

2019-2020 State Validated Steer Tags

* $20.00 per head ordered **March 20 – April 17**
* $30.00 per head ordered LATE

Please contact Milam County Extension Office at 254-697-7045 or email Floyd at floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu to place orders. Payment Deadline for all tag orders will be **Wednesday, April 17, 2019** by 5:00pm.

Also a quick reminder. Physical state validation dates for Milam County have not been announced yet but will be around the same time as previous years during the middle of June. So mark your calendars, we will be getting that date out soon.

***Community Workday:*** The City of Cameron is looking for volunteers to help clean up the city on **Saturday, May 18th** from 8am-12noon. If you are interested, please email Micah (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu). This is great for the recordbooks!!!!

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

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 17: Steer and Heifer Clinic, 6pm, Rockdale Fair Park

May 18: Community Workday, 4-H Volunteers Needed

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!!!!***

***Youth Beef Project Clinic:***

Milam County Extension will be hosting a Steer & Heifer youth livestock project clinic **Friday, May 17, 2019 6:00pm** at Fair Park in Rockdale.

This clinic will be free to attend and will cover everything from project selection, nutrition, daily care, and show readiness. Each attendee will receive a rope halter from Sullivan’s Supply and a chance to win a $50.00 gift card and/or a pair of clippers from Sullivan’s Supply.

For more information contact Floyd Ingram

***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

***Vet Science Camp:*** Exciting News! The Veterinary Science Certificate Program summer camps are now open. Attached is the survey link for interested 4-Her’s to complete. The survey needs to be completed for consideration no later than April 5th by 5pm. The dates for our two camps are as follows: Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **June 17-19, 2019** and the West Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **July 8-10, 2019**. Note the Texas A&M camp is no longer the week of State Round as it is the week after. We will notify everyone by **April 30th** whether they will be attending or not and to which camp they will be going to. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dr. Mask at 979-845-4353 or joe.mask@ag.tamu.edu or myself at 806-679-3980 or tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu. Ages 13-18.

<https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42bduLoIzbEZJgV>

***Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Program:*** The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program is looking for teens that are motivated, excited, and ready to make a change in their community! This program is designed for high school age youth who have a passion for health and wellness. These youth will be trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle habits to improve their health. More importantly, these ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more! If you are interested, please call or email the Micah Holcombe, County Extension Agent. mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

 ***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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