**4-H Blast**

August 23, 2019

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* **August 5-September 5:** Cameron 4-H Club School Supply Drive
* **August 20:** State Fair and HOT entries due
* **August 26:** Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting, 6pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall
* **August 29:** 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Cameron Chamber
* **August 30:** Turkey Orders Due
* **September 1:** Enrollment begins!!
* **September 4:** Rabbit Tag In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., HE Building, Rockdale Fair Park\
* **September 8:** 4-H Banquet, 3pm, Cameron ISD PAC (YHS)
* **September 27:** Rockdale Fair Auction Baked Goods Entry form due
* ***Other dates available soon!!!!***

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Enrollment will start **September 1st**!!! Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! DO NOT ENROLL EARLIER! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> This link will show you the steps to join as well as many important items for the 4-H year! Join us for 4-H fun! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

***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!

***Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting:***

Just a reminder of Monday's **(August 26th)** 4-H meeting. We will meet at 6pm to clean the chairs inside the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department's Hall. We will have cleaner and paper towels. Feel free to bring some small rags to wipe down chairs. After we clean the chairs and have a short meeting, we will enjoy pizza from the Gattiwagon to kick off the year. If you would like to bring a snack dessert to share, that would be great. Hope to see you all Monday!

***2020 Spring Major Show Sheep & Goat Tags*** *(FWSSR, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin*)

* **$20.00** per head ordered **August 8 – August 29 by 5pm**
* **$30.00** per tag- LATE TAG ORDERS!

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 **Thursday, August 29, 2019** by 5:00pm. Major sheep and goat validation for Spring major shows will be Thursday, **October 24, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

***Turkey Orders:***

Turkey orders for MCJLS and 2020 Major Shows (HLSR, SASSR, and Rodeo Austin) will be due Friday, **August 30th by 12:00pm**

The price of turkey poultry is $4.25 per bird. Please place your order by contacting Marcia here at the Extension Office 254-697-7045.

No late orders will be accepted. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office.

***County Council:***

The Milam County 4-H Council will meet on Thursday, August 29th at the Cameron Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room. We will practice the 4-H banquet script and officers will plan for the club officer training.

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** 4-H Shooting sports project will start in December. If you are interested in signing up for the project, please call or email club manager, Keely Reisner. knlreisner@yahoo.com or 254-721-9270.

***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:

* Rabbits: **September 4**, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* Baked Goods for Auction Entries are due: **September 27th** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Ag Mechanics Entry forms due: **October 1, 2019** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

***Cameron 4-H Club School Supply Drive:***

The Cameron 4-H Club will be collecting school supplies from **August 5-September 5, 2019**. These school supplies collected will be then distributed to the schools for the teachers to fulfill their lists of needs from students who did not bring items or could not afford them.

Drop off locations include:

First United Methodist Church- Cameron

Milam County Extension Office

Cameron Farm and Ranch

Cameron 4-H Club Meeting (Sept 3rd YHS)

Ben Milam Elementary

Cameron Elementary

Cameron Police Department

Items needed are:

Crayons (24 ct)

Large Size Crayons

Markers

Colored Pencils

Expo Dry Erase Markers

Composition Notebooks

Kleenex Boxes

Fiskar Scissors

Pink Erasers

Pencils

Wide Ruled Paper

Plastic Blue, Red, Green, Yellow Folders (with brads and pockets)

Glue Sticks

Ziploc Bags (quart and gallon)

Elmer's Glue Bottles

Sanitizing Wipes (Lysol or Clorox)

Index Cards (3x5, 4x6)

Sheet Protectors

Looking Ahead…..

Here are some major events happening in the fall months. This is not all the dates so please keep posted on more as we go forward!

**September 27-October 20:** State Fair of Texas

**October 3-13:** Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo

**October 6-12:** National 4-H Week

**October 14-19:** Rockdale Fair Week

**October 24:** Spring Major Show Sheep and Goat Tags

**November 2-3:** Holiday Classic

**November 18:** Holiday Gift Idea

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 18th** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 18 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate as an individual or with a friend or family member. They will create a food or craft themed for the Holidays and will demonstrate it to the audience on how to make it. They will need to bring the supplies and an item finished for the demonstration along with giving one finished product away as a door prize. Deadline to submit instructions will be: **November 8th** Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.

Instructions can be emailed or google shared to Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received) **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***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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